



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
July 11, 2018
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:

Margaret Jerene	First Five, Committee Co-Chair Steering Committee	Phan Fong	Child Care Links
Judy Kriege	Bananas Steering Committee	Jennifer Caban	SSA
Paulene McCarthy	4Cs of Alameda County	Lorita Riga	Consultant
Melinda Martin	Consultant	Crystal Sand	Tandem Learning
Rosemary Obeid	4 Cs	Celia Goetz	4 Cs

Calyn Kelley, Ellen Dektar, Staff

Action Items

- Strategize on child care field support for future initiative.
- Rosemary will speak on behalf of Public Policy on 7/24.
- Check with Arlene on what they have at 4Cs with land use guide.
- In the future convene an ad hoc special needs committee around new state funding for inclusion—shaping it, obtaining it, etc: Eileen Crumm, CHO, Regional Center, R&Rs which have inclusion funding, Head Start inclusion folks.
- Invite Kidango to attend committee in future! This would help with for example, refinements to their bill on mental health consultation access for child care providers.
- For child care centers and immigrants: do another Know Your Rights training/do webinars.
- Jennifer will check on SSA contracts with legal help agencies.
- Possible interest in the state of early childhood mental health (ECMH) in our County: can programs purchase it?
- For August Public Policy meeting: AB 605 (Mullin) discussion
- For September LPC meeting on licensing feedback for state: get Margaret to share data on school run preschool violations.
- Endorse Keep Families Together Act (Feinstein/Harris)

Updates

- Initiatives: AC Board of Supervisors voted to put Initiative back on ballot in June.
- Margaret will send out speaking requests since she won't be there; also will not be there on 7/20.
- SSA second annual legislative breakfast—child care now has 3 bullet points in platform; vs. none previously or provide feedback on what can be added:

- Groups can submit proposals
- 8/24, 8:30-12:30 at Cal Endowment on Franklin

I. Announcements

No major announcements

II. Report Out from State Contractors etc.

- Discussion of AB 752 (Rubio), Kidango expulsion bill and action plan
- ECE Quality Committee: state is offering two options for matrix—will be discussed tomorrow at advisory committee; AC group liked combo of options
- Key Budget Outcomes:
 - Annual inspections, \$26 million for quality, RMR: annualized,
- Group generally supports AB 1754 (McCarty):
 - Community based organizations running Title 5 programs should be included
 - If bill were enacted, programs might not have to bother with outreach, beyond 40% that are required to be in it, and that could be problematic
 - Watch it
- AB 2698 (Rubio)
 - What is status of mental health consultation in our County? Can you purchase it? First 5 is no longer funding it; OFCY is funding it. Mental health no longer part of QRIS package. Only have CSFFL.
- Delicensing:
 - Areas that need to be covered by CDE; will be discussed at LPC
 - Share Margaret licensing violation info; for CDE oversight
 - What is CDE oversight with contracted programs? Once every 5 years.

III. Federal Updates

- Plan to take away waivers for refugees who are here in January.
 - Training: field can do another know your rights training.
 - Touch base with legal agencies about how child care can support them; SSA has contracts with legal agencies.
 - Endorse First 5 anti-separation policy as a council concerned about children (and trauma)
 - Send letter to supervisors, urge them to speak
 - First 5 convene partners (with LPC) about what we can do as agencies; collaborate
 - Convening with legal, SSA, child care how we support families—what can we do differently—to reduce—to maximize services and support, share resources
 - Can R&R agencies include providers for these kids in their trauma trainings? Rosemary will ask.
- Child Care Food
 - 4Cs has been sponsor for family child care (FCC) homes for 40 years, since 1980, but low reimbursement and other factors make it increasingly challenging to operate; 4Cs has subsidized it. They will stop sponsorship in July.
 - FCC has option to sign up with other sponsor: ICRI is the other sponsor; they have some capacity; Coco kids will serve our county but has logistical issues because site visits are involved; 350 active providers; CA will look for other sponsors from Santa Clara or elsewhere.



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- New relation with new agency might cause some to drop
- Marva referred people in her network to 3 places: ICRI, COCO kids
- 4Cs will call everyone
- Can First 5 support while we work on policy changes
- Impact on FCC:
 - Will parents be required to send food
 - Won't have education or 3 visits a year
 - Maybe economy of scale for other agencies?
 - Bananas and CC links have dropped their programs
 - Meet with Stephanie before she leaves in August!!
- Foster care bridge/homeless
 - '18-'19 app is due next Friday for this funding; non minor dependents and emergency and compelling reasons will be included; trauma training will be expanded
 - Have rollover dollars
 - Rosemary: they are already in '18-'19; will have additional scope of work for navigation and trauma. Program started in April and is continuing. Someone was in the role in a limited way at 4cs in first three months—to serve families and arrange for trauma training; since no notice 'til May no referrals made. Loren sent them with referrals for NMD and compelling reasons.
 - Homeless:
 - One of first County 2 kids in car
 - Shelter policy needs to be worked on
 - Sharing documents
 - Case conferencing with FFD staff and Bananas staff
- AB 605 (Mullin):
 - Talk about it next time, this bill has been amended since it was introduced last year and we supported it.
 - Margaret thinks it would be helpful to have one license

