



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
October 5, 2015
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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:

Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Melinda Martin	Consultant
Jennifer Greppi	4Cs	Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee, JFCS
Daryl Hanson	Retired, Consultant	Linda Olivenbaum	EBAEYC
Judy Kriege	Steering Committee, BANANAS		

Ellen Dektar, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

- a. No major announcements
- b. BANANAS has new AP vouchers to distribute with new state funding

II. Alternative Meeting Times

- a. Best at start or end of the work day but the day would work for some, not all.

III. Report out from ECEPC Committees

- a. Ad Hoc Data Task Force will be started. Goals include having more systematic collection and analysis of data. Daryl suggested looking at Contra Costa County’s one page data sheets that include economic information (Alameda County produced these in the past). The state mandated projects are zip code priorities for state subsidies and child care needs assessments. Melinda would like to attend. Judy noted that the agencies don’t have staff dedicated to data collection. A common question for them is “what’s the greatest unmet child care need”—supply, facility, or special needs, for example. There was a discussion about whether the Planning Council’s zip code data has included Alternative Payment (AP) voucher dollars.

IV. Federal, State Legislation and Budget

- a. AB 833 was signed by Governor Brown.
- b. The Department of Education (CDE) is having a hearing in Marin on implementation of the CCDBG regulations. *The Committee approved sending a letter to CDE requesting prioritization of 12 month eligibility based on numerous previous discussions of the merits of this policy as long ago as 2011.* There was also a discussion about scenarios where the policy might cause more limited access to slots or disenrollment.

- c. A new statewide ballot initiative has been filed with the Secretary of State that is expected to generate \$10 billion annually, if approved, and continue elements of Proposition 30 to extend the income tax of upper income brackets, repeal the sales tax, tax households making over \$2 million annually, and channel half of the revenue to k-12 schools and community colleges, with the other half for hospitals, early childhood programs, and other programs. It is supported by SEIU but the California Teachers Association (CTA) is sponsoring a similar Initiative that channels all funding to k-12 and community colleges.

V. Synthesize Legislative Platform into Elevator Speech (September Planning Council suggestion)

- a. Put it in plain language, and develop array of options for people to model their own speeches on-eg
Families need care for children that meets their needs while parents work or study

VI. Performance Measures

- a. The group briefly discussed the concept of adding a percentage or number and otherwise quantifying the Public Policy Committee strategies to help measure impact of our work. The group also recognized that it is hard to know our impact on statewide policy advocacy. This will be an ongoing discussion item.

VII. Head Start Regulations on Income Support

- a. This item was discussed at a past meeting.

VIII. Family Child Care Involvement in Public Policy

- a. Our Committee should develop strategies to engage family child care associations in public policy discussions this next legislative year. They should not require family child care to attend our meetings due to their scheduling challenges.

IX. Develop November Agenda

- a. TBD

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 9:00 am-11:00 am **4Cs of Alameda County



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