



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
June 7, 2017
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 ECE providers and recommending appropriate action to the Planning Council.”

Attendees:

Daryl Hanson	Consultant	Melinda Martin	Consultant
Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County	Phan Fong	Child Care Links
Margaret Jerene	Co-Chair, Public Policy First Five		

Ellen Dektar, LPC Staff

Ongoing Action Items from May 17, June 7 Meetings:

- At future meeting review the First Five School Readiness study as a group (one focus should be understanding access to preschool for different ethnic/racial groups).
- Margaret Jerene will bring data she has about Stage 1 to a future meeting.

June 7

- ✓ Send San Leandro poverty report to Public Policy Committee members
- ✓ Connect with Oakland Rec and Parks—Nicholas for facilities and LPC Steering Committee
- Margaret will provide First Five data on voucher utilization at a future meeting
- Margaret summarize concerns about LEA delicensing state preschools at a future meeting
- Send LEA licensing information to Superintendent Monroe (or share at the August 1 breakfast with her at the County Office of Education)

I. Introductions and Announcements

- New Parent Voices survey of hundreds of parents had various findings including parent interest in family, friend and neighbor (FFN) care since they can’t find other affordable child care: Committee interested in ages of children. Subsequent discussion about parent preference for type of care. First Five data showed most in family child care and in the future, Margaret will share actual data from resource and referral agencies. East Oakland is a preschool desert. Very few centers are open until 6, which is driven by their capacity to receive full reimbursement from the state with a 6 hour schedule.
- Oakland Head Start staff recently said that due to the City’s minimum wage increase, in order to qualify for Head Start a single parent would need 5 children. There was a subsequent discussion about Head Start caseworkers and whether they help parents access birth certificates and services, whether they help families access services, and/or whether they assist with transit funds; a Unity Council Early Head Start (EHS) home visiting staff person says a parent can only receive navigation help once enrolled at Unity Council.

- 4Cs received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant for their family child care CCIP program from Union City and they are producing a South County land use guide. Additionally, they receive Fremont and Hayward CDBG funds (micro enterprise angle).
- Oakland has an intern for 3 weeks to help identify preschool for all sites and quantify facilities needs.
- Urban Strategies just completed a report on San Leandro poverty data. San Leandro provides child care through their Recreation and Park Department and supports parent/child play groups
- Change last meeting minute technicalities around reimbursement per day resulting from state budget.

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Other ECEPC Committees

- No major report

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

- State budget:
 - Rates: 10% increase last year plus 6% to CSPP plus 1.6 COLA
 - Proposal to eliminate licensing for preschool programs on school sites:
 - The budget defers action to a task force led by the Legislative Analyst
 - The solution is not to eliminate regulations, but put more money into LICENSING!!!
This should be a statewide advocacy position
 - *Send information to Superintendent Monroe about the issues and program licensing issues*
 - Perhaps Title 22 for school districts could be eliminated but Title 5 requirements should be retained
 - We do not support changing the ratio of students to teachers
- Federal budget
 - Immigration: Help Me Grow has documentation on decrease in immigrants using services since Trump became President;
 - We should copy district legislative staff in our letters to federal elected officials
- AB 992 related to home visiting should be tracked;
 - There are numerous local trauma trainings

IV. AB 833 Pilot

- No major update

V. Updates on Visits with Board of Supervisors and ACOE

- Supervisor Miley scheduled for 7/13; Superintendent Monroe scheduled for 8/1; Supervisor Chan is remaining Steering Committee appointer not visited

VI. Next Meeting Agenda

- TBD

<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:30-11:30 **4Cs of Alameda County</p>



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