



“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:

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| Jennifer Greppi-Freitas | 4 C’s/Parent Voices |
| Diana Engel | Steering Committee |
| Carol Thompson | CCPC/Co-Chair Public Policy Child Care Links |

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Planning Council Staff: Ellen Dektar, Sara Bonetti

I. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- The Planning Council has started recruitment of new members. Ellen distributed the application so that we can all spread the word. It was also suggested to get in touch with those who submitted applications last year.

II. Report Out from State Contractors, Community Development and Funding, other CCPC Committees

- State Contractors did not meet last month.
- Ellen reported on the work done by LINCC in the past few months and in particular on the increase in interest in the idea of crowdsourcing for child care. This triggered a discussion on several strategies to increase and/or raise funding for child care. Ellen announced that First Five Alameda will be hosting an event on how to create local sustainable funding measures for children, youth and families (in September) to which attendees responded with a lot of interest.

III. Review, Discuss and Possibly Take Action on State and/or Federal Legislation and Final State Budget

Updates were given on the state budget, which was signed by Governor Brown on June 27. Main points:

- Everybody feels relieved that after so many years of cuts this year’s budget was a balanced one.
- The budget also provides for \$25 million in new money and none of the anticipated cuts to the quality funds.
- Backfill for Federal Sequestration - the Budget backfills an estimated \$15.9 million of federal sequestration reductions with a like amount of General Fund as follows: \$11.1 million for General Child Development programs, \$4.2 million for Alternative Payment programs, and \$0.6 million for Migrant Day Care programs. This should mean about 300 additional slots in Alameda County.
- The budget continues the Annual Family Program Fee.

IV. Review and Respond to Federal Administration for Children and Families Regulations

- Sara presented on the new CCDF Regulations, which are open to public comment until August, 5th. There was a discussion on how to present the comments to the whole council and the need to distinguish between which are current California law and which are not. The consensus was



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that the Council should comment on the regulations that align with the Planning Council's platform and with the Policy recommendations for subsidized child development programs that were developed by the State Contractors Committee.

V. Review and modify CCPC Retreat Goals for Public Policy and Develop 13-14 Action Plan: including communications, Health, Exchange and environmental health

- The communication strategy needs to be developed in September.
- Attendees expressed interest in having the Public Policy Committee work with the State Contractor's Committee on the activity "collect, analyze, and disseminate data by city and legislative district" that is part of the State Contractors' action plan for 2013-14

VI. Develop August Agenda, Adjourn

- Work on Communication Strategy

Next Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2013 6:30pm **4Cs Hayward**



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