



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
November 3, 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	Melinda Martin	ACOE, Consultant
Linda Olivenbaum	EBAEYC	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee
Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member
Franca Cioria	Steering Committee Member	Rowena Hartell Walker	Mills College student

Angie Garling, Ellen Dektar, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

- OUSD is hiring a Deputy Director of ECE for preschools and TK
- Berkeley hosted 1 of 15 national community conversations on young children’s issues
- EBAEYC—conference February at Chabot Science Center, on STEM activities
- Marcy Whitebook the workforce expert has an upcoming national teleconference on a new report, which we should anticipate, and identify corresponding local responses and strategies
- Sacramento social policy professor with child at Aquatic Preschool did wages benefits survey of seven Berkeley preschools and found no two had similar models; some had health but lower paid assistants; average pay was \$17/hour
- The County needs ECCERS assessors; with the QRIS block grant, assessors will be needed to help programs access additional funding, Only 11/130 rated so far in Alameda County; CLAS has more “reliable” people who are available
- Berkeley will require QRIS of city subsidized programs; this may reduce supply, Ephesians, Bahia, Nia House are among the current recipients

II. Committee Updates

- ECE Committee will meet on November 13 or 14, and every other month, with discussion topics to include English Language Learners, Quality, and Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- State Contractors: QRIS block grant
- Enrollment and Eligibility: as of July 1 there is a new family fee instituted by the Child Development Division with stakeholder pressure. It will negatively impact Title 5 programs and cause them to lose



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money; more children will not get full day rate; couldn't be foreseen; how to proceed will be delicate; have to wait a year. Will have to go back to under earning.

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

Angie attended the Sacramento "Water cooler" conference that supports statewide ece information sharing and discussion. The state funds for 1,000 infant toddler care slots restoration was still accepting applications. People are reluctant to request funds because of the low reimbursement rate.

Minimum Wage impact on ece: YMCA internally increased below minimum wage employees to minimum wage so the gap narrowed; City of Oakland will increase the wage to \$12.25 starting March next year. Berkeley increased the minimum wage in October, 2014 to \$10 per hour, will increase to \$11/ hour in 2015 and \$12.53 in October, 2016.

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

- Rate increase: use minimum wage work to fuel advocacy
- Local Control Funding Formula/School District partnerships will include TK and LCFF
- Roll 0-3 work into over all work
- Benefit coordination with ece pilot: ece programs might be able to obtain administrative funds for client enrollment in certain public benefits like CalFresh; *is there opportunity for us to look at the five largest ece centers and do outreach to families; do Head Start centers do this automatically?* CalWORKS benefits would not be applicable. *Jenna offered to research whether there are national models for ece/other benefit coordination and enrollment. Check with state contractors.*
- CEL reinstatement a lower priority

V. December Agenda

TBD

Next Meeting: Monday, December 1, 2014 6:30 pm **4Cs Hayward**



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