



Alameda County Child Care Planning Council
Public Policy Committee
July 14, 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:

Jennifer Greppi	4Cs of Alameda County	Jenna Churchman	Co-Chair, Steering Committee Member, SSA
Daryl Hanson	YMCA of the East Bay	Rory Darrah	Consultant
Leah Goldsmith	ECEPC Member	Melinda Martin	Consultant, ACOE

Ellen Dektar, Angie Garling, ECEPC Staff

I. Announcements

Pam Buckholz has retired from 4CS, and Sharon McDavid will be overseeing parent services and Linda Bringman will be overseeing provider services.

PLAN, a parent focused non profit in Oakland, received a significant Kellogg grant to support parent engagement in early childhood programs. *The OUSD Cabinet and PLAN should meet and discuss joint work.*

II. Committee Updates

State Contractors hosted Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner and had a great attendance, including Parent Voices representatives.

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

State Budget Update: \$264 million child care reinvestment if Community Care Licensing increases are included. \$102 million for new slots (7,500 State Preschool full year, part day and wrap slots) plus 4,000 more effective 6/15/15. \$17 million for 1,000 General Child Care and 500 Alternative Payment slots. \$15 million to repeal state preschool fees.

Rate increases of \$69 million for both SRR and RMR starting in January. The 5% SRR increase would raise the rate for preschoolers to \$36.10 which is still less than the Doggie Day Care rate in Alameda County.



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\$50 million is dedicated to the Quality Rating and Improvement System. 80% goes to State Preschool Programs as a reward for achieving 4 or higher on the rating scale. There are no funds to support getting to a 4. 20% goes to workshops, technical assistance, and assessments. \$35 million is set aside for one time expenditures such as \$10 million for the Facilities Renovation and Repair Fund for school district related contractors. We hope it will be allocated to counties based on the number of preschool children served.

SB 837: It is vague but dictates administering mechanism for AB 212 staff stipend funds for Title 5 staff. \$15 million was allocated in the budget, equating to \$5 million a year over 3 years. Restores funding to prior levels plus adds Transitional Kindergarten population which we estimate to be in the range of 120-130 staff including paraprofessionals vs. 800 preschool staff. Does not specify AB 212 but reportedly that is the intent. *Committee voted to recommend Support if Amended to include ECEPC as required consultation position to ECEPC on Friday.* Discussion about prepping community colleges and Professional Development Coordinators for influx of TK staff with bachelors degrees and credentials.

Other budget provisions include repealing the lifetime drug felony ban for CalWORKs and CalFresh – this change will go into effect in April 2015. In addition, the budget increased the CalFresh gross income limit to 200% of poverty – this is especially important in high cost counties like Alameda where families pay more for rent and childcare - and will align income limits with Medi-Cal. Early Start for developmentally delayed children was restored to there is funding to purchase developmental services for them and allowable co pays from Regional Center to private insurance. *State contractors should be notified so they can make appropriate referrals to Regional Center.*

There was a discussion about funding for young children (0-3 year olds) and about the pros and cons of defunding school age care that is contracted by the CA Department of Education and channeling all school age programs through ASES programs. Most people supported ASES absorbing all school age programs and diverting CCTR for 0-3 year olds. Other groups should be consulted including, principals, Bay Area Partnership, Cal SAC, Beatriz Leyva Cutler and EBASE.

IV. August Agenda: TBD

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