



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**May 4, 2016**  
**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:*

Shirley Chiu	Mills MA graduate, student	Melinda Martin	Consultant
Neva Bandelow	LPC Coordinator	Lorita Riga	Consultant
Jenna Churchman	Steering Committee, Co-Chair, SSA	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County

*Angie Garling, Ellen Dektar, LPC Staff*

**I. Announcements**

- Applications for the new County Emerging Leaders Fellowship program are due May 13<sup>th</sup>
- 4Cs will hold their annual Children’s Fair on May 14<sup>th</sup>
- The Wages and Benefits survey is being distributed to program directors now. By Fall we will have data to create a baseline perspective on teacher wages. This data could be used in helping prepare for and understand the minimum wage increase impact on the field. Family child care homes may be exempt.

**II. Report out from LPC Committees**

- State Contractors: last meeting focused on the AB 833 pilot and next meeting they will review Child and Adult Food Program guidelines, and teacher immunization requirements.
- Quality Committee: Held Forum on Inclusion and out of 100 attendees, 90% learned a new practices

**III. Federal, State Legislation and Budget**

- The Right Start Commission of high profile California public and private sector leaders released a new report on the importance of 0-5 investments, with an emphasis on child care, and called for a \$6 billion statewide investment.
- The Women’s Caucus in the legislature called for an \$800 million investment in ece, including rate increases for vouchers and contracts and
- A Bay Area coalition with Los Angeles and San Diego Title 5 contractors have formed a coalition to ask for significant increases to the Standard Reimbursement rate for State Contracted Programs
- Legislation:
  - Assemblyman Bonta dropped the DRDP provision of AB 2410 so now the bill focus is calling for a statewide definition of Kindergarten Readiness.
  - Suspense bills will be moved or held in Appropriations on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Minimum wage: estimating the impact on the ece field is a significant and necessary task. Berkeley/Albany Head Start provides a de facto case study because they have centers in Oakland where the minimum wage is \$12.55 and Emeryville where the wage is over \$14. So they are paying all of their staff at the greatest rate in their service area.
  - Unions have recently estimated that County wide, minimum wage could cost Alameda County ece programs \$8 million
  - *The LPC should considering having a special session in the Fall on the wage crisis. Possibly with SEIU. It could make the link with public benefits use of ece staff and announce UC Berkeley workforce survey findings.*

#### **IV. Alameda County Budget Requests**

- Unions (SEI) are asking Supervisor Chan to provide funds for a nexus study to put a developer fee for staff wages on the ballot with the concept that cities could opt in to the fee as well.
- Parent Voices is asking the County for \$5 million for emergency child care vouchers for families in shelters.
  - *Angie will check the Alternative Payment language for how homeless children are treated as an overall priority.*
  - *How would homelessness be defined? Multiple families in one house? The Committee decided that the McKinney-Vento federal definition should probably be used.*

#### **V. AB 833 Implementation Update**

- The plan will be considered by the Board Social Services Committee on May 22

#### **VI. Develop June Agenda and June Meeting Date and Time**

- We will have an evening meeting at 4Cs

<b>Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 6-8 pm **4Cs of Alameda County</b>
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