

Alameda County State Contractors Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2018, 1-3 PM

Alameda County Office of Education, 313 W. Winton Avenue, Hayward

Hosted by the Early Care and Education Planning Council

A) Introductions, Announcements, Check-In

1. OUSD-Teachers are picketing at the beginning and end of the day

- Might be a strike in early 2019 if negotiations are not reached for a higher wages, they are asking for a 12% increase

2. Air Quality

- BAHIA-Planning on be open next week from Monday through Wednesday
- Schools might be closed or released early and childcare programs are not prepared for this
- Erica→ will let parents know by 9 PM tonight if they will be open tomorrow and they will be doing this on daily basis
- Is the environment healthy for staff and children?
- Will schools get reimbursed?
- Who makes the final decision on whether schools are closed?
- Can schools close if the attendance has dropped because parents are keeping their children at home

4. Rozy's last State Contractors meeting

5. County is looking at a new data system for Quality Counts

- There will be a vendor software demonstration on December 5th and 6th
- Would like a provider to be a part of this and give feedback
- Can watch online and write down questions and then send it to First 5

6. Natalie Dunaway from Licensing will be attending the February meeting

B) Legislative Update (Angie)

1. Election

- The results are still coming in
- One of the closest in the statewide race is the state superintendent of public instruction
 - Local legislator is one of contenders and he recently pulled ahead because they started counting ballots in Los Angeles and other parts of the state
- New governor who is a strong advocate for early care and education
- Richmond→ Children's measure that passed
 - Create a children and youth commission and set aside fund
 - Took 10 years and 3 times going to the ballot
 - Not creating new money but setting aside money in the general fund
- Oakland-Measure AA did not pass
 - Received less than 62%

- Oakland might need only 50%, but it needs to be legally decided

2. Public Charge

- Town hall meeting on Public Charge
- Presentation tomorrow at Local Planning Council
- Ask the group to submit individual comments on what you believe the Public Charge recommended changes would do to the families that you serve
- People who are immigrants that want to become citizens and use/rely on government benefits might not be granted citizenship because of their reliance on public benefits
 - Childcare and Preschool and Head Start is not included
 - Reassure parents that if they sign up for childcare or Head Start, they are not penalized
- Taking public comments until December 15
- The information is in the packet on how to submit comments
 - Recommend comments that are individualized about the families that are in your program and the families that you serve

C) Census 2020 (Julia Marks)

1. [Presentation](#) on Census and Citizenship Question by Julia Marks from the Asian Law Caucus

D) AB833 Pilot & Enrollment and Eligibility Workgroup (Lorita)

1. Everyone has received the CMR documentation from Margo and checking the parent handbooks
2. If you are applying for expansion funds, CSPP and CCTR, the deadline is December 18th
 - You can start using funds as early as April 2019 if you include it in your plan or you can start July 1st (start of the fiscal year)
3. Webinars
 - Attendance recording and reporting needs to be rescheduled
4. If applying for expansion funds, send Lorita an email to let her know
 - Casey Farmer

H) Plans for Expansion Opportunities (Erica)

1. Lorita can meet with anyone interested in applying for expansion
2. CCTR and CSPP Management Bulletins
3. BAHIA looking into CCTR expansion

I) DRDP Online Check in

1. Asked the group- how is the transition going and has there been any issues
 - Difficulties getting online
 - There has been glitches
 - Beatriz→at the state level, they are recognizing that it is a bit much for teachers

- Keep updated where the legislation is going for DRDP and if they need help from the field and advocacy

J) Updates and Reports

1. Workforce Registry (Rozy)

- Visited OUSD sites-Acorn, Stonehurst, and Bella Vista
- Remind staff and program managers if they need assistance in scanning and uploading documents for the Workforce Registry to contact me and as I transition out there will be someone from the Alameda County Early Care and Education program that will continue to assist sites

2. Early Learning Network, Pre K-Third Grade Alignment (Rozy)

- Now able to offer CEU units for the CPIN trainings
- We continue to invite participants to join our Early Learning Network that meets the second Thursday of each month 8:30-11:30
- We are not meeting in December

J) Next Steps

1. Ways to address the employee shortage

- Lorita→ can start sub-company
- 3 agencies
- Look at the cost
- How to have people enter the ECE field
- There needs to be more flexibility on the waiver process of the program
 - More flexibility with administrative units
- Issues with the pay, children behavior, lack of respect, lack of training
- Take a different job with less stress for the same pay