



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
April 3, 2019
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“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: These need to be confirmed

Margaret Jerene	First Five, Steering Committee	Pauline McCarthy	4-C's
Phan Fong	Child Care Links	Lawanda Wesley	OUSD
Jennifer Caban	SSA	Darlene Johnston	Little Mud Puddles
Lorita Riga	Consultant	Victoria Whitaker	The Primary School

Staff, Calyn Kelley, Denise Turner, Michele Rutherford

Action items:

- Track all legislation (MR/Calyn)
- Coordinate speakers for Legislative Breakfast (All with Denise coordinating)
- Plan to meet with BOS/Superintendent of Schools in June.

I. Announcements/Updates:

- No major updates

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Quality Committee

- Lorita (SC) –
 - SC were presented with AB 842. The group expressed concerns regarding financial pressures and concerns re: staff time, equipment, and the inadequate food program reimbursement rate. School districts shared that this was also a problem for their programs.
 - Discussion and serious concerns re: DRDP problem with the online system. Grp. is drafting a joint letter to CDE to outline concerns and urge certain actions. This affects QRIS ratings. Affects state requirements and, more importantly, programs cannot see assessments, which impacts programs ability to serve children. Certain programs purchase a work around system.
 - Group discussed implementation of state Inclusion and Mental Health efforts.
- Discussed updates from QC committee, including plans for next year.

III. Review, Discuss and Possibly Take Action/Positions on Local, State and/or Federal Legislative and Budget

- - Watch AB 842 based on SC feedback
- Update on status of bills we are supporting

Bill Number	Bill Description	Position Taken
AB 123 (McCarty/Bonta)	Rate Increase, BA etc.	Watch
AB 124 (McCarty/Bonta)	\$500 million ECE Facilities Bond	Support
AB 125 (McCarty/Bonta)	ECE Reimbursement Rates	Support
AB 167 (Rubio)	Early Head Start Partnership	Watch
AB 194 (Reyes)	\$1 billion for babies	Watch
AB 220 (Bonta)	Bonta bill for ECE allowable campaign cost	Support
AB 324 (Aguiar-Curry)	Vehicle for AB 212 – eventually broader than AB 212	Watch – Concerns about language added re: AP’s administering PD stipends. Alameda Planning Council AP representatives questioning this. Multiple strategies, Michele reached out to CAR&R Network (Linda Asato), ECE Prog. working with Coord. Council, Margaret agreed to reach out to First 5 Policy staff. Grp agreed to watch and if AP language is not addressed, Oppose unless amended.
AB 378 (Limon)	Family Child Care union bill	Reports are that this now has legs. Was passed previously but now has support from the Gov., whereas Gov. Brown did not sign
AB 452 (Mullin)	Facilities	Watch, the grp. supports facilities bills which actually provide grants broadly to the diverse delivery system.
AB 842 (Limon)	Child nutrition	Watch – per state contractors
AB 1001 (Ting)	Local Planning Council upgrade	Support – watching and working with the CCCCA re: language in the bill that could potentially negatively impact LPC’s that are functioning well.
AB 1154 (Bonta)	Bonta adds ECE major at four pilot CSU’s	Support
AB 1256 (Bonta)	Bonta uniform learning readiness standards	Watch, grp agrees that the goal is laudable, but the devil is in the details
SB 2 (Glazer-Allen)	Longitudinal data base	Watch
SB 26 (Caballero)	Restores refundable child care tax credit	Support
SB 174 (Leyva)	ECE Reimbursement Rates	Support



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SB 321 (Mitchell)	Stage 1	Support – agreement about importance of parity w/ other subsidy programs for this important grp of families. Also would help make CalWORKs employment and trng. more successful.
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- IV.** Discussion of Blue Ribbon Commission report and recommendations. Rate increases, workforce investments, systems building, facilities, etc.
- V.** Update on local foster care Bridge, child care navigation and Homeless CC planning. Jennifer helped convene Navigators who began to share best practices.
- VI.** Discussed implementation of Inclusion and MH Funds, upcoming Inclusion conference, and data gathering re: local MH consultation landscape, particularly with Title 5 contractors.
- VII.** General discussion of Leg Staff Breakfast, small (30 people) with members providing brief statements on Accessibility, Affordability and Quality. Working to get a mix of representatives. Denise will reach out.
- VIII.** AB 833/Alameda Co. Pilot, contractors are improving earnings. Final report for this FY is in process.
- IX.** Develop May Agenda – Group strategized timing of meeting to come after Governor’s May Revise.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 14th, 2019 9:30—11:30 am **4Cs of Alameda
