



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
March 7, 2018
MINUTES

“The mission of the Public Policy Committee is to support the mission of the Planning Council by monitoring and developing early care and education legislation, policies and regulations that impact children, families and child care providers and recommending appropriate action to the Child Care Planning Council.”

Attendees:

Judy Kriege	BANANAS	Nancy Strohl	Steering Committee
Margaret Jerene	First Five, Steering Committee	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County
Relena Ellis	Steering Committee	Jennifer Caban	SSA
Phan Fong	Child Care Links	Jessica Blakemore	ICPC

Ellen Dektar, Staff

Action Items:

- Legislation: Check with State Contractors Committee and write letter to CDE regarding needed reforms for Revolving Fund (April meeting)
- Support: AB 2292 infant factor, AB 2023 working families tax credit, AB 2514 (DLL)(done)
- Analyze AB 2626 (very far ranging ECE legislation)!
- State Contractor’s Committee: Discuss school run preschool licensing issue (April meeting)
- Executive Committee should discuss the conflict of interest issues for Steering Committee members should the Initiative pass and/or should the Planning Council be housed at First 5.(April?)
- Future Review: AB 2702 web based app for Trustline, AB 3043 school district rules for school breakfast, SB 1359
- Send Committee list of Initiative planning task forces (done).
- The LPC should consider convening Oakland Head Start and East Bay YMCA to develop trauma trainings for ECE directors and identify policies that need to shift to support more attention to children’s trauma (Executive Committee/ECE Committee?)
- As a council, take action to assure that Congress follow through with doubling appropriations to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This was authorized by our annual approval of guidelines for when we can initiate or support outreach to federal elected officials.

I. Announcements

- The Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) is preparing their next strategic plan and having community input hearings. In the past few years they have increased their funding for young children’s programs. For instance, Bananas is funded to provide more referral support for specific Oakland zip codes as well as Recreation and Park based playgroups.

- 4Cs is hiring a family navigator for their new foster care bridge program and Bananas has received some navigation funding from First 5, with Parent Voices expected to submit an additional funding request to SSA to continue the navigator work for a full year.
- There are a number of Alameda County people participating in a Family Child Care Network planning group supported by the national Build Initiative. BUILD is supporting webinars and consulting through May 31st. Margaret Jerene is coleading this group with Rozy Jhinnu from the County ECE Program. The whole team meets twice every 4-6 weeks—for a webinar and as a team. Kern County is also participating. Hopefully it is informing state policy.

II. Committee Updates

- **State Contractors:** no major updates.
- **ECE Committee:** hosted a successful trauma training. YMCA Berkeley and Oakland Head Start are also providing some trauma trainings. The LPC should consider convening those programs, developing trainings for directors, and identifying policies that need to shift to support it.
- **Facilities:**
 - A recent Joint Venture Silicon Valley (JVSV) meeting highlighted San Mateo and Santa Clara County's recent work on land use and facilities issues with some strategies that our County can pursue. 4C's southern Alameda County city fee surveys show that fire, business license, and other city fees are increasing. They did the survey as part of the Child Care Improvement Project (CCIP). They share planning department contact information with providers that want to expand. Union City just funded CCIP for first time but raised their permit fees!
 - The JVSV convening also highlighted the influence of City elected officials on child care inclusion in new projects.

III. State and Federal

- The LPC Platform is our guide for what federal and state legislation and budget items we support. Our elected officials are interested in whether we support certain proposals. First 5 staff will be taking AC LPC positions to the First 5 Association to ask for their statewide support. For Planning Council meetings, it is important that we list Pros and Cons.
- New State Legislation
 - AB 1754: Preschool for All. Support in light of infant toddler need; LPC platform supports increasing access for all ages. Although this is targeted to preschoolers make the point that working families have comprehensive needs and need care for more than 3 hours a day.
 - AB 108: this clean up bill for the pilots was fast tracked has already been signed by the Governor!
 - AB 2001: Watch. Clarifies law related to family child care networks.
 - AB 2023: Support. Refundable child care tax credit.
 - AB 2292: Support. Adjustment factor for infants. Goal is to increase capacity of infant toddler centers!
 - AB 2370: Watch. Lead. This would require an additional hour of training, punishable by fine not to exceed \$1000; Committee felt would be intrusive for providers and adds another hoop for providers. Make our health care system accountable!
 - AB 2398: Watch. Child Care Revolving Fund. Support concept of maximizing flexibility but more changes are needed than extending the term of the loan.
 - AB 2514: Support. Dual Language Learners. 10 grants statewide of \$300,000.
 - AB 2626: Watch. How does it interface with pilot counties, CWDA; State contractors, Parent Parent Voices. What happens if we prioritize homeless without additional funding? Current priorities are cps and lowest income. The Resource and Referral agencies really recommend first come first served. Compare with pilot and make sure it is not superseded by his bill.



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- SB 1359: Watch. Merge Stage 2 and Stage 3. Check with CWDA. Would this jeopardize entitlement? Unintended consequences are possible. Entitlement has been a powerful way to retain Stage 2 funding.
- Budget Subcommittee Hearing on Licensing issue:
 - The Legislative Analyst's task force made recommendations on adding a few requirements to Title 5 for school run state preschools. The Committee is concerned about the dilution of a parent complaint process if it is moved to a Williams complaint process through schools.
 - There is no protocol for fines
 - Some advocates are asking for a legislative policy committee hearing on these changes, hopefully this would result in retaining a complaint procedure with Community Care Licensing
 - Discuss this with Neva at ACOE and State Contractors. Relena will also check with OUSD CDCs and we should consult HUSD/Tina and Mitchell.
 - Bottom line is personal rights of parents—would school district allow this; and basic health and safety
 - How does this intersect with the Quality Counts requirement that a program needs to be licensed to be in Tier 1?
 - Title 5 never intended to cover all concerns but was ADDITION TO BASE.
- **City and County Initiatives**
 - County Initiative Update:
 - Ex Cottee should discuss who administers, implications for current steering committee: would member have more needs?
 - Who has authority over what planning and program decisions?

IV. Foster Care Bridge and Homeless Program Update

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V. AB 833/County Pilot Update

There was no discussion on this item.

VI. Next Meeting agenda:

Review AB 2702 web based app for Trustline, AB 3043 school district control over school breakfast; SB 1359.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 9:30—11:30 am **4Cs of Alameda

