

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2013

Steering Committee Members Present:

Rosemary Almand	Amapola Beenn	Ray Black	Franca Cioria
Elizabeth Crocker	Kim DiGiacomo	Clarissa Doutherd	Diana Engel
Lynette Foy-Linnen	Renee Herzfeld	Carolyn Hobbs	Judy Kriege
Gloria Lyons	Grace M-Orenstein	Laura McNair	Robin Michel
Susan Morris	Ramil Rivera	Bobbie Rose	Zina Rosen-Simon
Jennifer Rusinko	Lynda Schwabe	Sandi Soliday	Carol Thompson
Meher Van Groenou			

Steering Committee Members Absent:

Mirella Almaraz	Margaret Bartelt	Tracey Black	Amy Clough
Mary Anne Doan	Lisa Erickson	Carmen Gonzalez	Mitchell Ha
Krishen Laetsch	Betty Lin	Sandra Taylor	Veronica Ufoegbune

General Members Present:

Jennifer Greppi	Parent Voices	Sara Hicks-Kilday	Consultant
Melinda Martin	ACOE/First Five	John Santoro	OUSD
Christina Cienega	DSFRC	Richard Winefield	BANANAS
Asiya Jabbaar	FCC/Mills College		

Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:

Angie Garling	Ellen Dektar	Neva Bandelow	Michael Panori
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1. Call to Order

Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the Child Care Planning Council, convened the meeting at 9:00 AM at the Patton University Student Activity Center, 2433 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements.

Extended Introductions:

Renee Herzfeld is executive director for Community Child Care Council (4C's) of Alameda County and has served there for 25 years. She was Commissioner for First 5 Alameda Co. and is active participant in CCDAA, CAPP, and the CA Resource and Referral Network. Renee is involvement with Hayward Promise Neighborhood project as Early Learning Director.

Amapola Beann currently works as a Head Start/Early Head Start Program Planner in the City of Oakland. She has worked in the field of ECE and family services promoting intergenerational learning for 17 years. She brings great expertise in Head Start/Early Head Start Programming, CDE/CDD Child Care Programming to us, including CA State Preschool Program and Comprehensive ECE System.

Judy Kriege is Program Director for Resource & Referral and Alternative Payments departments at BANANAS Inc. She has two decades of experience working in private and state-funded child care programs in teaching and management positions and brings a deep and extensive knowledge of child development and child care systems in California to the Council.

This month's **Mystery Member:** Tracey Black-introduced by Ray Black

2. Consent Calendar-Action

- **Consent Item #1: Approve the July 19, 2013 Agenda and the March 15, 2013 meeting minutes and the May 17th Steering Committee Retreat Summary.** Motion passed with one abstention.
Susan Morris/Ray Black

3. Planning Council Business: Action Items

- **Action Item #1: Review and Accept Retreat Record and Overview of Committee Workplans:** Ellen Dektar chronicled the retreat at Mills College and guided the membership through the new Workplans. The Item was approved unanimously. *This proposal was recommended by the Executive Committee.* Susan Morris/Sandi Soliday
- **Action Item #3: Approve Changing the Planning Council's Name:** It was proposed that the Child Care Planning Council change its name to the Early Care and Education Planning Council in order to better reflect the fact that the Planning Council's scope or work is broader than the one suggested by the term *Child Care*. Kim DiGiacomo/Ray Black
- **Action Item #4: Review and Comment on Proposed Federal Regulations.** Motion carried with the provision that all licensed care be included. *This item recommended by the Public Policy Committee and the Executive Committee.* Rosemary Almand/Lynda Schwabe

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

- ECE Committee: Neva Bandelow updated the recent activities of the ECE Committee and the announced outreach to QRIS, August 15 at 4Cs of Alameda County.
- Rosemary Almand updated the State Contractors Group
- Elizabeth Crocker updated most recent activities of the Executive Committee.
- Robin Michel updated the work of the Public Policy Committee.

5. Communications and Correspondence

- Attention directed to letter to Budget Conference Committee (June 12, 2013) thanking them for Child Care budget actions
- Attention directed to letter to Senator Carol Liu in support of SB 192
- Ellen Dektar read and elucidated a letter to Altamont EAB Chair Ruth Abbe with final grant report data.

6. Community and Staff Reports

- Ellen Dektar and Sara Bonetti presented a State and Federal Budget Update
- Neva Bandelow commented on Early Learning Challenge activities and expounded on the QRIS ratings.
- The Parent Voices update was presented by Clarissa Doutherd.
- Ellen Dektar presented the Coordinator's Report including an announcement of the Leadership Academy (6 weeks from September 12 to October 24).

7. Presentation:

Discussion of County resources for children's environmental health and a summary of 2013 Greening Preschools work was conducted by Patricia Garcia of the Alameda County Healthy Homes Program: How can we promote child care field use of environmental health and recycling technical assistance? With a video presentation by Jessica Jetter, our own Greening Preschools Associate.

Elizabeth Crocker, Chair of the Child Care Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Child Care Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Child Care Planning Council Regular Meeting,
Friday, September 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Redwood Conference Rm. Creekside Plaza**