



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
January 14, 2013
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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:

Ray Black	CCPC
Jennifer Greppi	Co-Chair/4Cs
Robin Michel	CCPC/Co-Chair Public Policy
Melinda Martin	Consultant
Lisa Erickson	Every Child Counts

Julie Nicholson	Mills College
Rory Darrah	Consultant

Planning Council Staff: Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling

I. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

Parent Voices is having a Knowledge is Power event in February. Jennifer will forward the information. First Five has a new Facebook page.

Julie is documenting a Transitional Kindergarten (TK)/OUSD learning community with teachers. TK had been capped at 22 students per teacher but now is enrolling 28 children per teacher. If these children had been in OUSD child development programs they actually would have been enrolled in kindergarten but their classes would have a broader range of ages.

Angie recently heard an update on Abbott schools in New Jersey. Because of a legal settlement, they have high quality preschools with 15 children per class. Private programs receive \$14,000 annually per child.

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

The QRIS Task Force is 25-30 people. 20 programs will be rated by the end of June. They are discussing issues such as how to define high need and incentives. There will be four case managers including Neva Bandelow (Planning Council), Tanya Smith (First Five), Maryann Doane (First Five) and Erin Freschi (First Five).

III. Review, Discuss and Possibly Take Action on State and/or Federal Legislation And Budget Including Realignment, State Initiatives (Early Learning Challenge Grant), Budget

The budget has basically spared child care programs for now and consists of shifts, a local Medi-Cal for child care swap possibility, and a state Department of Social Services realignment task force. There is emerging information and concern about destabilizing the Cal-SAFE program.



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The Planning Council should thank the Governor for sparing child care from additional cuts, and express concern about cumulative cuts, and our desire to retain child care in Department of Education.

There will be a \$3 million quality fund cut to eliminate the ARRA bubble. The total CDBG Quality budget is currently \$26 million, with \$3.3 million supporting Local Planning Councils and \$18.68 million supporting the resource and referral agencies.

At the federal level there is word that President Obama will introduce a national preschool funding stream.

Staff will arrange visits with Planning Council members and new elected officials including Wiecowski, Bonta, and Quirk.

IV. Legislative Breakfast

TBD and coordinated with 4Cs, First Five and others.

V. Develop February Agenda, Adjourn

The agenda should include a final budget letter, state legislative breakfast, legislator visits, K-12 funding, and the state Social Services task force and Medicaid swap issue.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 4, 2013 6:30pm **Every Child Counts**



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