



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
April 7, 2014
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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:

		Melinda Martin	Consultant
Leah Goldsmith	Steering Committee Member	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member
Gayle Larson	Assemblywoman Buchanan	Daryl Hanson	YMCA of the East Bay
Diana Engel	Steering Committee Member	Carol Thompson	Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member
Margaret Jerene	First Five, Steering Committee Member	Rory Darrah	Consultant
Clarissa Doutherd	Parent Voices, Steering Committee Member	Robin Michel	SLUSD, consultant

Sara Bonetti, Angie Garling, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

- Rory announced Early Oakland campaign to increase school district enrollment in child development centers.
- Angie announced interest meeting about EHS child care partnership

II. Committee Updates

- State contractors: mainly reported on the conversation around new fee schedule
- Eligibility and enrollment group had a lot of feedback but we should also have CAPP give input

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

AB 2302 (Mullin)

- Take Mullin off (AB2302): they suddenly added tk in it so we should take a pause; this bill is for preK and now it would all go to tk.

Early Start funding advocacy:

- See email from IDA (Infant Development Association policy). Angie asking if the group thinks there is an opportunity to advocate, write a letter. We are just bringing this to the group's attention to test the



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temperature. Early Start: program for early intervention for children with special needs that has been decimated! Birth to 3 yo. Who identifies: providers, pediatricians, etc. This is a federal program which California has augmented.

Options: can take action ourselves and have planning council take action; we can send out to the larger group of people and bring to attention. *Margaret and Robin think we should take action/position above all now that we are early care and education.* There is not much advocacy around this.

Need to get more info first of all. Angie wrote down the names of whom to contact. *We will come back with a fuller picture.*

Community Care Licensing Bills:

We supported AB 1454 but there are many more just for the group's background.

Garcia AB1944:

- Bill to eliminate extra form for parent to fill out when they choose to use AP. Analysis in the agenda package: p. 2. *Carol thinks we should support it just to get rid of this extra form. Carol moves; all approve.*

AB 1879:

This was a fyi to the Committee for a strategy to include a special interest in the LCCF, in this case after school providers if they are on site.

Other bills: SB837: Head Start association comments included. *Email the one from Parent Voices.* Being heard in the senate on Thursday April 10th. There were some changes.

SB1123: has been amended now and also includes eliminating part-day fees. *Send out the more updated version (April 3rd).*

- Email from Ted Lempert: asking to support Common Core.

OUSD has a waiver and can avoid? But individual schools can still choose to use it San Leandro is doing the pilot. Problem with technology and internet connection. They get their bandwidth from ACOE. She noticed positive relationship between teachers and administrators. Lots of professional development. Look into opportunities for Common Core 101.

Suggestion about asking Ted to change the language and make it more appropriate for our field (less cold). Ask for the timeline on this: when do we need to sign in or not.

Jenna suggests having our own statement on common core. *We should bring it to the ECE committee to work on such a statement.*



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- Mandatory K bill and full day K: both Buchanan. The full day K will not go anywhere this year but we need to have a conversation. *Let's bring this back next month and have a focus on K.*
- SF state subsidized provider rally around reimbursement rates. Letter open now for everybody to sign up.
- Clarissa raising the issue of how the campaign on minimum wage will affect child care centers. Obama care also having an impact on centers. There is another issue with the parents not being eligible for child care and other social services if their min wage push them above the eligibility threshold. *Consensus on the letter.*

IV. Debrief from Spring Legislative Staff Breakfast

It went well and was well attended. There are always many new legislative staff every year. Agenda focused on federal, state and local issues with a chart on districts with lowest 3rd grade reading performance.

V. Take Action on Plan for School District Outreach to Promote ECE Expenditures in Local School Funding Formula Plans

LCFF action plan: Parent education will have no more \$ from next year.

Angie asking what is the best way: LCAP meetings and school site council meetings best way to advocate.

School sites meetings: let parents know about them.

What is the best strategy to advocate for ECE: going to LCAP; taking appointment with influential staff members, individual school members, superintendent, hand out a package aside from just doing public comment because then they become part of the record.

Hayward: Melinda suggests to talk to Tina, director of the program there, because the board really supports her. Need to target suggestions.

We need to have a unified message with the county and argue for ECE as important for school climate, children succeeding.

Something similar with similar for each district that we can tweak with individualized info.

San Leandro has new leadership: early intervention, developmental screening,

Identify the local voters

Summer preK camp: \$11,000/classroom funded by First 5.

VI. May Agenda: See items, above.



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Next Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2014 6:30pm **4Cs Hayward**



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