



**Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
May 4, 2015
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:

Jenna Churchman	Steering Committee Member, Committee Co-Chair	Marva Lyons	Steering Committee Member
Carol Thompson	Steering Committee Member, Committee Co-Chair		Steering Committee Member
Diana Engel	Steering Committee member		

Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

- Parent Voices work with SSA is going really well. They will go to the Board of Supervisors to present their work in the near future
- Assemblyman Bonta just had a meeting where he expressed strong interest for early childhood legislation.
- In April, people with prior felonies can get CalWORKs (and ece) from SSA. Caseloads changes should be tracked.

II. Updates from ECEPC Committees

- No updates on this item

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

- The state is having an input session to write a new state plan for the feds. The field generally feels they are not very meaningful but pro forma.
- AB 762—New license category: WATCH/REDISCUSS
 - Toddler ratio and redefinition to make easier for Head Start to align the state with the federal definition. Helps program cater to toddlers.
 - Cons: changes ratios? What’s the interaction with reimbursement rates? *Do a chart and bring back to revisit with full Committee.*
- AB 47—plan for preschool expansion--SUPPORT
 - Maybe it will help with momentum; will combat CDE’s “Saturation” perception with expansion funds could not be drawn down due to timing of application/notice
 - Con: just a report
- AB 188-Efficiencies for Alternative Payment programs--SUPPORT
 - In 1991 the admin rate was 25% and now it’s 17.5% with greater work



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- AB 74—annual licensing
 - Conforms with feds, provides basic protections
 - Con: don't raid quality funds to provide annual visits, quality funds are needed to maintain other quality aspects of the ece system
- Budget Language
 - LPC's hoping to get their pre-restoration amount and expansion funds

IV. 2015 Legislative Staff Appreciation Breakfast Purpose and Logistics

- Rates, slots, quality focus like last year
- Talk about need despite gains
- Karen Monroe introduction
- ECE/School Readiness
- Obama's proposal and EHS/CC
- Clarissa/Efuru
- Leah will handle gifts
- Carol will bring paperwork

V. School District Work

- Oakland is pursuing but Parent Voices has not had the bandwidth to support anywhere else.
- *Ellen talk with school district staff regarding calendars and goals*

VI. Next Meeting Items

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