

## **Alameda County State Contractors Meeting Minutes**

November 16, 2017, 12-3 PM

Alameda County Office of Education, 313 W. Winton Avenue, Hayward

Hosted by the Early Care and Education Planning Council

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### **A) Introductions, Announcements, Check-In**

### **B) Budget and Legislative Update**

#### 1. Pepijn shared information with the group about AB 752

- Signed by governor in October
- Creates process for dealing with kids with challenging behaviors
- Not a requirement until guidelines come from the state

#### 2. The group discussed their concerns about AB 752 and its implementation

- Lorita asked the group to think about the additional support a program would need to implement AB 752 (what has been discussed at prior meetings)
  - Get letter collectively to send out that will include:
    - Components to consider when thinking about how AB 752 will be implemented
    - Letter can include something that indicates we need clear guidelines when will licensing cite us and when will licensing say that this is part of the process
    - Put in letter, in this process for implementation, when can licensing cite us even when we are working on a process for a child
- Concerns:
  - When a child is kept then we are written up for keeping a child for so long
  - A center that is not connected to Head Start would need a mental health support services
- Pepijn shared with the group that centers would get a violation when keeping a child with challenging behaviors
  - Providers do not want to get a violation
  - This bill will help give providers more time and create a process
  - Kidango does not have funding to do mental health consultations in each classroom
  - Each child is unique and not every child would need a mental health consultation
  - There will be trial and error
- Group asked whether Kidango done a survey with providers to determine how they feel about this
  - Pepijn told the group:
    - That there has been some pushback because some staff believes that this would create extra work but most teachers think it will help so that they are not scared of violations
    - We used to have stronger language in the bill about issuing violation
    - There needs to be a balance, citations should be issued when safety is a risk
    - Helps with children that needs more time to adjust
  - Group questioned what types of licensing violations are coming up by keeping children in the classroom
    - Pepijn gave an example of a parent of child who got pushed that went to licensing and the outcome was a violation of lack of supervision

- There might be situations where they could not have done anything to prevent it and yet they get cited and it violates “personal rights”
- The group expressed concern for teachers and questioned when can the teacher say this is not a good place for the child
  - Pepijn told the group that the bill will help teachers tell the parents that this is not an appropriate placement for the child

### **C) AB833 Pilot & Enrollment and Eligibility Workgroup**

#### 1. Lorita gave an update on the AB833 Pilot

- AP agencies are able to be part of the pilot
- Last week did training with the AP agencies
- 1 form is the request for sleep time and 1 form for travel
- Voucher for child to be taken care of between midnight to 3 am and then another voucher for the child to be taken care of during parent’s sleep time
- Additional forms that need to make corrections to
- Researching for parents who have permanent incapacity → do it for the whole stretch of time, they would have to recertify but would not have to go to doctor

2. Lorita told the group that tomorrow that she, Angie, and another representative from the county with the pilot will be meeting at the governor’s office

#### 3. Margo gave a CMR update

- Statutory legislative change
- Foster care payment from court to parent will no longer be counted as income → still need to wait for management bulletin
- Parents who are going to school to learn English or GED, that would be enough to establish need alone, no longer needs a vocational goal

### **D) Updates and Reports**

#### 1. Overview of ECE Expansion Initiative

- India let the group know about the data survey
  - Let her know if you are confused about the survey
  - If you send the info to India, she can populate it into the survey for you
  - If you are an Oakland provider, still go back and fill out and can just say refer back to info I sent in
  - Think about one site that is representative of all the costs of your other sites
  - Send her any additional info
  - She is thinking about cost modeling for the initiative and facilities
- Rozy let the group know about the upcoming listening sessions, there is on today at Rainbow Recreation Center in Oakland. The handout in the packet has all of the dates.

#### 2. Ellen gave an update on the North Bay Fires and how we can use this as a learning experience

- Hospital workers were first responders
- Sonoma Resource and Referral agency has a child program so they relocated their staff where they were needed
- Title 5 would absorb some of the children of the hospital staff

- Staff followed up with families to discuss their needs
- Food was a big issue
- In our county we do not have a RR that has a child care program, so will rely on everyone here
- First 5 did a “pop up childcare”
- Family Child Care centers were wiped out
- Worried about the future workforce as families have moved and are not planning on returning
- Child care providers were finding out updates from Facebook, we have a county alert system where they text you updates
- In January or February, we will have meeting with first responders and hospitals to find out what we need for the county in an event of a disaster

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