



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
July 8, 2020
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:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Jennifer Cabán	SSA	LaWanda Wesley	OUSD
Katie Honegger	4Cs of Alameda County	Julie Nicholson	Mills College
Kym Johnson	BANANAS	Trisha Barua	Oakland Starting Smart and Strong
Pamm Shaw	YMCA of the East Bay	Samantha Baker	East Bay Children’s Law Offices
Kelly O’Lague Dulka	Hively	Dulce Torres-Perry	Oakland Promise

ECE Program Staff: Ellen Dektar, Mara Goby, Anna Miera

Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring Annual Local Planning Zip Code Priorities to the Steering Committee for review. • Discuss state-level advocacy on Zip Code Priorities process with Executive Committee. • Convene Land Use & Facilities Committee to discuss outreach on SB 234 and other land use issues. • Bring request for State re-investment in infrastructure to the Steering Committee for approval. • Bring request to support relevant Federal legislation to the Steering Committee for approval.

I. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Update on Alameda County ECE Emergency Response Team Effort: Team undergoing strategic planning
 - Mental Health Consultations will continue through the end of the year, led by Hively
 - Health Consultations in partnership with Samuel Merritt University in its 3rd cohort

II. Report Out from State Contractors & Quality Committees

- State Contractors Meeting: Discussed changing regulations and need for funding for supplies
 - Interest in gathering information on providers’ use of supplies and developing videos on reopening
- Quality Committee: Discussed the DLL program (presentation at next Steering Committee meeting)
 - Interest in a separate group to meet on racial equity – to be discussed at next Executive Committee Meeting

III. Local, State, & Federal Legislation and Budget Updates and Action

Local:

- Review and Approve Annual Local Planning Zip Code Priorities:
 - Anna M. shared updated data on child care demand and supply, as well as new County zip code priorities



- Next steps: Steering Committee will review; Board of Supervisors will review & approve.
- Discussed need for state-level advocacy on use of more precise geographies for determining zip code priorities; census tracts are most appropriate. This is a statewide issue, should be followed up by Public Policy Committee and Planning Council.
- Discussion Regarding ECE Staff Letter to Local Planning Department on SB 234 Implementation
 - Committee members provided feedback on possible ECE staff letter
 - Next steps: Convene Land Use & Facilities Committee to discuss further
- Planning Council visit with Supervisor Chan, District 3, July 29, 2020 – Planning Session
 - Opportunity to raise the visibility of the Planning Council and share feedback on priority issues
 - Katie H. will convene a pre-planning meeting with those who are interested.
- Local Tax Measure – Children’s Health and Child Care Initiative Review: Legal opposition has been filed to the Measure
- Albany Unified School District Board Decision regarding Albany Unified Children’s Center: Currently discussion possible transition to maintain care

State:

- Discussion and Possible Action to Request State Re-Investment in Infrastructure
 - Assemblymembers Wicks and Bonta, and the YMCA have signed on
 - Committee agreed to move forward with a request for the County’s state delegation to sign in support of re-investment in child care infrastructure
 - Next steps: Discuss during next Steering Committee meeting
- Report Out on State Budget: Mara G. provided an overview of the recently finalized FY 20-21 State Budget

Federal:

- Update and Possible Action to Send Letter to Congressional Delegation Regarding Child Care is Infrastructure Act, Child Care for Economic Recovery Act, Moving Forward Act, and Coronavirus Child Care and Education Relief Act
 - Committee members discussed the bills and approved request to bring this action to the Planning Council

IV. Adjournment – Propose Agenda items for Next Meeting—August 5, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

- The Chair adjourned the meeting.