



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
August 5, 2020
MINUTES**

“The mission of the Public Policy Committee is to support the mission of the Planning Council by monitoring and developing early care and education legislation, policies and regulations that impact children, families and child care providers and recommending appropriate action to the Child Care Planning Council.”

Attendees:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Jennifer Cabán	SSA	Bobbie Rose	UCSF Child Care Health Program
Katie Honegger	4Cs of Alameda County	Julie Hadnot	All In Alameda County
Kym Johnson	BANANAS	Trisha Barua	Oakland Starting Smart and Strong
Pamm Shaw	YMCA of the East Bay	Ana Rasquiza	First 5 Alameda County
Kelly O’Lague Dulka	Hively	Makinya Ward	Kids Konnect
Kristina Adams	Hayward Unified School District	Michele Rutherford	First 5 Alameda County
Dr. Veronica Ufoegbune	Consultant		

ECE Program Staff: Ellen Dektar, Mara Goby, Anna Miera, Lorita Riga

Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Miera will follow up with CDE about the methodology used for the updated school-age data on unmet need to better understand increases • Mara Goby will follow up on questions raised about existing paid leave policies • The Alameda County ECE team will conduct staff-level engagement to request further clarification from CDE on hold harmless • The Alameda County ECE team will share the Committee’s feedback on the transition of ECE programs to DSS via a survey • Jenn Cabán and Ellen Dektar will make edits to the Public Policy Platform One-Pager and share a new version at the upcoming State Contractors meeting

I. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Update on Alameda County ECE Emergency Response Team Effort:
 - The team is working on a situational analysis, as well as tracking key policy and data, particularly related to school-age child care.
 - Also working in partnership with Alameda County Public Health Department to align messaging and guidance.

II. Report Out from State Contractors & Quality Committees

- State Contractors Meeting: Discussed recent PINs from Community Care Licensing and updates from the Department of Education’s Early Learning and Care Division, among other topics.
 - Agencies also shared their reopening plans.
- Quality Committee: The Quality Committee did not meet since the previous Public Policy Meeting. Next meeting is 8/27.



III. Local, State, & Federal Legislation and Budget Updates and Action

Local:

- Share Out from Planning Council Visit with Supervisor Chan (District 3)
 - Members of the Local Planning Council met with Supervisor Chan to discuss ECE issues, including the supports needed for families and providers, importance of the County's Individualized Child Care Subsidy pilot, and Measure C.
 - Supervisor Chan shared her continued support for ECE.
- Review and Approve School Age Zip Code Priorities
 - Anna Miera provided an overview of updated data provided by CDE on school age child care needs from 2018, which indicates that the unmet need for school age care has increased significantly since 2016; the group discussed possible root causes.
 - Anna discussed the Committee's previous question about utilizing census tracts instead of zip codes with CDE to calculate zip code priorities; CDE shared that this could result in increased data inaccuracies due to the margin of error.
- Discuss ECE Coalition Letter and Priorities
 - A coalition of ECE advocates sent a letter to State leaders with several requests, including continuing the parent fee waiver, authorizing the provision of child care during school instructional minutes, and more.
- Overview and Discussion of Paid Leave Policies
 - Mara Goby shared an overview of existing paid leave policies, a resource intended to help families and child care providers better understand their options.
 - Spanish and Chinese versions of the overview are in development.
- Update on Measure C
 - The Tax Association missed their deadline to file an appeal so the County is now waiting on next steps.

State:

- Discussion and Possible Action on CDE Implementation of Hold Harmless
 - The group discussed concerns with hold harmless regulations.
 - The Alameda County ECE team will conduct staff-level engagement to request further clarification from CDE.
- Discussion and Possible Action on Transition of ECE Programs to DSS
 - The group discussed recommendations and questions related to the transition, which the Alameda County ECE team will use to provide feedback to DSS via a survey.
 - The next stakeholder meeting on the transition will be October 29th.
- Update on State Budget and Legislative Priorities
 - AB 123 is moving through the legislative process – the bill simplifies eligibility for subsidized child care through Medi-Cal and CalFresh and precludes programs from charging fees for distance learning, among other provisions.
 - The group discussed concerns about the implementation of the bill's simplified eligibility.
 - The bill will be discussed in further detail during the upcoming State Contractors and Executive Committee meetings.

IV. Discuss and Revise 2020-21 Public Policy Platform One-Pager

- The Public Policy Committee revises its Public Policy Platform annually to help inform actions taken by the Steering Committee and the County.



- Suggested revisions included adding a focus on dual language learners and inclusion and addressing the impact of COVID-19 and health needs.
- Jenn Cabán and Ellen Dektar will make edits and share a new version at the upcoming State Contractors meeting, before seeking approval from the Planning Council.

V. Adjournment – Propose Agenda items for Next Meeting — September 2nd, 10 am - 11:30 am

- The Chair adjourned the meeting