



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Public Policy Committee**  
**March 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
Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member
Linda Olivenbaum	CAEYC	Judy Kriege	Steering Committee Member
Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Carol Thompson	Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member
		Rory Darrah	Consultant

*Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling, ECEPC Staff*

**I. Announcements**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> EBAEYC Conference at Chabot
- Raising California Together is a union related coalition. Torlakson and Chan are involved.

**II. Committee Updates**

- State Contractors: Reviewed a proposal to simplify family fee structure. It’s a good idea conceptually but difficult to simplify. Some thought it could be unfair to families with fluctuating schedules. They are also doing a Title 5 workforce survey.
- ECE Committee: QRIS focused; 100 programs will be enrolled by next Fall. Neva’s Developing Teacher course uses the ECEPC Quality Statement and gets staff to think about why they are doing things certain ways and to understand how they can control pedagogic philosophy in their classroom. It helps programs lay the groundwork to be involved in CLASS.

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

- AB 1454—Require annual visits for community care facilities.  
*The Committee voted to recommend ECEPC support for this bill.*  
Pros: health and safety of kids will increase  
Cons: may increase fees or fines for providers, or be done in an adversarial manner vs. a spirit of improvement and partnership



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There are other Community Care Licensing related bills that are being tracked by the County Welfare Director's Association (CWDA) that we can review after their March meeting.

- SB 837-Adds year of Transitional Kindergarten to elementary schools

Questions:

If you have an AP voucher can you stay in your private program vs. TK? Currently AP vouchers fund full time kindergarten (wrap around).

Jennifer distributed the Resource and Referral Network letter which analyzed TK proposals compared to existing ece programs and made recommendations for different program features, like ratios.

Political: will probably happen but not be universal;

Philosophically: will this part day program really expand access to quality care?

Pro: many children currently don't have any ece options

- Some current Title 5 programs aren't quality programs
- If we support, need to emphasize teacher quality. SB 837 is a strategy to get higher salaries for ece but it's easier for k-12 teachers to move down to qualify and obtain 24 ece units than it is for preschool teachers to move up and obtain credentials and bachelors degrees
- If TK is core funding, 5-6 funding streams could provide wrap around; credentialed could leave and aide could stay and bring on more staff; transition; transportation; family support
- HUSD programs are half day like TK and they are fully enrolled
- Kindergarten is half day and doesn't meet the full time needs of working families, either

Con: it complicates issues for families that need full day child care

- It will grow Prop 98 and be a major cost, so General Fund may be squeezed
- Families really need full day (but use half day because it's better than nothing)
- Title 5 child development programs provide a range of family supports for low income families that are not available in TK as proposed
- Some think \$3.5 billion is a closer estimate of cost —eg—much higher than first estimated

*Recommendation: Write Steinberg a letter similar to the RR Network: thank him for leadership and note key areas to resolve; ask for full restoration of \$1 billion cut since 98; fill current shortcomings. Point out shortcomings as anti-poverty bill and recommend better strategies*

- AB 2302 (Mullin)- makes changes to Department of Education Revolving Loan Fund funding and uses. Probably a good bill but it is being amended so we will review at next meeting.
- SB 1123 (Liu)—Companion to TK bill for young children  
Philosophically it sounds good  
Will it be part day or full day?



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**IV. Legislative Breakfast Plans and Discussion**

Little time was spent on this item.

**V. Develop April Agenda, Adjourn**

<b>Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2014 6:30pm **4Cs Hayward**</b>
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