



## Action Items Background for the November 15, 2019 Planning Council Meeting

### **Action Item #1: Approve Annual Planning Council Meetings Calendar 2020**

Recommended by the Executive Committee

**Background:** Annually, the Planning Council must approve the meeting calendar for the upcoming year. Calendaring the meeting locations for the Steering Committee ensures compliance with the Brown Act that guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. The Planning Council Bylaws Article VIII. Regular Meeting of the Council, state, "The Planning Council meeting calendar will be set on an annual basis and approved by the Planning Council Steering Committee, including meeting places and times. The Council shall hold regular meetings at least bimonthly at a regularly designated place."

Our previous meeting location is no longer available to us as Public Health shifts staff to the facility from their Broadway location in Oakland. This impacts established reservations as Public Health has begun to cancel reservations made by external agencies, prioritizing staff use of space. In addition, visitor parking will be reduced to accommodate this staffing change. The 2020 proposed meeting locations were graciously made available by community agencies and are relatively central within the county.

**Pros:** Approving the calendar will maintain Planning Council compliance with the Brown Act and Planning Council Bylaws compliance. In addition, approval will allow the LPC Coordinator to post meeting locations based on the approved calendar.

**Cons:** Ideally, the Council would convene meetings at one location however; alternating locations are required based on space availability. Without approval, the Planning Council will not meet Brown Act and Planning Council Bylaws compliance.

**Next Steps:** Once approved meeting locations will be publicly posted, in compliance with the Brown Act and Planning Council Bylaws.

### **Action Item #2: Approve Local Planning Council (LPC) State Reporting: Annual Self-Evaluation Report**

Recommended by the Executive Committee

**Background:** Annually, the Planning Council must submit a Self-evaluation Report for the previous calendar year activities to the California Department of Education (CDE). The summary of key dimensions note compliance with items reflected in the California Education Code. The proposed self-evaluation report for 18-19 mirrors the report the Planning Council has submitted for the several years previous, with some updates on recent activities and reports.

**Pros:** Approving the Annual Self-evaluation Report will meet the minimum reporting requirements set forth for the Planning Council by the State.

**Cons:** Without an approved report, the Planning Council will not meet reporting requirements and may be subject to consequences accordingly.

**Next Steps:** The approved Annual Self-evaluation Report will be submitted to the California Department of Education in compliance with the deadline of close of business, on November 15, 2019.

**Action Item #3: Support Legislation to Remove Sunset from AB 833 Alameda County Child Care Pilot**  
Recommended by the Executive Committee and the Public Policy Committee

**Background:** Alameda County was able to receive state authorization to have a local pilot program to have flexibility with some aspects of state ECE contracts via AB 833 (Bonta) of 2015. The pilot is set to expire in July, 2021. The pilot has proven very successful in enabling programs to serve more children and families and the field would like to retain the pilot flexibility permanently, following the precedent of San Francisco and San Mateo counties which were able to make their pilot programs permanent. It is estimated that an additional 1,000 children in Alameda County received subsidies due to the pilot program, and an evaluation that is expected in the next several months will provide more information.

**Pros:** To date the AB 833 pilot has increased child days of enrollment and decreased the amount of state contract funds returned to the state. Eliminating the sunset on the pilot would enable Alameda County contracted programs to continue to use unspent funds to increase the rate for CCTR, CSPP and CHAN contracts and enable 24 month or end of the fiscal year eligibility for children served by other contracts. The pilot agreement with the California Department of Education (CDE) allows counties to make changes to the following areas:

- 1) Eligibility criteria: age, family size, time limits, income level, inclusion of former and current CalWORKs participants and special needs considerations
- 2) Family fees
- 3) Reimbursement rate
- 4) Methods of maximizing the efficient use of subsidy funds: multiyear contracting and flexibility of interagency agreement for temporary transfer of funds.

**Cons:** Some might say that uniform standards should be applied to programs irrespective of regional cost of living and other factors and the CDE would have more administrative work with local variation like a permanent Alameda County pilot.

**Next Steps:** With a vote to support legislation to remove the sunset from AB 833 Alameda County Child Care Pilot, the ECE Planning Council will endorse County sponsorship of 2020 legislation to remove the sunset and encourage a state elected official to author the legislation on our behalf.