

**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 15, 2017**

Steering Committee Members Present: [17]			
Neva Bandelow	Margaret Bartelt	Tracey Black	Leah Branson
Clarissa Doutherd	Diana Engel	Carlota Escarez	Erica Harrell
Renee Herzfeld	Katie Honegger	Margaret Jerene	Isabelle McDaniel
Jean Monroe	Susan Morris	Melanie Mueller	Nancy Strohl
Stacie Williams			
Steering Committee Members Absent: [9]			
Amapola Beenn	Alexandra Caraballo	Ana Del Aguila	Mary Anne Doan
Relena Ellis	Carmen Gonzalez	Judy Kriege	Kate Shaheed
Ramil Rivera			
General Members Present:			
Gloria Lyons	FCC	Veronica Ufoegbune	UC Berkeley
Pauleen McCarthy	4 Cs Alameda County	Rosemary Obeid	4 Cs Alameda County
Jennifer Cuban	AC SSA	Sadaf Siddiz	AC SSA
Katie Perales	Lakeshore Learning		
Child Care Planning Council Staff Present:			
LaWanda Wesley	Ellen Dektar	Angie Garling	Rozeena Jhinnu
M. Panori	Sonya Mehta	Camyle Allen	

1. Call to Order

- Renee S. Herzfeld, Council Chair, convened the meeting at 9:05 AM in the Redwood Room at Public Health—FHS, 1100 San Leandro Boulevard, San Leandro, CA.
- Renee welcomed the attendees, **inviting** attendees to introduce themselves, state where they worked, and say what they hoped to gain by attending the meeting.
- Attendees were asked to stand when speaking or presenting during a Planning Council meeting and to use the mic, when possible.
- Visitors were told they were always welcome to join us for our future meetings and were told they could invite others to attend.
- Sonya Mehta was introduced to the group. She will be working as Program Specialist on the Alameda County ECE Program staff and will be located at Lakeside Plaza, Oakland.
- Tribute was paid and a moment of silence offered for the passing of Carol Thompson and Rosie Kennedy.

2. Consent Calendar-Action

- **Approve September 15, 2017 Agenda and July 21, 2017 Minutes**

- Renee Herzfeld called for a motion. Leah Branson motioned; Stacie Williams seconded. The motion was passed with 5 abstentions.

3. Results-Based Accountability (RBA) Performance Goals—Review

- Renee Herzfeld transitioned the RBA Performance Goals Review to LaWanda Wesley. Attendees (Steering Committee only) were asked to read a survey included in the packet. The survey was developed to understand what the membership needs to take action, and the variety of activities that members of the Planning Council may be doing. The members were directed to the online EV Poll <https://PollEv.com/surveys/IRnf9BJKv/web> to answer the questions posed there.

4. Planning Council Business: Action Items

- **Action Item #1: Approve ECE Planning Council Calendar for 2017-2018** (*recommended by the Executive Committee—Ref. RBA #5*)
 - The proposed calendar (included in the packets) was reviewed. Two day assignments typed in error (stating Tuesday and Thursday instead of Friday) were pointed out for correction. Renee called for a motion.
 - Motion was made by Melanie Mueller and seconded by Margie Bartelt. The motion was approved with the appropriate amendments.
- **Action Item #2: Approve: Environmental Health Statement** (*recommended by the Executive and Public Policy Committees—Ref. RBA #3*)
 - Kim Hazard provided a presentation on the importance of children’s environmental health in early learning settings. Kim also explained Children’s Environmental Health Statement and presented amendments from Katie Honegger’s findings.
 - A motion was made by Margaret Jerene and seconded by Nancy Strohl. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Action Item #3: Approve 2018 Federal and State Legislative Platform** (*recommended by the Public Policy Committee—Ref. RBA # 1-5*)
 - Ellen Dektar presented an overview and rationale for this year’s Public Policy platform with a redline document version of the changes made *en-route* to the final version. Much discussion ensued, led by Margaret Jerene and Rosemary Obeid, on what can be done in particular ways to achieve the desired results. It was recommended that the word “equity” be added to the words “quality, access and affordability” in Point 2 in order to address the eradication of racial disparity.
 - The motion to approve with the amendment was made by Katie Honegger and seconded by Susan Morris. The motion then passed unanimously.
- **Action Item #4: Approve Letter to SSA Director Lori Cox, Urging Participation in the Foster Care Bridge Program** (Recommended by the Executive and Public Policy Committees (Ref. RBA # 1 and 4))
 - Ellen Dektar and Margaret Jerene presented the rationale for this letter to the Director of SSA. In support of the participation in the Foster Care Bridge program.
 - A motion was presented by Leah Branson to approve, seconded by Tracey Black. The motion was approved with one abstention.
- **Action Item #5: Approve Signing the Joint Immigration Letter—Five Principles** (Recommended by the Executive and Public Policy Committees (Ref. RBA # 1))
 - Margaret Jerene provided a presentation on Supporting Immigrant Children and Families and explained the Joint Immigration Letter.
 - Motion by Nancy Strohl. Second by Leah Branson. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

5. Correspondence

- LaWanda Wesley directed attention to the Council's letters to Legislators Feinstein, Harris, Khanna, Lee,

6. Presentation

- Angie Garling and Sonya Mehta provided a 30-minute presentation regarding Alameda County's Local ECE Initiatives

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

- Due to time restrictions, the Committee Reports, printed in the meeting packets, were offered as "read only."

8. Community and Staff Reports:

- QRIS Update: Block Grant: First 5 and Council staff.
- Parent Voices Update: Clarissa Doutherd
- Green Child Care Update: Kim Hazard and Camyle Allen
- CTKS Update: Kim Hazard and Sonya Mehta

9. Public Comment – there was no public comment.

Renee S. Herzfeld, Chair of the Early Care & Education Planning Council, adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.
Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.

**Adjourned to: Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Meeting,
Friday, December 1, at 4 C's of Alameda County, Hayward, CA 9:00AM to 1:00PM.**