



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**February 3, 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:*

Jennifer Greppi	4Cs of Alameda County	Melinda Martin	Consultant
Rory Darrah	Consultant	Jenna Churchman	Steering Committee Member
Linda Olivenbaum	CAEYC	Gayle Larson	Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan
Robin Michel	Outgoing Co-Chair		

*Planning Council Staff:* Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling

**I. Announcements**

- Berkeley and SF will have soda taxes on their ballots
- New NBC report on centers and notifications about violations; San Jose provider had been cited 8 times; feds are withholding child care money until they are online. RR Network has a response. DSS reportedly responded it would cost \$20,000 and more than 2 years to make violations information electronically available.
- Ashland Youth Center will offer part time 3 hour day program during peak youth center hours for children 6 weeks to 36 months based on Early Head Start model. It will be license exempt because parents will be on site and use it less than 15 hours a week. It will hopefully have regular children Mondays-Wednesdays and Tuesdays-Thursdays and plans to use interns from Chabot and ROP. Linda recommended hiring mentor teacher.

**II. Committee Updates**

State Contractors discussed TK legislation and mental health consultation. Mental health needs are compounded by recession.

**III. Review, Discuss, and Possibly Take Action on Local, State and/or Federal Legislation and Budget including: waive parent fees, transitional kindergarten proposal, local approaches to supporting ece**

Legislation:

- Assemblyman Bonta will introduce a bill to waive parent fees for part day preschool which were instituted in last year’s budget negotiations. CCDAA is the official sponsor. Since part day preschool parents don’t have to have to demonstrate “need” to attend, many may not be working and be poorer than full day families.



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SB 837:

- Parent Voices wants more information and more children to have care;
- CCDAA has alternative;
- Whether teachers must be unionized is unclear-- yes if a school is paying for the care, but charter schools aren't unionized so would child development centers apply for charter status? St. Vincent's had it. Who do you grieve to ...and a center might have only 2 employees on site who are unionized; we should look at New Jersey model for how it could work with "mixed delivery system"; the state paid for professional development.
- Actual reimbursement numbers; \$6,300 for full day, 2 3 hour sessions? How does this compare to typical teacher day.
- What's the school district capacity to initiate these programs with new focus on Common Core?
- Recent LA Times article said if anything it should be targeted to low income
- How would it play out with Alternative Payment (AP) programs: if 4 year old wants to stay in Lil Angels? They don't have to go to TK? AP doesn't allow 5 year old to be paid for private k. *Have Goldman IPA project review.*
- Who is going to pay for BA for teachers. A: \$6300 could be tapped but there is not a mandate to have school district pay for them. Local First 5? How is Head Start approaching?
- Student teaching is part of a credential so TK staff should allow them to do teaching to get credit for credential.
- Montessori: concern about solo age (4 year olds) in TK because they have mixed age classrooms.

It is estimated that 16,000-20,000 students don't go to kindergarten statewide since it is not mandatory.

Budget:

- The main ece budget hearing will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Federal:

- SNAP—\$8.6 billion cut through changes to heat and eat program; statewide approximately 300,000 households could lose \$62/month in benefits or an estimated 9,800 Alameda County households would lose between \$60-\$90 a month. The State could avoid these cuts with legislative action. ARRA SNAP cuts from November 1 are still in effect = \$29 a month for a family of 3. SNAP based on \$1.70 - \$2/meal.

**IV. Legislative Breakfast Plans and Discussion**

Save the Date will be sent out. Ashland Youth Center would be great location. With changes in California's federal delegation we are losing real champions for kids; *we should thank them and ask them for advice about how to maintain the advocacy at the federal level.*

**V. Develop March Agenda, Adjourn**

This item was not discussed but budget and legislative discussions will continue



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



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