



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
October 6, 2014
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“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:

Daryl Hanson	Community Member	Rory Darrah	Consultant
Linda Olivenbaum	EBAEYC	Carol Thompson	Co-Chair, Steering Committee member, Child Care Links
Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Jennifer Greppi	4Cs of Alameda County

Angie Garling, Ellen Dektar, ECEPC Staf

I. Announcements

- Two former ECEPC Steering Committee members are running for school board-- Janet Zamudio in San Lorenzo, and Julie Sinai in Berkeley.
- The Tri City nonprofit alliance is having a ribbon cutting on Thursday
- Senator Steinberg is having a press conference at the Emeryville CDC
- Expending Title IV-E funds for foster parents is difficult. They are entitled to \$350 monthly for six months. The short duration of funds is problematic. APs are also not receiving referrals. The CalWORKs work group has requested meetings with Sara Wales at SSA. Past trainings with Resource and Referral staff highlighted the importance of approach re: child development information. *Jennifer offered to research the data on requests and expenditures.*
- The 4Cs and Child Care Links Alternative Payment programs are now processing CalFRESH applications for child care providers; CalFRESH is currently only reaching 55% of people in the County who are eligible. This program can save families \$300-\$500 monthly.

II. Committee Updates

State Contractors:

The group is trying to improve the accuracy data on subsidized programs, so that, for example, we will not have to use 2013 enrollment data for 2015 estimates; starting this month they will survey providers.

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

See California Department of Education bulletin (attached) for overview of major new funds available and timing.



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Alameda County is expected to receive 340 news slots from new state preschool money; Kidango applied for 175 slots and Berkeley/Albany YMCA applied for 102 slots to stabilize their funding.

Federal Preschool Expansion Funds:

- \$13,500 annually for a year of full day care for 4 year olds under 200% poverty;
- Programs must pay staff on par with K12 teachers;
- Title 5=240% of poverty;
- A member commented that community college programs are good targets for this funding because they serve students and they have unionized staff
- A program can be new
- Teachers must have BA degrees
- Funds can also support enhancement (part day to full day)
- Children with IEP
- Alameda County was 12/195 applicants chosen in CA!

IV. Debrief on ECE priorities from retreat and Strategize on Corresponding Public Policy Action Plan Recommendations

Retreat recommendations included LCFF outreach and advocacy, prioritizing obtaining state funds for 0-3 year olds. The Committee will identify a specific workplan in November.

V. Update on School District Efforts

This item was not addressed.

VI. Possible Action to Develop message and Schedule for Board of Supervisors Visits/Outreach

This item was not addressed.

VII. November Agenda

TBD

Next Meeting: Monday, November 3, 2014 6:30pm **4Cs Hayward**
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