



**Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**4Cs of Alameda, 22351 City Center Dr., Hayward, CA**  
**November 6, 2019**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES:	AGENCY / ROLE:
1. Darlene Johnston	Little Mud Puddles, Steering Committee Member
2. Michele Rutherford	First 5 Alameda County
3. Nancy Strohl	Consultant, Steering Committee Member
4. Susan Morris	CAPE/Retiree, Steering Committee Member

ECE Program Staff: Denise Turner, Ellen Dektar, Lexi Oliva, Lorita Riga

Action Items:
1) Member recommendation brought forward by the Public Policy Committee to the Executive Committee for a Steering Committee vote to support Legislation to remove Sunset from AB 833 Alameda County Child Care Pilot (Nancy Strohl abstained on this due to ongoing state consulting work). 2) ECE Program, request authorization to sponsor legislation to remove sunset by the County 3) Have Executive Committee recommend new LPC structure/meeting or strategy to be able to discuss Initiative implementation on at least a monthly basis.

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Resource Sharing:** The Committee convened at 9:45 am facilitated by Ellen Dektar, ECE Program Administrator on behalf of the Co-chairs.
  - o Member strategized ways to re-engage individuals exiting the field of ECE through retirement.
  - o Debriefed on Center for the Child Care Workforce anniversary/retirement event.
  - o The Resource and Referral Network report on non traditional hours care was recommended as a resource to be included in the LPC work to assist with the Preschool Development Grant.
  
2. **Report Out from State Contractors, Quality Committee**
  - o State Contractors: The committee is preparing for four free DRDP Online trainings offered by WestEd on behalf of CDE; resulting from LPC efforts to advocate for the field with CDE. Public Policy members noted that the DRDP for infants is very cumbersome with respect to paper work required.
  - o Tawny Grossman, [Child Care Advocate Program](#), Community Care Licensing (CCL) Program provided updates in response to questions provided to her ahead of time by Committee members.
    - Public Policy Committee Members recommended a cross-departmental dialogue with Public Health regarding intersections with child care.
  - o Quality Committee: Conducted an informal discussion during the October 24th convening regarding ECE facilities needs assessment. The Committee also launched a RFA for DLL Professional Development training with a sign up deadline of: Friday December 13th, 2019.
  
3. **Local, State & Federal Legislation & Budget**
  - o The Committee discussed the AB 833 pilot and need for renewal and recommended to the Steering Committee that the LPC support action to sponsor legislation or budget language to remove the sunset from the pilot that is set to expire in July, 2021. Nancy Strohl pointed the tradeoff between increasing eligibility above 85% of the SMI and serving more children who are lower income.
  - o There was a discussion of what legislation might be possible next year with much put on hold while the ECE Master Plan is being developed. Members discussed the need to simplify the permit system, possibly using the less complex K12 system as a model.
  - o Michele Rutherford provided an informational update regarding the Local ECE Tax Measure. This new county sales tax measure for ECE would last 20 years, and the program design would mirror Measure A and fund slots, quality and wages. 80% would support ECE/and 20% would support Children’s Hospital.

Members recommended that the LPC determine how to develop a monthly meeting to discuss Initiative policy implementation because every other month discussion at the Steering Committee will not be sufficient. It is expected that the Citizens Advisory Committee, to which the LPC appoints 6/11 members, will be seated in April or May.

#### **4. ECE Facilities and Land Use**

- The committee discussed possible next steps for this work and monitoring for updates on ECE facilities funds from the State.

#### **5. Adjournment**

- Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

A member requested that CalWORKs Stage 1 and implementation of twelve month eligibility and other issues be discussed at a future meeting, December if possible.

#### **The following agenda items were held for a future convening:**

- Inclusion Grants
- 2020 Public Policy Platform accompanying documents
- CA ECE Facilities Funds
- CA Workforce Stipend Program
- CalWORKs – 12 Month Eligibility
- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation