

Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council

State Contractor's Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Location: via ZOOM

MINUTES



Attendance: Recorded by Lorita Riga

ECE Program Staff: Lorita Riga, Ellen Dektar, Angela Cabrera

ACTION ITEMS:

-None

I. Welcome, Roll Call, Announcements

- Yesenia Chavez began the meeting at 1:06 pm.
- Announcements from agencies:
 - i. Lorita reminded Center-Base Title 5 agencies to send her their Q2/Dec 2020 reports

II. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

- Lorita called for a motion to approve the December State Contractors meeting minutes.
- Kym Johnson motioned to approve, and Yesenia Chavez seconded.
 - i. The motion passed with 4 yes votes. 0 no votes and 0 abstained.

III. California Department of Social Services / Community Care Licensing: Safety Notice & PIN

- Lorita highlighted recent PINs, webinars, and program announcements from CDSS, including:
 - i. New COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance.

IV. Overview and Discussion of Governor's Budget, Legislation, and Master Plan

- Ellen reviewed President Biden's Executive Order of \$40 Billion additional funds for child care.
- Ellen reviewed the Governor's Budget and other fund allocations including:
 - i. Relief Act funds for elementary & secondary schools
 - ii. \$500 million in Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
 - iii. \$2 billion Safe School For All
 - iv. \$300 million for early intervention grant
- Ellen reviewed a few bills including:
 - i. AB 22, AB 92, AB 99, and SB 22

V. ELCD Updates: Management Bulletins and other announcements

- Lorita highlighted recent CDE/ELCD/CDNFS webinars and resources, including:
 - i. Weekly CDE/ELCD/CDNFS webinars returned on Jan 19th
 - ii. Child Care & Development Fund 2022-2024 State Plan Stakeholder zoom
 - iii. Proposed Title 5 regulations & 12-Month eligibility: public comments open
 - iv. Early Childhood Policy Council next meeting
 - v. Child Care Transition Plan Walkthrough meeting

VI. Update on response from CDE regarding joint letter sent to them regarding Equity issues in CDE direct service funded programs Possible Action to Provide Feedback on Master Plan

- Pamm Shaw (YMCA) & Kate Shaheed (St.Vincent's) spoke about the follow up zoom meeting they had with CDE representatives including, but not limited to, Stephen Propheter, Erica Otiono, Virginia Early, Marijayne Patterson, Lisa York, and others. Pamm and Kate shared what they spoke about to reps from CDE especially their experiences in having to ensure staff is getting COVID tested, closing classrooms and sometimes entire sites when there are positive cases, all the contact tracing that needs to be conducted, the emotional toll it is taking on children, family, and staff, and

all of the extra administrative duties. Pamm shared a personal story of a beloved teacher passing from COVID last year. While CDE hears their concerns and is sympathetic, it was stated that unfortunately due to legislation they cannot treat CBOs in the same fashion as LEAs when it comes to closing in person services entirely and still being paid their contract for doing distance learning only, as is the case that LEAs can do. Erica Otiono did offer that following the Emergency Closure procedure in MB 20-20 for a precautionary COVID related closure, would be allowable.

- VII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Lorita Riga (Yesenia lost internet connection) at 2:17 pm.
— **Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 1-3pm via Zoom