



Attendance: view sign in sheet for attendees.

Amanda Feinstein
Ana Del Aguila, Steering Committee Meeting
Darlene Johnston, Steering Committee Meeting
Denise Turner, Committee Staff
Dulce Torres-Petty
Ellen Dektar, Program Staff
Erin Hubbard
Jennifer Caban, Committee Co-chair, Steering Committee Meeting
Joni Chantigian
Kelly O'Lague Dulka, Steering Committee Meeting
Kym Johnson, Steering Committee Meeting
LaWanda Wesley, Steering Committee Meeting
Linda Olivenbaum
Lorita Riga, Program Staff
Makinya Ward, Steering Committee Meeting
Michele Rutherford
Nancy Harvey, Steering Committee Meeting
Page Tomblin, Committee Co-chair, Steering Committee Meeting
Pamm Shaw
Stephen Day
Susan Morris, Steering Committee Meeting
Veronica Ufoegbune

Action Items:

1. Develop a letter to the federal delegation regarding COVID-19 child care recovery needs.
2. Develop a letter to the Governor regarding critical May Revise issues

I. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Resource Sharing

- Page Tomblin, Co-chair convened the committee meeting at 9:35 am
- Jennifer Cabán, Co-chair provided an update for the committee on the countywide ECE Response Team efforts to address COVID-19 with input from response team contributors.

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Quality Committee

- State Contractors: The committee has reconvened via web conferencing while also meeting on a weekly basis to address guidance and planning pertaining to child care during this time of COVID-19 quarantine. The State Contractors plan to produce recommendations on the May revise.
- Quality Counts (QC) Advisory: Updated the group on the status of the funding proposal submission on April 15th and next steps.

III. Local, State & Federal Legislation & Budget

Federal:

— The committee took action to approve key points to federal delegation regarding COVID-19 child care recovery needs.

Local:

— The committee recommended actionable steps for the County on COVID-19 child care funds and response for a continuation of county funds and to support the product supply needs of providers as they provide emergency child care and more.

— Member discussed grassroots organizing by some Berkeley family child care owners and reviewed their policy agenda.

State:

— The State May revise proposals, were reviewed by the committee and members agreed on action to approve a letter to the Governor regarding critical aspects of the May Revise and ECE related recovery needs including opposing the 10% proposed rate reductions, and move to Department of Social Services of all programs beyond state preschool. The Committee continues to track the State Master Plan, and the State Early Childhood Policy Council activities

— The committee received an update on the status of the Alameda County Pilot that expires July 1, 2021. The County is seeking to make the pilot permanent or in the worst-case scenario, extend the sunset by a year to July 1, 2022. Senator Skinner and Bonta are considering the mechanics of accomplishing this.

I. Discuss and Possible Action on Recent State Planning and Budget Initiatives (10)

— Denise Turner updated the committee on the status of the CDE Inclusion Grants. Specifically, the Inclusive Early Education & Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant awards have been announced but are pending budget confirmation. Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) received confirmation of potential funding in partnership the following school districts: Berkeley Emery Livermore Joint Oakland Pleasanton San Leandro along with local community-based Child Care Program the Impact Grant/Quality Grant application was also successfully submitted to the State.

IV. Develop Agenda for June Meeting

— Committee Co-chairs encouraged members to share information for consideration on the next meeting agenda prior to the next meeting scheduled for June 3, 2020 at 9:30 am.

V. Adjournment: The committee Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.