



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
February 2, 2015
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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
Jennifer Greppi	4Cs	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee
Rory Darrah	Consultant	Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member
Linda Olivenbaum	East Bay AEYC		

Ellen Dektar, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

- March 4th—EBAEYC—is having a Sacramento event
- Assemblyman Tony Thurmond is reportedly interested in ece
- Term limit changes now makes it possible for state elected representatives to have 12 year terms, so cultivating relationships will be important

II. Updates from ECEPC Committees:

- ECE—Julie Nicholson reviewed a group teacher training for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and pre and 1st grade teachers together; most k and 1st teachers don’t have child development training, and Principals may not have understanding either; the group discussed how to get school districts involved and how to support teacher acquisition of 24 child development units between now and 2020;

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal and State Budget and Legislation

State

- State First 5 received an Early Head Start partnership grant and CCTR money and oversees 150 slots
- 1/18 Deleon kick off on big child care bill: will address collective bargaining, vouchers, staff development
- AB 188: Increases rate for Alternative Payment Programs; *ECEPC would support it, but we’d like to see 3% added on to others as well; will vote at next Public Policy meeting*
- Senator Mitchell introduced SB 23, a bill eliminating the Maximum Family Grant (MFG) rule for CalWORKs. MFG restricts cash assistance to any child born into a family where any parent was a recipient of CalWORKs ten months before the child’s birth. Roughly 3,900 children in Alameda County are on MFG status; the child can get cc but no cash grant

Federal: President’s Budget



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- Doubles programs for children under 4; not limited to preschool
- \$100 million for child care pilots for working families? Non-traditional hours or partnership grants or CalWORKs;
- Dependent tax credit; helps families that don't get near a subsidy; but not refundable; DCAPs wouldn't qualify for this; Jenna thought some local data could be available
- A little EHS expansion to 6 hours (currently 3);
- Preschool development grant increase to 40 states from 18

Child Care/adult food: up for reauthorization this year?: Child care food program requirements being changed; YMCA uses it; 4Cs running it for family child care homes.

ESEA up for renewal, Kim Relph contact, includes preschool funding (Title I probably)

IV. 2015 Legislative Staff Appreciation Breakfast Purpose and Logistics

- March 18 or 25
- REACH Is too small; Reserve the old First Five or Alameda First Five??
- FOCUS: care and education for working parents in programs
- What the Planning Council is doing
- State budget as overriding context? Add how much we've lost onto chart of main funding stream
- Data
 - Could be from earn is save it keep it
 - Or max family grant/grant sizes/SSA does visuals....CalWORKs/federal poverty...
 - *Or SSA one pager on poverty better*
- 3 or 4 topics: (geared to new families); poverty, cc subsidies, wages
- TK—and what we're doing
- Hand out on state legislation; take positions next Public Policy Meeting
- Poverty, education and ece

V. School District Work

- HUSD Director wants a child development program on every site but space is a limitation
- SLUSD: can refer children to Davis Street or tap into Kidango funds

VI. Next Meeting Items

TBD

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2015 6:00 pm **4Cs Hayward**



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