

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
May 16, 2014**

Steering Committee Members Present:			
Rosemary Almand	Margaret Bartelt	Amapola Beenn	Elizabeth Crocker
Kim DiGiacomo	Diana Engel	Leah Goldsmith	Carmen Gonzalez
Renee Herzfeld	Carolyn Hobbs	Margaret Jerene	Marva Lyons
Ramil Rivera	Sandra Rodriguez	Zina Rosen-Simon	Sandi Soliday
Veronica Ufoegbune			
Steering Committee Members Absent:			
Mirella Almaraz	Tracey Black	Alexandra Caraballo	Jenna Churchman
Franca Cioria	Mary Anne Doan	Clarissa Doutherd	Relena Ellis
Carlota Escarez	Judy Kriege	Laura McNair	Jean Monroe
Susan Morris	Melanie Mueller	Sarah Pollock	Sandra Taylor
Carol Thompson			
General Members Present:			
Melinda Martin	ACOE/First Five	Monique Liebhard	LIIF
Grace Manning-Orenstein	TLC		
Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:			
Angie Garling	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori

1. Call to Order

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair-elect of the ECE Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:10 AM at the Alameda County Public Health, FHS - Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro. The meeting was turned over to Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the ECE Planning Council at 10:15.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

Angie Garling announced the Census Data Workshop hosted by the Planning Council. Space is limited and registration information will be sent out shortly.

Ramil Rivera presented an extended introduction. Ramil is Program Financial Specialist for Alameda Co. Social Services Agency overseeing CalWORKs Stage 1, California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), and Licensed Resource Parent Child Care Program (LRPCCP) contracts. He is a father of a young daughter in a two-father household. Ramil contributes insight into the experience of challenges of diversity in our County.

Leah Goldsmith also presented an extended introduction. As Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist at Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) of the East Bay, she has worked with a variety of child care providers in centers and family care homes to raise the quality of care. In her role, she has partnered with First 5 and the Quality Rating and Improvement System. She contributes an early childhood development and mental health perspective to the Council.

This month's **Mystery Member** was **Kim DiGiacomo**, introduced by Margie Bartelt.

2. Consent Calendar-Action

A quorum was not achieved for this meeting. Consent Calendar items were forwarded to the Executive Committee to approve. The Executive Committee met on May 22, 2014 and approved the items.

3. **Planning Council Business: Action Items**

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

- **ECE Committee:** Neva Bandelow updated the Council on this Committee's activities, including the formation of the new Quality, Inclusion, and Diversity (QID) Workgroup to focus on inclusion through a social justice lens. Family Child Care will be resumed and will be housed under QID's umbrella. It will be co-chaired by Margaret Jerene and Marva Lyons.
- Rosemary Almand updated the activities of the **State Contractors Group** which has begun its Voluntary Temporary Transfer (VTI) activities.
- Elizabeth Crocker announced that this would be the last Planning Council meeting that she would chair. She will appoint a Nominating Committee who will solicit candidates for the new Chair-elect, as Veronica Ufoegbune would be taking on the Chair position going forward.
- Ellen Dektar updated the Council on the work of the **Public Policy Committee**, which has been following several bills of interest to the Council.

5. **Communications and Correspondence**

- Attention was directed to correspondence from Senator Dianne Feinstein responding to the Planning Council's letter of support in reauthorizing the Child Care Block Grant.

6. **Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling and Ellen Dektar brought the Council up to date on the State and Federal Budget.
- The Parent Voices update was presented by Melinda Martin.
- Coordinators Report was presented by Angie Garling.

7. **Presentation:**

Neva Bandelow presented a PowerPoint that summarized the Council's work on improving quality in ECE in Alameda County.

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair-elect of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Regular Meeting,
Friday, July 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at Public Health-FHS Redwood Room
1100 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA**