



Action Items for the 5/18/18 Planning Council Meeting

Action Item 1: Annual Zip Code Priorities

Recommended by the Executive Committee

Background: Performance Measures #1, 2 and 3. The Early Care and Education Planning Council annually submits updated zip code priorities based on local, state and federal data. The Planning Council is required to develop local funding priorities to the California Department of Education's Early Education and Support Division for the distribution of any new state general child care (e.g. infant/toddler and school-age) and new preschool funding based on direct impact indicators of Priority 1, 2 or 3.

Pros: This allows the County to identify gaps and needs of services and target funding resources accordingly each year.

Cons: Some communities once identified at a higher priority may no longer fit the criteria from one year to the next.

Next Steps: Support the identified zip code priorities to the California Department of Education and submit by the May 30, 2018 deadline.

Action Item 2: AB 2626 (Mullin) Child Care and Development Services Act

Recommended by the Public Policy Committee

Background: Performance Measure # 1 Retained/Increased ECE Access

Recent legislation has allowed 13 counties including Alameda County to set exceptions to statewide requirements for early care and education subsidized programs and added flexibility. AB 2626 will apply many of the current early care and education subsidized program exceptions afforded in 13 counties to families and providers throughout the state. Please see Table for more detail.

Pros: Alameda County has been able to maximize unspent contract funds and serve more children through the AB 833 pilot, and expanding this flexibility to other regions seems fair and could increase our chances of sustaining our hard fought changes and expand equitable access in other regions of the state. It also allows some flexibility in administration areas that we do not currently have.

Cons: Some of the provisions are not as flexible as our County's provisions, so you could argue AB 2626 "does not go far enough."

Next Steps: Ask County lobbyist to support bill via the Board's PAL Committee.

Action Item 3: AB 2702 (McCarty) DSS Internet Trustline Modernization

Recommended by Public Policy Committee

Background: Performance Measure #1 Retained/Increased ECE Access



This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to create a Web-based TrustLine application process and to make available to consumers on its Internet Web site an applicant's or provider's TrustLine status, along with other information. Trustline background checks are required for license exempt care and licensed child care providers, county welfare departments, resource and referral agencies and parents currently can find out if the staff has been cleared by calling a phone number. This bill attempts to make information more user friendly and is sponsored by the CA Resource and Referral Network. The bill requires the internet availability by 7/1/19.

Pros: This could be a way for parents to easily track child care provider clearance.

Cons: The child care field has varying degrees of computer literacy and unless paper applications are also available it may make it harder for providers to get clearance.

Next Steps: Ask County lobbyist to support bill via the Board's PAL Committee.

Action Item 4: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan Recommendations

Recommended by the Public Policy Committee and Executive Committee

Background:

Planning Council Performance Measure #1, #2 (Facilities Funds) and #3 (Increased Quality Funds)

As part of the 2019–2021 CCDF State Plan preparation process, federal law requires the lead agency to post the CCDF State Plan for a minimum of 30 days and to convene a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the provision of child care services and quality improvement activities under the State Plan before it is submitted to the federal government. Comments are due by 5 pm on May 21 and the LPC has made comments periodically in the past. The Public Policy Committee has tried to align comments to be consistent with our platform, other statewide groups, and recurring discussions. The letter mostly addresses the 19-21 State Plan which does not include expenditures for

Pros: Sending in comments is an opportunity to influence development of current and future priorities for child care funding, which is expected to increase 40% next year with new federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding.

Cons: The CCDF as written is fairly formulaic and some of our requests which seek additional resources or prioritization of the funding may not be addressed by CDE.

Next Steps: Approve support, and submit to CDE on Monday, May 21.

Action Item 5: May Revise Letter to the Governor and Legislature Recommendations

Recommended by Public Policy Committee

Background:

Planning Council Performance Measure #1, #3: Increased ECE Access, Increased Quality Funds

The May Revise is the Governor's opportunity to adjust his January proposed budget to any new revenue or revenue shortfall and sometimes he makes new policy proposals in the budget. This year he did not, but this is the time of year where there are budget negotiations between the Legislative leaders and the Governor and by elevating



our budget and policy priorities we can reinforce the message of statewide groups as well as our own message and potentially influence ECE financing and policy.

Pros: The LPC traditionally writes two letters a year to the Governor articulating our budget priorities. It's also an opportunity to provide our legislative delegation with local information to advocate for our interests in budget negotiations.

Cons: Perhaps our priorities aren't reflective of everyone in our County's child care field.

Next Steps: Vote to support, and forward letter to Governor, our delegation, and Legislative Budget Chairs.

Action Item 6: Speaker's Blue Ribbon ECE Commission Priorities

Recommended by the Public Policy Committee and Executive Committee

Background: Performance Measure #1 Retained/Increased ECE Access, #2, Facilities #3 Increased Quality Funds #4 Number of Teachers with Improved Practice

The Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education is the Assembly's effort to plan an early learning system that works for children, families and providers. It started last year, is comprised of ECE experts and Assembly people, and has a number of workgroups including one on workforce and one on parent engagement. After a year of hearings and research, they are preparing to issue recommendations and priorities for restructuring the ECE system that they plan to champion with a new Administration and a final report with recommendations to be issued in April, 2019. They have invited statewide stakeholders to submit priorities in three areas noted in the attached document. The Public Policy and Executive Committee has proposed submitting the following priorities that align with our platform, other statewide groups, and ongoing local priorities.

Pros: This is a great opportunity to shape state policy and provide local context.

Cons: These priorities might not be reflective of our entire County's ECE field priorities.

Next Steps: Approve letter, and staff will add some local demographic data and submit to Blue Ribbon Commission on Monday, May 21.