

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 18, 2014**

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

1. Call to Order

Veronica Ufoegbune, Chair of the ECE Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:08 AM at the Alameda County Public Health, FHS - Redwood Room, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

Angie Garling explained the changes to the Planning Council 2014 Calendar, especially as they relate to the Council's annual yearly Strategic Planning Retreat, which will now be held on Friday, September 19, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The location is still to be determined.

Neva Bandelow announced that application deadlines for CARES Plus 2014-2015 have been extended. My Teaching Partner (Component D) applications must now be received by July 31, 2014. CORE only applications must now be received by August 29, 2014.

Margaret Jerene presented an extended introduction to the Council. Margaret, co-chair of the new QID Family Child Care Committee, is the Early Care & Education Specialist at First 5 Alameda County and provides training, consultation, and coaching to Neighborhood Partnership grantees. She had served 10 years on the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Committee previously. Margaret brings extensive knowledge of child care landscape, including licensing, Title V, state and federal subsidy programs, and quality improvement. Margaret announced that Janis Berger has been appointed CEO of First 5 Alameda County replacing Mark Friedman.

This month's Mystery Member was Leah Goldsmith, introduced by Kim DiGiacomo.

2. Consent Calendar-Action

The Minutes for the May 16, 2014 Planning Council meeting was approved with three corrections, and the July 18, 2014 Agenda was approved unanimously. Rosemary Almand/Margie Bartelt

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

Support (if amended) for SB 837 (Steinberg: Funding for Professional Development for Transitional Kindergarten and Preschool Teachers passed with 3 abstentions. (This item was recommended by the Public Policy Committee).

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

- **ECE Committee:** Neva Bandelow updated the Council on this Committee's activities. She pointed out that the next ECE Committee meeting would be held on August 26, 2014. 1:00 to 3:00 PM at 4Cs of Alameda County instead of August 28. Future meetings will revert to the 4th Thursday of the month at quarterly intervals.
- Veronica Ufoegbune reported on the latest **State Contractors Group** meeting (July 17) which served as a lively tribute/celebration for Nancy Skinner. A video of Nancy speaking and reminiscing was show.
- Executive Committee: Angie Garling reported that the committee had to conduct an emergency session on May 22 to execute the business of the last Planning Council meeting, for which a quorum had not been obtained.
- Ellen Dektar updated the Public Policy Committee's recent activities and spoke on the State Budget.

5. **Community and Staff Reports**

- Angie Garling brought the Council up to date on the State and Federal Budget.
- Mary Anne Doan presented the **QRIS** update.
- **Parent Voices** was brought up to date by Judy Kriege who announced that there would be a yard sale at BANANAS tomorrow, July 19.
- In the **Coordinator's Report**, Angie Garling went over the changes to this year's Zip Codes priorities and discussed the significance of the findings and what is done with them. Kim Hazard's video, *Green Child Care for All: Alameda County Sustainability* was shown, and Angie announced that Kim would be staying on with the staff for another year. Angie also spoke on the need for succession planning and leadership in general. Neva Bandelow made a call for presenters for an AB 212 Conference scheduled for November 1, 8:00 to 4:30 at Chabot College.

6. **Presentation:**

Rory Darrah presented insights and results from her "Getting to Know You" research and survey, and discussed in detail the Early Care and Education Funding Landscape. The group then broke up into tables that represented each of the areas, fielding questions from designated experts.

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, September 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at Public Health, FHS-San Leandro**