



“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
Linda Olivenbaum	EBAEYC
Darlene Johnston	Little Mud Puddles
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

ACECPC is organizing a parent forum for June with a goal of increasing parent voice in public policy decision making.

EBAEYC is hosting a speaker, Jose Orozco, this Saturday at Chabot from 9-12. The CAEYC conference will have a public policy booth with post cards in March in San Jose.

PACE Policy Day at Capitol 2/27 (Probably re: budget and CalWORKS)

II. Report out from state contractors, other CCPC announcements

ECE Committee: QRIS and AB 212 proposal overview.

State Contractors: Contract monitoring review guide being reviewed. E-Rate encouragement for up to 90% discount on phone and internet bills.

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

State

3 bills sponsored by CDE Child Development: make family fee easier to administer; reward contractors who administer contract well vs. others; educate families coming through voucher system so know what their dollar can buy (eg, child development programs) (*Staff should get reaction to this proposal from AP and Resource and Referral Programs.*)

Assemblywoman Skinner’s Office Has Asked Us to Support 2 Bills:

- Governor is saying via Prop 39 all energy funds will be spent on schools
- Ammunition regulatory the way they regulate guns



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Realignment: how do we frame this: don't put it in the mix, eg, why not child support; or why push things to County level. One reason for the proposal to swap child care for Medicaid might be the funding level similarity.

Report out from Bay Area County Legislative Forum: Assembly people Buchanan and Stone were great; Stone compared charging fees in child care with charging fees in public education and said the public would not tolerate charging fees for public school unlike child care. A member noted that child care programs have always had fees assessed but the recent state budget changes expand their application to part day programs.

CalWORKs: Stage 1,2,3 changes in caseload. *Ask Alternative Payment programs whether caseload shifts impact families at the local level.*

CalSAFE was made part of Tier 3 several years ago. Now perhaps the concern, especially by Southern California counties, is that Tier 3 is eliminated.

Children Now has in house school funding formula expert. How would it impact after school programs and urban districts. Districts will have to have advisory councils to advise them on new fund expenditures. It's reported they could get 10 fold increase in funding. *CCPC could advocate within the County for districts to spend more on child care with future funding. It should try to understand more, and then formulate specific goals. Robin will forward a presentation on the formula. It could be a way to advocate for a better infant toddler rate for infants. Julie will also bring more information next time.*

IV. Legislative Breakfast

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

V. Develop March Agenda, Adjourn

Budget and legislative staff breakfast plans!

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