



LPC Steering Committee Meeting

May 21, 2021 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Zoom)

Attendees: Alex Boskovich, Ana Del Aguila, Ana Rasquiza, Angela Cabrera, Anissa Basoco Villarreal, Anna Miera, Darlene Johnston, Diana Garcia, Erica Harrell, Ingrid Roberson, Jenn Caban, Julie Nicholson, Katie Honegger, Kelly Dulka, Kristina Adams, Kym Johnson, LaWanda Wesley, Lorita Riga, Michele Rutherford, Nancy Harvey, Nancy Strohl, Navdeep Purewal, Neva Bandelow, Noni Galloway, Rosalie Mijos, Shruti Agarwal, Susan Morris, Tatiana Smith, Tiffany Rose Lacsado, Trisha Barua, Vincent Cheng, Yessenia Chavez.

“Story on the ground”:

Nancy Harvey one of the SC members shared the impact COVID 19 on her childcare program- Little Nancy’s Primary School House in Oakland. She shared strategies that were adopted, including checking children’s temperature daily at the entrance.

Consent Calendar:

Jennifer Caban motioned, and Kym Johnson seconded to approve the agenda and minutes. Lawanda W abstained from approving the minutes as she came in late for the January meeting.

Updates from SSA and ACOE:

- Assistant Agency Director for SSA, Anissa Basoco-Villarreal gave a brief review on SSA’s history of supporting Early Childcare and Education.
 - She also gave a quick review on programs that SSA supports for childcare services.
 - The timeline of ECE LPC transfer from GSA to SSA in January 2021 followed by recommendation to move ECE to ACOE due to better alignment was also elaborated.
- Executive Dir. Of Core Learning ACOE, Navdeep Purewal explained why LPC is better aligned with ACOE.
 - There are existing Early Learning programs like Quality Rating & Improvement System- Quality Counts and Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program, with ACOE.
 - Besides there are opportunities for advocacy for LPC.
- Anissa informed that any funding that is directly connected to the LPC will transition over to ACOE.
 - Any funding or cost for Angela Cabrera’s position as program coordinator will be absorbed by SSA.
- Nav notified that LPC has the first right of refusal for the workforce pathways/AB 212 funding.

Federal and State Budget Legislation Updates:

- Ana Rasquiza with First 5-updated on the recently passed American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
 - Alameda County’s share of the fund is about \$150M. There is a significant addition of a discretionary funding for the State and Local Governments.
 - She also mentioned the Enhanced Child Tax Credit which is going to be \$3600 annually for children under 6.



- This will be distributed in monthly segments to families starting next year and will be about \$40 M to the families in Alameda County.
- President Biden is allowing states to extend MediCal for all moms regardless of their mental health status for the first year after childbirth. It will all be covered by Federal funds.

Action Items:

1: Action to approve resubmission of 2020 Zip code priorities

- There is a recommendation to resubmit the zip code priorities due to COVID and the instability of the landscape.
 - Kym motioned to approve the action item. Kelly seconded.

2: Recommend a new member to the Alameda County superintendent of schools

- Nancy Strohl approved, and Jennifer Caban seconded the recommendation of Tatiana Smith, a Strong Beginnings Social Worker at East Bay. Approved by all the Steering Committee members.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

- The committee has been meeting monthly.
- Working with ACOE and SSA in the ECE LPC transition to ensure smooth transition.

Quality Committee:

- Met in late January to discuss the Early Learning Master Plan focusing on specific program areas.
- Other topics of discussion included the sunset of the CA Mentor program, implicit bias, inclusion, dual language support and workforce pathways project.
- Meets quarterly and the next meeting is on March 25th.

State Contractors:

- Meets monthly, last meeting being Feb 25th
- Strategies on breaking the impact of COVID -19 were discussed.
- Last meeting discussed AB 1294 which would eliminate the sunset of the Alameda Santa Clara Pilots.

Needs Assessment:

- The committee did a joint effort with First 5 in doing the needs assessment for LPC starting this fiscal year.
 - Needs assessment helps with data collection and is also good for Measure C.



- A Needs Assessment Team is working with the Ad Hoc Advisory committee on getting feedbacks on what is the most useful ways to present the data. The Ad Hoc meets monthly and has been directing the process.
- The committee plans on completing the first draft of the report by the end of March, ask for partner review the first week of April and finalize by early May.
- Michele and Ana showed how we can use the data to reflect on issues like how the parent choice vouchers do not allow families to access the market well. Using graphs from the data they also showed that a great number of ECE educators on the workforce registry are considered low income.
- The next step is getting volunteers to be first reviewers and second reviewers.

Public Policy:

- The committee has worked a lot in the Emergency Response Team in getting childcare providers access to vaccinations.
- Reviewed SB 50, AB 92, AB 99.
- Ab 1294- elimination of the sunset for the childcare pilot.
 - The pilot program allowed Alameda county to make changes to state regulations to increase income eligibility for families.
 - The program is about to expire in July 2021. We are seeking to eliminate the sunset and become permanent pilots.
 - The committee is sending out draft support letter for AB 1294 to partners.
- The committee had also been discussing AB 22.
 - The bill will allow children who reach the age of 4 and are eligible for TK to have access to state preschool or TK the year before they enter Kindergarten.
 - Michele from Kidango updated on some of the changes made to the bill.
 - The bill intends to preserve parent choice to remain in CSPP or Headstart or any other program they would wish to maintain in.
 - It also provides for state preschool dollars to be used for wrap around care.
- Kelly updated on AB 865.
 - It changes the payment structure for families on whether providers will receive pay based on certified hours or hours attended.
 - The bill protects providers, and it is great for childcares to accept alternative payment.

Parent Voices:

- Noni G updated on Measure C
 - On Tuesday March 16th, the Board of Supervisors have officially voted to start collecting the taxes. Possible date of tax collection to begin will be July 1st.
 - Next committee meeting on 3/20/2021 to discuss strategies moving forward to make sure the funds are getting to the community as soon as possible.



Announcement:

Exiting of Alex Boskovich to prepare for the new addition to her family.

Adjournment:

Thursday, May 21 at 10:00am.