

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 21, 2016**

Steering Committee Members Present: [12]			
Rosemary Almand	Margaret Bartelt	Tracey Black	Leah Branson
Alexandra Caraballo	Jenna Churchman	Franca Cioria	Mary Anne Doan
Clarissa Doutherd	Diana Engel	Carlota Escarez	Margaret Jerene
Judy Kriege	Laura McNair	Jean Monroe	Ramil Rivera
Veronica Ufoegbune			
Steering Committee Members Absent: [14]			
Amapola Beenn	Kim DiGiacomo	Relena Ellis	Carmen Gonzalez
Renee Herzfeld	Melanie Mueller	Sandra Rodriguez	Sandra Taylor
Carol Thompson			
General Members Present: [1]			
Melinda Martin	ACOE	Beatriz Leyva-Cutler	BAHIA
Lorita Riga	Consultant		
Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:			
Angie Garling	Ellen Dektar	Kim Hazard	LaWanda Wesley
Michael Panori			

1. Call to Order

Veronica Ufoegbune, Council Chairperson, convened this specially-called meeting at 12:05 PM at the Oakland Conference Room at BANANAS, Inc., 5232 Claremont Ave., Oakland

Veronica welcomed the participants. Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements

2. Consent Calendar-Action

There was no consent calendar action required for this meeting.

3. Planning Council Business: Action Items

Action Item #1: Approve the AB833 Alameda County Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan.

This item was recommended by the State Contractors Group. The Committee voted to approve this plan as it stands with the exception of four items pending forthcoming information from the CDE:

1. Can Stage 1 funds be part of the Pilot?
2. The committee (by straw poll) is in support of raising the RMR reimbursement by 5% from 85% to 90%. This would be for all types of care, in all areas of the County, and for all ages of children
3. 12 Month Eligibility. The CDE supports a 12-month (OR MORE) family eligibility determination. Families would only need to recertify within that period if 1) it was more beneficial for the family (i.e., a reduction in their family fee) or 2) the family income exceeds the federally allowable limit of 85% of the State Median Income. The committee is waiting for 24 months eligibility or until the end of the Fiscal Year.
4. AP Support Services: Lastly, the committee wants to propose to raise the AP support services rate from 2.5% to 4% pending the CDE response.

This action item was referred to a May 10 special Steering Committee meeting in the event that the necessary information comes in. The vote was 15 to approve, with one abstention.

Action Item #2: Support AB 2368 (Gordon): Santa Clara Pilot.
This item was recommended by the Public Policy. A vote was taken. The Committee voted unanimously to support this bill.

Action Item #3: Support Assembly Budget Request for the Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children.
This item was recommended by the Public Policy Committee. A vote was taken. The Committee voted unanimously to support the Assembly Budget Request.

Action Item #4: Support SB 1154 (Liu): Patricia Siegel Act/Resource and Referral Programs.
This item was recommended by the Public Policy Committee. A vote was taken. The committee voted unanimously to support SB 1154.

Action Item # 5: Support CCDAA ECE Budget Request Letter.
This item was recommended by the Public Policy Committee. A vote was taken. The Committee voted unanimously to support the CCDAA Budget Request Letter.

4. Committee Reports (verbal and/or written, time permitting):

There were no Committee Reports for this specially convened meeting.

5. Community and Staff Reports:

There were no Community and Staff Reports for this specially convened meeting.

6. Presentations:

There were no Presentations for this specially convened meeting.

7. Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment for this specially convened meeting.

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM. to a further specially convened meeting To Be Determined.

Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Special Meeting,
Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 12:30–2:30 p.m., at the Room L-2, Alameda County Office of Education, Hayward**