



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council  
Public Policy Committee  
August 7, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES:	AGENCY / ROLE:
1. Alex Boskovich	ALCO Food Bank, Steering Committee Member
2. Darlene Johnston	Little Mud Puddles, Steering Committee Member
3. Jennifer Caban	Social Services Agency (SSA), Co-chair, Steering Committee Member
4. Kym Johnson	BANANAS, Inc., Steering Committee Member
5. Lawanda Wesley	Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), Steering Committee Member
6. Makinya Ward	Kids Konnect
7. Margaret Jerene	First5 Alameda County, Co-chair, Steering Committee Member,
8. Michele Stillwell-Parvensky	Kidango, Steering Committee Member
9. Page Tomblin	First5 Alameda County
10. Rachel Harralson	Parent Voices, Steering Committee Member
11. Susan Morris	CAPE Head Start - Retiree, Steering Committee Member

ECE Program Staff: Denise Turner, Michele Rutherford

Action Item(s):  
 Convene Working Group for Annual Public Policy Platform Refresh – Denise  
 Tentatively schedule member visits with Appointer Agencies – Denise  
 California Department of Education (CDE), Management Bulletin 19-06, Subject: Collection of Data for the  
 Subsidized Provider Report follow-up with Alternative Payment agencies (AP’s) - Michele

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Resource Sharing: Jennifer Caban, Committee Co-chair convened the meeting at 9:15 am at 4Cs of Alameda, 22351 City Center Drive, Hayward, CA.
  - o Jennifer welcomed attendees, inviting attendees to introduce themselves and the agency that they represented.
  - o Denise reminded committee members that Planning Council recruitment for new members is underway, the application RFA deadline is: Friday, August 30, 2019 5 pm.
  - o Jennifer reminded committee members to consider co-chairing the Public Policy committee as the co-chair would be vacating her post in the new calendar year. Members were asked to reach out to Denise for further information.
  - o Jennifer confirmed the topic areas for the Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) Annual Policy Breakfast at the California Endowment on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Topics include Health care, homelessness, workforce, and data under the banner of access “... For All”
  - o Member shared an update regarding the 2020 Census Meeting held the day prior, 08/06/19 especially noted in recap: Funding opportunities RFP’s for systems, programs and providers
  - o Member shared that the State will host a webinar regarding: CDD-801A Electronic File Format Specifications included: Increase on State Median Income (SMI) through new family fee schedule; Center Track does not auto adjust must be manually adjusted; policy to address homelessness will be further aligned across agencies, and with McKinney Vento Act, and MH consultation. The California Department of Education (CDE) has reformatted the 2018-19 “Greenbook” to clearly indicate different reporting requirements for center-based programs and Alternative Payment agencies (AP’s).

2. Report Out from State Contractors, Quality Committee - Denise
  - State Contractors: The committee engaged in targeted troubleshooting regarding the four Local Education Agencies (LEA's) that have submitted an Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Project (IEEEP) RFA: Berkeley, Emery, Hayward, and Oakland.
    - Lawanda also shared her work regarding phase two of the inclusion grant RFA. RFA due Sept. 27, 2019. The second planning meeting will be held on August 23rd, 2019 1 to 3 pm Teresa Lozac, new director at Burbank will co-facilitate.
  - Quality Committee: Committee met in April and is postponed until Aug 29th.
3. Local State & Federal Legislation & Budget Michele R.
  - Local ECE Measure Update: Not yet filed, still aiming for March 2020 primary, CHO is finalizing language changes.
4. Plan Steering Committee Member Visits with Appointers: (Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools)
  - The committee recommended that this activity should take place following the filing of the Local Tax Measure and should include pre-work: Talking points with clear messaging should be built around the policy platform.
  - Member noted that the child care monthly report from Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA) breaks it down by region/district.
  - Member shared that although not confirmed, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) may each receive 1 million dollars per district, for discretionary funds target towards children and youth.
5. Initial Revision of Public Platform Document for 2019-2020 – Co-Chair encouraged Group to read after, DT to forward electronically.
6. Initial Review of Public Platform Document
  - New format, colors, infographic; one pager ONLY; supplemental detailed version; add a child/classroom picture,
  - Target Audience(s): Several versions for different audiences: Legislative Staffers who will need to schedule time and attention of Policy maker)
  - Action oriented verbiage, 3 key things, impactful, Inform the State master plan to influence direction.
  - Answer Q's: What are the policy targets
  - What are the reader's actions?
  - Explaining equity in the context of ECE, Community Care Licensing (CCL), Standard reimbursement..., etc.
  - Intro with data and legitimize our council who we are, why it's important and why they should care followed by how they can demonstrate support for our platform

Ex., we represent Alameda County with x thousand people... appointed members, etc.

- i.** Make sure pilot gets renewed
  - ii.** Make sure local measure gets on the ballot
  - iii.** Asking for regionalized rates increase (i.e., we want to bring teachers out of poverty!)
- Working group nominations were made by committee co-chair Margaret and accepted by: Page, Alex, and Susan
  - An announcement to broader group for open participation will be sent electronically.
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7. Discuss Implementation of State Funds - Agenda Items held for future date due to time: Inclusion Grants & Mental Health Funds
8. Discuss State Strategic Planning - Preschool Development Grant
9. Proposed Agenda Item(s) for August meeting
  - o Member proposed that the newly released California Department of Education (CDE), Management Bulletin be discussed during a future meeting and perhaps addressed prior to the next convening due to the time sensitivity of the States reporting period Aug. 19 to 30<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, Management Bulletin 19-06, Early Learning and Care Division, Subject: Collection of Data for the Subsidized Provider Report
    - Proposed next steps prior to next meeting included:
      - i. Recommendation in small group, develop talking points regarding concerns
      - ii. MR will contact California Alternative Payment Association (CAPA) regarding concerns
      - iii. MR Coordinate a call to discuss for Alternative Payment agencies (AP's) and report back to committee
10. Adjournment
  - o Jennifer Caban, Committee Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

*Respectfully Submitted by Early Care & Education Planning Council Staff.*