



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**December 1, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

*“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	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee
Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member
Franca Cioria	Steering Committee Member	Carol Thompson	Co-Chair, Steering Committee
Rory Darrah	Consultant	Judy Kriege	BANANAS

*Angie Garling, Ellen Dektar, ECEPC Staff*

**I. Announcements**

- Reiteration that 4Cs and Child Care Links are now offering clients CalFresh (via a Food Bank contract which is partnering with cbos)
  - People can qualify up to 200% of poverty now,
  - Can apply the first 5 days of the month;
  - Goal is to have 20 approved applications a month
  - Trying to determine whether ece providers qualify based on their low salaries
- Tri Valley Nonprofit Poverty Elimination Alliance: Haggerty, Swalwell, Buchanan attended (will ask for clerical support)
- Tri Valley/ Contra Costa County Poverty Initiative is also meeting: 2 Kaiser representatives; direct service (food is not identified as a major need in the Tri-Valley area)

**II. Committee Updates**

- State Contractors: honored Sheila Jordan.

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

- New CCDBG Regulations: follow up through County process to increase funding at federal level; *we should advocate to increase funding for these new requirements*
  - 2 levels of CDBG: Discretionary requires annual approval vs. mandatory which is automatic
  - Federal staff have said if there is not sufficient funding for CCDBG regulation implementation, serve fewer children



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- CA is good on fingerprinting and background checks relative to other states
- There will be more Prop 98 (education) funds next year at the state level and, fewer non prop 98 funds so it will be harder to fund whatever is not state preschool and requires ongoing funds; *it would be helpful to have proposals about local priorities for this type of funding*
- Problem 1: California State Preschool (CSPP) expansion funds; Los Angeles and Alameda County and San Francisco and Santa Clara received zero funds from the recent CSPP budget expansion; formula measured against census; smallest counties got enough for 24 children; San Bernardino got \$6 million out of \$35 million available. \$66/\$67 million total restoration funds were distributed....and CDE couldn't give last million away thinking CSPP saturated; our state contractors group said given the time to identify locations and teachers they could expand (Livermore, some areas of Oakland). *State needs to give people time (vs. 1 month lead time).*
  - CDE later revised criteria to say first priority for the funds was counties with highest need, and second was counties who didn't get the first round (?).
- Problem 2: Insufficient notice from CDE to state contractors resulting in the \$15 million the state lost through parent fees being put back into contracts. Middle of year now makes it difficult to modify contracts.
  - Administrative/Legislative Intent:? Angie can comment more after Friday phone call; fee money should not have come back into contracts but be to add onto restoration;

*Therefore: State Contractors says to document impact of budget on local providers and try to put in legislative language in the future that minimizes administrative snafus that result in underspending funds.;*

2-3 more contracts expected:

- Potential 2015 Legislation, some of which has been suggested to Bonta:
  - QRIS Block Grant clean up legislation:
  - Allow infant toddler expenditures from \$15-\$20 million QRIS block grant from last budget (Problem: except would mix prop 98 and non prop 98)
  - Increase from half day to full day slots; so need to increase rate (on restoration the first priority was for full day, then making full day)
  - County block grant around slots—allow County Planning Council to decide AP, CCTR, AP, Center based slot distribution. *Angie proposes creating a formula for preschool/infant/AP expansion (LPC did it in 95, that's why SSA has CAP contract; only with new funds); currently can switch infant toddler/preschool contract; Chabot could currently open infant toddler with preschool funds (can use their federal funds to do this).*



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- Deleon sponsor a union bill for family child care;
- The new two legislative leaders have low socio-economic family backgrounds
- Women's caucus has renewed their (poverty) focus—24 hour care, odd hour care....this could help AP
- Parent Voices priorities include: waiting list and SMI (Bonta) and CCDBG (yearly) updated numbers which may help

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

LCFF Outreach Should Focus on 4 districts with lowest performance on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading: Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Hayward

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- 1) San Leandro (Pauline Cutter); Davis Street medical center doing a lot of work, good opportunity for coordination
- 2) Jennifer Greppi: San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley all really need subsidy money; Hayward needs full day care; fcc network in Hayward (one attendee says Hayward currently has the necessary funds)

*Children Now rating LCAPs: 1-3 (1-mention ece) to 3 (a big part of their plan);*

*New Superintendent should be asked for information regarding LCFF content*

**V. January Agenda**

This item was not discussed.

<b>Next Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2015 6:30 pm **4Cs Hayward**</b>
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