



ATTENDEES:	AGENCY / ROLE:
Ana Del Aguila	Los Positas College, Steering Committee Member
Darlene Johnston	Child Care Provider, Steering Committee Member
<b>Jennifer Cabán</b>	<b>Social Services Agency, Co-chair, Steering Committee Member</b>
Makinya Ward	Child Care Provider, Steering Committee Member
Michele Rutherford	First 5 Alameda County
Nancy Strohl	Consultant, Steering Committee Member
<b>Page Tomblin</b>	<b>First 5 Alameda County, Co-chair, Steering Committee Member</b>

*ECE Program Staff: Ellen Dektar, Lorita Riga*

*Staffed by: Denise Turner, LPC Coordinator*

**Action Items:**

1. Share a copy of the National Women’s Law Center letter regarding the Federal Budget Denise (TBD)
2. Develop a draft letter to send to Alameda County Congressional delegation on behalf of the Council. Co-chairs approved of this activity. – Ellen and Member (Prior to next meeting)

**I. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Resource Sharing:**

- Page Tomblin, Co-chair convened the committee meeting at 9:35 am and shared an announcement regarding Census 2020 materials for providers and training opportunities target for the child care provider audience.
- Denise T., ECE program staff, shared ECE Program child care provider communications regarding Coronavirus. The CDC issued a self-quarantine notice, and the Alameda County Public Health Department has published resources and a letter for schools (K-12) that outlines a two-week restriction, in collaboration with Alameda County Office of Education. Members were encouraged to review the communications sent by the program, thus far.

**II. Report Out from State Contractors, Quality Committee**

- State Contractors: The committee co-chairs have launched a goal setting and outreach effort in the new calendar. Efforts will include targeted phone calls to Title 5 providers, an online feedback survey, and dedicated time during meetings in the first quarter to seek real time feedback from the group.
- Quality Committee: The Workforce Subcommittee met January 30, 2020 at 4Cs of Alameda. Outcomes from the meeting will be shared during the Quality Counts (QC) Advisory Committee, which will reconvene on February 27, 2020. First 5 will be the lead on the Proposal due April 15th for the re-design of the rating system.

**III. Local, State & Federal Legislation & Budget**

Federal: The early childhood education (ECE) related provisions of Governor’s Budget were presented by Ellen D. There is discussion that the Federal Budget will be re-introducing budget earmarks moving forward.

- A member shared that the National Women’s Law Center (NWLC) will produce a letter regarding the Federal Budget, which can be shared with Committee members once published.
- A member proposed a committee action: To draft a letter to California Congressional representatives on behalf of the committee regarding the Federal budget. Co-chairs approved of this action, and identified members and staff to develop the letter, which will be presented to the committee at a future meeting for review and feedback.

State:

- Members were updated on Governor’s proposed Department of Early Childhood Development, in the Health and Human Services Agency. The department is to be established on July 1, 2021 and the transition team is being assembled. The ages served by new department include birth through age 12; school aged care and

services outside of education. Members reiterated their previous concerns regarding the bifurcation into two separate departments serving the same child, family.

— Per the recommendation of the committee during the January meeting, members reviewed information on a Connecticut Department of Early Childhood Development, which seems similar to Governor Newsom’s proposal in intent. However, Connecticut’s department was established following several years of development before implementation. Of importance to the committee, Figure 9, of overview outlined the agencies housed within the similar department.

— Jennifer provided an update on Public Charge, which now has an effective date Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>; members were informed of an updated document on the topic, which was shared electronically.

Local: Members continued the discussion regarding the proposed planning structure for Local Tax Measure C - Children’s Health and Child Care Initiative.

— Michele R. shared that program staff for Measure are troubleshooting design challenges and anticipated policy tradeoffs.

Q: Member requested clarification on Measure C tax amount specifically, a half cent or half of one percent .005%.

A: Co-chair confirmed one-half of one percent.

The committee received an update on the Alameda County Pilot.

— Program staff shared that they are in communication with the County’s lobbyist regarding this legislation and there is a scheduled discussion with Governor’s office planned for second week of February.

#### **IV. Discussion regarding Recent State Planning and Budget Initiatives**

— 12-Month Eligibility and CalWORKs Regulations (Stage 2 and 3): Co-chair shared that some of the language the regulations created unexpected fiscal impacts which are now being considered however, because Alameda County operates under pilot conditions, no direct impact to the county is expected. The California Department of Education (CDE) shared that informational guidance such as charts and FAQ’s will be forthcoming. No confirmed date for release of materials has been offered to date.

— Preschool Development Grant (PDG): Denise shared that an extension was granted to the California Child Care Council Association (CCCCA) until mid-March for Local Planning Council (LPC) focus group reporting. Additionally, CDE shared recently that the State is in the process of applying for additional PDG funding from the Federal government.

— CDE Inclusion Grants: Denise shared that applicants are currently awaiting the announcement of awards and have received several emails from CDE announcing an undefined timeline for the release of award information, possibly in March.

— State and Local ECE Facilities Funds and Planning: ECE Program staff shared that the facilities work groups have met twice thus far. There is now a tab on ECE website for public posting of workforce and facilities work group meetings and additional work groups are currently in development.

#### **V. Develop Agenda for February Meeting**

— Committee Co-chairs and Members agreed to proceed with next steps regarding the committee action to prepare key points to Federal delegation budget letter for the Steering Committee’s consideration and to review the National Women’s Law Center (NWLC) overview once it has been released.

**X. Adjournment:** The committee adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.