



**ALAMEDA COUNTY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2020**

Steering Committee Members Present: [18]			
Katie Honegger	Erica Harrell	Jessica Blakemore	Melanie Mueller
Kym Johnson	Victoria Porell	Nancy Harvey	Kelly O'Lague Dulka
Nanette Gray	Makinya Ward	Jennifer Cabán	Julie Nicholson
Alexandra Boskovich	Ana Del Aguila	Vincent Cheng	LaWanda Wesley
Neva Bandelow	Darlene Johnston		
Steering Committee Members Absent: [7]			
Briana Brown	Tiffany Rose Naputi Lacsado	Nancy Strohl (on leave)	Yesenia Chavez
Susan Morris	Kristina Adams	Michele Stillwell-Parvensky	
General Members & Visitors Present: [6]			
Trisha Barua (Oakland Starting Smart and Strong)	Ana Rasquiza (First 5)	Noni Galloway (Parent)	Clarissa Doutherd (Parent Voices)
Shruti Agarwal (Shruti's Family Day Care)	Michele Rutherford (First 5)	Mitchell Gorospe (Community Member)	
Early Care & Education Program Staff Present: [5]			
Anna Miera	Angela Cabrera	Mara Goby	Sujatha Ganesasankar
Ellen Dektar			

Action Items:

- The ECE Program Team is looking for photos of ECE programs and children to use in the upcoming Needs Assessment, in Weekly Email Blasts, and for other purposes. If you would like to share photos with us, please send them to Mara Goby at mara.goby@acgov.org.

Notes:

I. Call to Order & Announcements

- Katie Honegger called the meeting to order and facilitated introductions.
- Anna Miera, Program Specialist with Alameda County's ECE Program, will be leaving to join First 5 Alameda County.

II. Consent Calendar

- Approve the September 18, 2020 Meeting Agenda and July 17, 2020 Minutes
 - The Chair called for a motion to approve the agenda and minutes, Kym Johnson motioned and LaWanda Wesley seconded.
 - The motion passed with one abstention from Vincent Cheng.

III. Planning Council Business

- Approve 2020 School Age Zip Code Priorities
 - Anna Miera provided an overview of the updated school age zip code priorities, which is an annual state requirement.
 - The Chair called for a motion to approve the school age zip code priorities, Jenn Cabán motioned and Nanette Gray seconded. The motion passed with no abstentions.
- Approve Recommendation of New Planning Council Members to Board of Supervisors/County Superintendent of Schools
 - The Executive Committee proposed that three new Planning Council members, Shruti Agarwal, Noni Galloway, and Trisha Barua, be recommended to the Board of Supervisors/County Superintendent of Schools.

- The Chair called for a motion to approve the recommendation of new members, Melanie Mueller motioned and Makinya Ward seconded. The motion passed with no abstentions.
- Approve the 2020-21 Public Policy Platform
 - The Public Policy Committee proposed changes to the Public Policy Platform, including a focus on addressing the impact of COVID-19. The Platform is developed annually to guide the LPC's positions on federal, state, and local policy.
 - The Chair called for a motion to approve the 2020-21 Public Policy Platform, Nanette Gray motioned and Alex Boskovich seconded. The motion passed with no abstentions.

IV. Presentations & Discussion

- Raising Anti-Racist Children: Intersection of Racial Equity and Early Childhood
 - LaWanda Wesley discussed the importance of addressing racial equity from a young age and shared resources to help the ECE field understand the intersection of race, identity, and early childhood.
 - Members engaged in discussion based on the presentation and discussed how the Planning Council can continue to engage on these topics.
- Update on Alameda County Office of Education Inclusion Efforts
 - Alameda County Office of Education applied for State IIEEP grants along with 6 districts and community based-organizations and received \$6.6 million in funding.
 - Grants will be used for inclusive classrooms, high quality professional development, curriculum, adaptive equipment, facilities remodeling and renovation, and new facilities.
 - Members can contact Neva Bandelow at nbandelow@acoe.org for more information.
- Update on Needs Assessment Framework and Next Steps
 - The LPC Needs Assessment is a State-mandated process to summarize ECE data across the county; the last Needs Assessment was conducted in 2006.
 - This year's Needs Assessment will be conducted in conjunction with the Quality Counts Needs Assessment.
 - To provide feedback on the process, LPC members can attend meetings on October 8th, November 12th, and December 10th from 10-11:30am. Please email Mara Goby at mara.goby@acgov.org for more information.
- Update on Alameda County Emergency Child Care Response Team
 - The Team is currently focused on supporting school-age child care.
 - The Health Heroes program, which matches student nurses with child care providers for public health support, is still running and accepting new providers who are interested.

V. Communications and Correspondence

- Letter to Board of Supervisors regarding rolling over County COVID subsidy funds
 - Ellen Dektar provided an overview of the letter, which focused on rolling over funding that was provided to ensure that children of essential workers had care.
- County Letter to Legislature on Importance of Subsidized Child Care Pilot
 - Ellen Dektar provided an overview of the letter and shared that efforts to renew the Subsidized Child Care Pilot are ongoing.

VI. Committee Reports

- Committee reports for the Executive, Public Policy, Quality Advisory, and State Contractors Committees were included in the meeting materials.

VII. Community and Staff Reports

- Alameda County Children's Health and Child Care Initiative
 - A recent ruling on Proposition C in San Francisco provides a strong precedent for Measure C, but it is currently unclear how the Measure C case will proceed and when funds will be collected.

- Parent Voices Oakland
 - Parent Voices is actively working to support efforts on Measure C, including beginning to develop the Advisory Committee in collaboration with First 5.
 - On September 26, Parent Voices is holding an Oakland City Council Candidate Forum to discuss early childhood education and wraparound services. More information [here](#).
- Planning Council Coordinator’s Report – State Budget and Policy
 - An overview of recent federal and state budget and policy updates was shared after the meeting. Members can join the Public Policy Committee to learn more.

VIII. Adjournment

- The Chair adjourned the meeting.