



Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council

State Contractor’s Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Location: BANANAS: 5232 Claremont Ave., Oakland CA 94618

MINUTES

In Attendance:

1.	Anna Mansker	Albany USD
2.	Bridgett Crawford	Salvation Army
3.	Darrell Whitacre	Regents UC Berkley
4.	Erica Harrell, Co-chair, & Steering Committee Member	Laney Preschool
5.	Heather Lang-Heaven, Presenter	BANANAS, Inc.
6.	Jennifer Caban, Steering Committee Member	Social Services Agency
7.	LaWanda Wesley	Oakland USD
8.	Lynne Moore-Kerr	Alameda Family Svcs.
9.	Maria Carriedo	Berkeley USD
10.	Mone Shia	Hively
11.	Natalie Ortiz	Mission Analytics
12.	Newt McDonald	Ephesian Children’s Ctr.
13.	Stephen Day	Lakeshore Learning Center
14.	Tina Fleton, Presenter	BANANAS, Inc.
15.	Yesenia Chavez Co-chair, & Steering Committee Member	BAHIA

ECE Program Staff: *Angela Cabrera, Ellen Dektar, Lorita Riga. Staffed by: Denise Turner, LPC Coordinator / Specialist*

ACTION ITEMS: Take and encourage others to take the committee’s feedback survey!

- I. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Resource Sharing:** Erica Harrell, Co-chair welcomed all and convened the meeting at 1:10 pm.
 - ECE Quality Committee: Co-chair announced the Workforce Subcommittee will be meeting Jan 30 2020 at 4Cs of Alameda and the Quality Counts Advisory Committee will reconvene on February 27, 2020. The RFA for Dual Language Learning (DLL) Professional Development deadline ended on Friday December 13, 2019. Registration for phase two of the DLL training is planned for the Spring of 2020.
 - ECE Public Policy Committee: Co-chair shared that Page Tomblin was introduced to the committee as the new Co-chair during the January meeting. Members were encouraged by the committee Co-Chairs.to forward for consideration any Budget related analysis, updates and summary documents from local agencies, organizations, associations, or professional affiliations as the committee reviewed samples and produced draft State Budget summary documents.

- II. Presentation:** The committee received a presentation from Heather Lang-Heaven, Family Services Manager and Tina Fleton, Family Resource Navigator for the BANANAS CARE Initiative, Bananas Inc.
 - The CARE Program provides child care navigation and support to families who are experiencing homelessness.
 - The primary goal in partnership with the State Contractors committee is to streamline primary contact persons at each State Contracting agency regarding enrollment and family services.

- III. Strategic Planning Discussion – Goal-setting:** Committee Co-chairs Yesenia Chavez and Erica Harrell facilitated an information gathering session with committee members. To frame the discussion it was

shared that this is an unprecedented time for ECE policy, ECE is currently being re-engineered. Currently, there are many changes that will impact our local ECE programs and system.

The committee reflected on successes in the previous year including:

- The DRDP online Customized trainings sponsored by CDE for the committee
- Securing an extension on the End of Year Program Report from CDE
- Two presentations from Community Care Licensing in 2019

Challenges shared included:

- Multiple competing requests for time and participation by Title 5 State Contractors and their staff in the context of severe center staffing shortfalls.
- Future agenda items should be modified/prioritized to topics that have a direct and immediate impact on programs.
- Suggestions also included a shift in approach when possible from data, reports, and surveys to “conversations” by phone/virtually.

For the 2020 calendar year:

- The Committee agreed to prioritize: ECE workforce recruitment pipeline to address critical teacher staffing shortages, as well as critical action items directly effecting State Contractors as priority over informational presentations and updates.

Next steps included:

- Launch a feedback survey for direct input from State Contracting providers and agencies that also support the Title 5 State Contractors
- Make outreach calls to providers that are no longer or are infrequently attending the meetings
- Report back at the February 2020, committee meeting with survey and outreach results
- A potential future project, given capacity of the committee: Develop a cost analysis formula for requests of time and/or participation made to contractors and/or staff along with stories to represent the first hand experiences and challenges faced by multiple competing requests for time and participation on Title 5 State Contractors.

IV. Review & Discuss Local, State, and Federal Legislation and Budget

Final State Budget: The committee was briefed on last year’s state legislation and budget, including this year’s Planning Council Letter to the Governor regarding the State Budget including the proposed new department of Childhood Development to be housed in the Health and Human Services Agency. The committee also discussed recent outreach to the Governors Alameda County appointees to the Statewide ECE Policy Council and the invitation for Scott Moore, Kidango CEO to attend the March Planning Council meeting to discuss the ECE Policy Council and recent policy proposals.

V. Local Sales Tax Measure C: Alameda County Children’s Health & Child Care Initiative

The Committee members received an informational update and discussed recent benchmarks of the local sales tax measure.

VI. Adjournment: Members were encouraged to forward any additional agenda items and resources prior to the next meeting and were reminded that meeting recurrence has changed from the third to the fourth Thursday of each month in 2020. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2020 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) | 313 W. Winton Ave., Hayward, CA 94544