



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
July 19, 2017
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“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	Nancy Strohl	Steering Committee
Lorita Riga	Consultant	Pauline McCarthy	4Cs
Neva Bandelow	ACOE	Rosemary Obeid	4Cs

Ellen Dektar, Lawanda Wesley, LPC Staff

Ongoing Action Items from May-July 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.
- 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

- The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation has a new report out on the importance of ECE
- Lawanda is participating in an Early Learning Lab project to develop 1/1 and learning community support for child care providers in Oakland on trauma. It will start in September.

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Other ECEPC Committees

- ECE Committee: Trauma Symposium Part 2 will be held 1/27/18 at the County Office of Education (ACOE); Julie Nicholson will participate

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

- New foster care bridge program will be \$15.5 million for the first six months and \$31 million annualized; \$5 million of this will go to the resource and referral agencies to train child care providers on trauma; there will be a major evaluation component.
 - *The group inquired about whether trauma training will be connected with QRIS*

- State budget raises exit threshold to 85% of the State Median Income (SMI) for state subsidized programs and increases eligibility redetermination to once every twelve months.
 - The Resource and Referral agencies are awaiting instructions from the California Department of Education
 - The AB 833 pilot allows for entry and exit at 85% of the SMI
 - We need to regionalize ECE rates
 - CDE says it costs \$140,000 per pilot county to administer the way the program is currently constructed
 - In the future should there be a waiver for counties to opt in, vs. a bill?
 - *Discussion re: QRIS regions and whether they align with pilot regions*
- State budget also defers decision on exempting preschool programs on school sites from licensing to a task force spearheaded by the Legislative Analysts' Office
 - People think that new licenses are the problematic issue and we should encourage emergency licenses or expedited licenses
 - *Public Policy should review key differences between school district and stand alone programs*
- There is a County ECE Initiative which could be planned for the June ballot.
 - *Public Policy wants the initiative to be broader than preschool.*

IV. Continue Stage 1 Access Discussion

- Contract when it is awarded will start October 1

V. AB 833 Pilot

- No major update. Data system used by state contractors now accepts 2.9 as an age

VI. Next Meeting Agenda

- Nancy and Rosemary will bring additional information on the foster care bridge program; develop specific ask for local chambers that uses the new US Chamber report on ECE as a springboard; review First Five Alternative Payment (AP) agency data

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 9:30-11:30 **4Cs of Alameda County
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