



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
December 2nd, 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:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Kelly O’Lague Dulka	Hively	Michele Rutherford	First 5
Kym Johnson	Bananas	Trisha Barua	Oakland Starting Smart and Strong
Pamm Shaw	YMCA of the East Bay	Makinya Ward	Kids Konnect
Ana Del Aguila	Los Positas College	Michele Stillwell-Parvensky	Kidango
Linda Olivenbaum	East Bay EYC	Shruti Agarwal	Shruti’s Family Daycare & Valley Family Child Care Association
LaWanda Wesley	Oakland Unified School District		

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

Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE Program Staff will develop a summary of the PDG Focus Group Report discussions. • The Committee will coordinate discussions of the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care.

I. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Kelly O’Lague Dulka began the meeting at 10:05am and facilitated introductions.
- Update on Alameda County ECE Emergency Response Team Effort:
 - The Team is hearing more from Title 22 programs about their needs and challenges, particularly the need for teachers and concerns around group size limitations.
 - Working to maintain care for essential workers and ensure clear communication with providers as pandemic escalates and County returns to shelter-in-place.
 - Partnering with the County Department of Public Health on a COVID Liaison Training on January 6th for providers, which will include public health updates, updated screening guidelines, and instruction on how to handle positive cases.
- Update on Alameda County Family Child Care COVID-19 Relief Grants
 - Alameda County’s Social Services Agency provided \$3 million in funding for FCC grants, administered by First 5.
 - Prioritizing those who have cared for a subsidized child in the County in the last year, but some non-subsidized providers will also receive grants.
 - Grants will be up to \$5,000 for small FCCs and \$10,000 for large FCCs.

- First 5 has provided significant technical assistance to support providers in applying. Application deadline is December 4th.
- Update on ECE Master Plan
 - The State Master Plan for Early Learning and Care was released to the public and includes recommendations in a number of key areas.
 - Estimated cost to implement the plan ranges from \$2-\$12 billion, with expected contributions from philanthropy and business.
 - Attendees raised concerns about sustainability of this plan.
 - Attendees also raised concerns about tying workforce compensation to competency when there are many barriers to increasing competency that may disproportionately impact educators of color and other groups.
 - Recommended pay scale is still low in comparison to cost of living and could have an adverse effect.
 - While Master Plan includes an important focus on Dual Language Learners, attendees raised importance of focusing on other groups as well, such as Black boys, and more clearly calling out anti-racist practices.
 - The Public Policy Committee will play a role in organizing review and discussion of the Master Plan among the LPC Committees.
 - Attendees recommended special meetings to discuss workforce recommendations and voucher rate recommendations.

II. Action to Approve November Meeting Minutes

- The Chair called for a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes, LaWanda Wesley motioned to approve and Makinya Ward seconded.
 - The motion passed with unanimous approval.

III. Report Out from State Contractors & Quality Committees

- Due to time, this item was not discussed.

IV. Discuss COVID-19 Lessons Learned Draft Recommendations

- The group agreed to discuss this at the next meeting after attendees have reviewed the summary of recommendations.

V. Review and Discuss Preschool Development Grant Focused Conversations Narrative Report

- Mara Goby provided an overview of the Preschool Development Grant Focused Conversations Narrative Report recommendations, which includes recommendations on accessing high-quality early learning and care, supports and services for diverse children, family engagement and participation, and transitions to TK and kindergarten.
- Attendees engaged in small group discussions to determine how to make the recommendations actionable.
- A summary of the small group discussions will be provided in a separate document.

VI. Adjournment – Propose Agenda Items for Next Meeting — January 13th, 10 am - 11:30 am

- Proposed agenda items for next meeting: Master Plan, Governor’s Budget Proposal, COVID-19 Lessons Learned.
- The Chair adjourned the meeting.