



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
September 7, 2016
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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 child care providers and recommending appropriate action to the Early Care and Education Planning Council.”

Attendees:

Lorita Riga	Fiscal Consultant	Melinda Martin	Fiscal Consultant
Margaret Jerene	Steering Committee member	Katie Honenger	4Cs of Alameda County
Jenna Churchman Murakami	Steering Committee, Co-Chair	Teresa Gonzcy	Consultant
		Daryl Hanson	Consultant

Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling, Staff

I. Announcements

- Ana Mansher, previously at OUSD, is the new Director at the Albany child development center.
- The Silicon Valley Community Foundation is having a September event with Jack Shonkoff and the ece philanthropist Pritzker. It’s free but seats are going fast.
- First Five is solidifying the Strategic Plan and it should be monitored for impact on early care and education.

II. Report out from LPC Committees

- State Contractors has been focusing on AB 833.

III. Federal, State, Local Legislation and Budget

- Legislation:
 - AB 1712 to enable digital signatures for state contracted programs is on the Governor’s desk for signature
- Homeless definition for CDC Programs: is more restrictive than federal definition used by K-12, and they should align although doing this could trigger a fiscal impact for cdc’s which are limited vs. access to k-12 education. Supervisor Chan and Parent Voices are continuing to work for more resources at the state and local level. Chan is planning an October event with Parent Voices.
- CDE is currently working on broadening Revolving Loan Fund which could preempt reintroducing the legislation that was previously stalled in Appropriations Committee.

IV. Initiatives

- The Committee, with the support of an Interagency Children’s Policy Council (ICPC) related document, discussed Proposition 51, 56, 58, and 64 on the November statewide ballot and the implications for children. *Ellen will research some details related to their impact on early care and*

education and develop a one page overview for the Planning Council. Katie Honeger will share what she develops for 4Cs, as well.

V. Finalize 2016-2017 Public Policy Platform

- a. Changes were made to tighten linkages with AB 833

VI. Continue Refining LPC RBA Strategic Plan

- a. Prepare presentation for LPC on public policy platform in the context of advocacy opportunities (LPC Strategic Plan Performance Measure 1,2,3)
- b. *Margaret will revise and make the presentation on September 16th with lots of interactive opportunities! Jenna will share some tools she has used in similar presentations.*

VII. AB 833/Alameda County Pilot Update

- a. The plan is still pending state approval and Alameda County has been told that the way it is currently worded Alternative Payment agencies and providers cannot be reimbursed.

VIII. Staff Compensation Forum and Issues

- Margaret presented detailed tables which demonstrate the complexity of the Regional Market Rate (RMR) reimbursement structure for Alternative Payment program fund disbursement to family child care homes and the lack of impact of recent state rate increases on our local providers. If they are not benefiting from state rate increases, they have no ability to pay staff higher wages.
- Everyone agreed the reimbursement structures seem extremely difficult to navigate and should be simplified. Perhaps the same rate should be developed for both SRR and RMR and weekly reimbursement structures used.

IX. Develop October Agenda

- Continue to address RBA action planning

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5th, 9:30—11:30 am **4Cs of Alameda



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