

**ALAMEDA COUNTY ECE PLANNING COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, October 6, 2020 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom Teleconference  
MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

Member Name	Role
Katie Honegger	Council Chair
Kym Johnson	Council Chair-Elect
Jennifer Cabán	Committee Co-Chair
Yesenia Chavez	Committee Co-Chair
LaWanda Wesley	Committee Co-Chair

ECE Program/GSA Staff: Ellen Dektar, Mara Goby

**Action Item Highlights:**

- Ellen Dektar will reach out to inactive Committee Members to determine their interest in continued membership and report back to the group.
- Ellen Dektar will reach out to CalSAC regarding working on school-age child care issues.
- ECE Program staff will determine interest in an evening Public Policy Committee meeting in 2021.

**Notes:**

**II. Welcome & Announcements**

- Kym Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda and September meeting minutes and Katie Honegger seconded: 4 members voted to approve.

**III. Coordinator Updates**

- **Update: New Planning Council Member Recruitment to Steering Committee**
  - All three new member approvals have been sent to the County Superintendent and Board of Supervisors for review.
  - The group discussed the need to identify additional representatives from South County in the future.
- **Report Out from State Coordinator's Association Call**
  - Ellen Dektar provided an overview of LPC mandates, including submitting reports, such as the zip code priorities, and managing the LPC appointee process.
  - Ellen also shared highlights from the recent Coordinator's call, including a survey which revealed that most planning councils are housed in county offices of education.
    - Ellen will be co-chairing the State Coordinator's Association Public Policy Committee.
- **Letter from Union to R&Rs, LPC**
  - SEIU 521 sent a letter to the Planning Council, R&Rs, and First 5 Alameda County about the needs of family child care providers, including concerns

about state funding transparency, the high level of need for FCCs, and increased challenges for non-English speakers.

- The letter recipients met with the union to discuss the letter, including the complexities of the ECE delivery system and available funding.
- Regarding next steps, a meeting will be held for union members to help them understand the ECE landscape.
- Group discussed the importance of ensuring documents are translated in threshold languages.

#### **IV. Update on SSA Email from LPC**

- Letter was sent to Lori Cox via email from the Executive Committee.
- Lori Cox responded, proposing to meet after the transition has occurred.

#### **V. Review September Steering Committee Evaluation and Identify Next Steps for Future Meeting Structure and Content and Possible Agenda for November 2020 Steering Committee**

- Mara Goby provided an overview of the September Steering Committee meeting feedback survey.
- The group discussed the importance of continuing the LPC's equity discussion, as well as discussion on the recent letter on equity concerns in QRIS.
  - The group decided that the Quality Counts Committee will talk about the QRIS issues before bringing it to the larger group.
- The group discussed agenda items for the Public Policy meeting, including school-age child care challenges.
  - The group shared issues facing school-age child care including the lack of inclusion in past discussions and County planning and the inability of districts to provide child care to their staff.
  - Yesenia Chavez raised the issue that school-age child care educators are no longer eligible for workforce development stipends, which makes it even more difficult to retain educators.
  - LaWanda Wesley recommended working with CalSAC on these issues – Ellen Dektar will reach out.
- The group discussed plans for upcoming Steering Committee meetings, including the idea of having each committee present to the larger group twice per year to provide an overview of recent accomplishments and upcoming plans.

#### **VI. Discussion and Action to Develop 2021 Calendar**

- It is a state requirement that the LPC develop and agree on a calendar each year.
- The group discussed the idea of holding an evening meeting to accommodate those who are not available during the day.
  - The group decided to survey members' availability and focus a potential evening Public Policy Committee meeting on teacher and workforce policy issues.
- Jenn Caban motioned to approve the 2021 calendar and Kym seconded; 5 members voted to approve.

#### **VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Steering Committee Member Recruitment**

- Ellen Dektar will reach out to inactive Committee Members to determine their interest in continued membership and report back.

**VIII. Next Steps and Action Items**

- No additional items discussed.

**IX. Next Meetings: 11/3, 1:30-3; 12/1, 1:30-3**

- The group discussed plans to say goodbye and thank you to LPC members who are leaving.

**X. Adjournment- Chair**

- The chair adjourned the meeting