



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
January 12, 2015
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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	Melinda Martin	ACOE, Consultant
Jennifer Greppi	4Cs	Carol Thompson	Co-Chair, Steering Committee
Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member

Ellen Dektar, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

- Peoples Task Force is meeting 1/23 with \$20 gift card for parents who can share their experience with Alameda County Social Services;
- Per the California Resource and Referral Network:
 Here’s the link and description about the public comment for the *Caring for Our Children Basics*.
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/12/18/2014-29649/caring-for-our-children-basics>
 - **ACF is requesting public comment on a voluntary set of minimum health and safety standards for early care and education settings titled, “*Caring for Our Children Basics*.”**
 - Health and safety have been identified in multiple parent surveys as the most important factors to consider when evaluating child care options. Health and safety standards provide the foundation on which states and communities build a solid system of early care and education. Yet, states vary widely in the number and content of health and safety standards as well as how they monitor compliance with these standards. The proposed model standards are called “Caring for our Children Basics.” They represent the minimum standards experts believe must be in place wherever children are regularly cared for in non-parental care settings. These are minimum standards and should not be construed to represent all standards that would need to be present to achieve the highest quality of care and early learning. **Comment deadline – February 17, 2015**
- San Francisco recently presented their Preschool for All experience to an Oakland planning group (see attached)
- The County is going to be picking back up work to plan for children in disasters, and the child care field may be hearing about this again
- The County’s Green Child Care Kick Off was a success
- The State Department of Education has been encouraging the resource and referral agencies to promote information about all types of child care, including Head Start and Title 5 contractors

II. Updates from ECEPC Committees:

- State Contractors
 YMCA of Central Bay will be serving toddlers in their center below Cal State East Bay though



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III. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Budget and Legislation

- The Governor's Budget was introduced on Friday and there were no major ece proposals beyond a COLA.
- Alternative Payments agencies (Aps) didn't get COLA last year but have one in this budget;
- Increased funding from last year for new spaces was continued.
- The Committee discussed infant care. If the legislature invested new funds in infant care, they would need to also fund facilities, teachers with the right units, availability for families above the Head Start/ poverty eligibility level; vouchers and contract; there was general support for the idea of giving parents Alternative Payment vouchers (so they could have more flexibility to find infant toddler care) and three hour a day/early care and education program access.
- Legislatively, CAPP will be working on an electronic data bill.

III. School District Work

Staff met with San Leandro administrator who definitely sees the prek-12 continuum and is interested in expanding access at San Leandro elementary schools. They would also like to meet with Hayward and San Lorenzo administrators about maximizing Local Control Funding Formula through new ece initiatives or building off new initiatives to connect them with ece (school health centers, parent outreach coordinators, etc.)

IV. Next Meeting Items

TBD

Next Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2015 6:00 pm **4Cs Hayward**



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