



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**May 16, 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:*

Margaret Jerene	First Five, Committee Co-Chair Steering Committee	Phan Fong	Child Care Links
Judy Kriege	Bananas Steering Committee	Jennifer Caban	SSA
Diana Engel	Steering Committee	Lorita Riga	Consultant
Paulene McCarthy	4Cs of Alameda County	Nancy Strohl	Consultant, Steering Committee

*India Alarcon, Ellen Dektar, Staff*

**Action Items**

- In June, review and identify priorities for \$232 million in new CCDBG funds, which the California Department of Education plans to discuss this summer.

**I. Announcements**

- No major announcements

**II. Report out from LPC Committees**

- No major reports

**III. Review, Discuss and Possibly Take Action on Local, State and/or Federal Legislation and Budget**

a) State

- AB 2626: extends some features of our Pilot statewide, pertains to centers only, not Alternative Payment programs; also has some new policy we can benefit from like enabling Contractors to schedule up to 2 days of staff training per contract period.
  - Pros: more alignment between our County and statewide system which provides continuity for families;
  - Unintended consequences: 85% of SMI in rural counties is high for their cost of living vs. higher cost areas like the Bay Area.
- AB 2960: requires statewide consumer database about available child care to be developed by the CA Child Care Resource and Referral Network. *We will monitor this bill as we develop local databases and web tools with a goal to influence planning discussions.*
- Ellen described the goal of the comments on the State Plan CCDF Letter and her process to identify priority comments, such as aligning with the Local Planning Council (LPC) Platform and previously stated budget and policy priorities. The Committee provided feedback on the draft letter to present to

Friday's Planning Council meeting. Regarding requesting increased support for family child care network: networks need a technical assistance provider, and the Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) run by the Resource and Referral agencies could be one mechanism to provide support and family child care networks could be another.

#### **IV. CCDA Call With State Budget ECE Experts**

- The Governor's May Revise had no major new ECE proposals, but subsequently the Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees took action (the Legislative Analyst's overview of these actions will accompany these notes).
- Senate subcommittee recommendations included:
  - General Child Care (GCC) increase of \$50 million, Alternative Payment voucher access increase of \$56 million
  - Change California facilities fund loans to grants
- There is federal uncertainty about successive years of CCDBG funding according to Kristin Schumacher with the California Budget Center

#### **V. Review and Approve Planning Council Annual Zip Code Priorities**

- India Alarcon with the ECE Program gave an overview of the proposed 2018 zip code priorities
  - Eligibility has increased to 85% of the State Median Income
  - Really good representation across the County for Priority 1 and 2 (highest priority) for infants
  - *Make recommendation to LPC that all zip codes that are not a Priority 1 or 2 become a Priority 3*
- Preschoolers: South and North County have strong needs for preschoolers; East County has some Priority 3 (lower priority) needs; Margaret says a lot of Alternative Payment (AP) vouchers are used in East County and therefore it is a priority for family, friend and neighbor support.
- *India will analyze any shift in priorities due to the increased 85% eligibility*
- Programmatic implications of making all Zip Codes that are not a 1 or a 2 a Priority 3: it would give applicants for new funds more momentum; it would also recognize Alameda County's higher cost of living.
- Waitlists continue to grow.

#### **VI. Foster Care and Homeless Program Update**

- Outreach on the homeless child care program has started in Oakland through Bananas.

#### **VII. AB 833 Implementation Update**

- No major update.

<b>Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 9:30—11:30 am **4Cs of Alameda</b>
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