



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
September 6, 2017
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 ECE providers and recommending appropriate action to the Planning Council.”

Attendees:

		Lorita Riga	Consultant
Rosemary Obeid	4Cs of Alameda County	Phan Fong	Child Care Links
Margaret Jerene	Co-Chair, Public Policy First Five	Jennifer Caban	SSA

Ellen Dektar, LPC Staff

Ongoing Action Items From Previous Meetings:

- 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 Stage 1 data in the future
- Margaret will send John’s data to SSA via Ellen.

I. Introductions and Announcements

There was a brief discussion of the new Center for American Progress report on child care deserts and no other major announcements.

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Other ECEPC Committees

State Contractors: reviewing changes resulting from state budget such as family fees, perhaps CDE could provide more information at the request of Senator Skinner’s office. If parents would have to pay a fee due to recent rate changes, there will not be retroactive application.

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

- A. Foster care bridge program details are emerging with a draft All County Letter. Alameda County would receive an anticipated \$375,000 for a half-year of the program for subsidies. This would serve about 30 infants full time. The CA Resource and Referral Network would design the training. They currently share some training. The Committee voted to encourage Alameda County Social Services Agency to apply for the program. It’s unfortunate that subsidies are only six months, but great to have additional resources for foster parents and increased support for service navigation.
- B. License exempt preschools run by school districts: Lorita will follow up with Christie Anderson at OUSD to determine the reasoning for OUSD’s support for reducing licensing for school run state preschool programs on school sites.

IV. Finalize Draft 2018-2019 Public Policy Platform and Forward to Planning Council for 9/15/17 Meeting

- A. The Committee added some language related to current policy issues and grouped recommendations to align with Planning Council performance measures.

V. Discuss and Identify Next Steps on School Run Preschool Licensing Conversation

VI. Define Possible Action Steps for LPC Members for ECE/Environmental Health Statement

The Resource and Referral agencies are getting connected with the Children’s Environmental Health Network. Margaret said she would share a letter citing the negative asthma impact of Clorox wipes which are essentially a pesticide.

VII. AB 833/Alameda County Pilot Update

No major update. The clean up bill is still moving through the Legislature. State Social Services would like to require the inclusion of Stage 1 vouchers which could be cost prohibitive.

VI. Next Meeting Agenda

New voucher data from First Five on stage 1-3?

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