

Local Early Education Planning Council of Santa Clara County

Winter Retreat, 1/29/2021; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members Present:

- Antonio Fuentes – SCCOE/Early Learning Services
- Beatriz Pastor, PACCC
- Catherine Boettcher,
- Claudia Paterson,
- Drew Giles - Educare
- Eula Idemoto, FIRST 5 Santa Clara
- Heidi Emberling, JFCS
- Kathy Lincoln, Every Child California
- Jeanette Bellerive
- Jessica Kranz – Go Kids, Inc.
- Kathy Wahl (alt. Elley Ho)
- Kelly Mercurio – SJB Child Development Centers
- Kimmy Nguyen
- Lisa Gianotti, San Jose Public Library
- Lorena Wright – Pacific Intervention Services
- Melissa Hong, FIRST 5 Santa Clara
- Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale Elementary SD
- Sapna Shah – WestEd / E3 Institute
- Terri Kemper, Mountain View Whisman SD
- Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Members Absent:

- Pedro Sousa - Consumer
- Jessica Fraser, Consumer
- KimLien Le (alt. Natalie Allen), Department of Social Services
- Marian Browning, Pacific Oaks College
- Trena Hudson–Davis, Go Kids, Inc.

LPC & JCCC Staff Present:

- Elizabeth Carmona, Administrative Research Assistant
- Michael Garcia, Dir. – Child Care Planning & Support
- Giang Le, AB 212 Program

Meeting Guests:

- Araceli Delgado-Ortiz
- Aaron Duron
- Amy Nguyen
- Andrea Flore Shelton
- Angela Chan
- Angelica Ramos-Allen
- R.E. Buckley
- Carolyn Gray
- Christine Thorsteinson
- Dalenna Hughes
- David Villegas
- Erika Mathur
- Esmeralda Rosales
- George Phillip
- Isabelle LaSalle
- Jolene Smith
- Lupita Alcala
- Lydia Barreras
- Mary Ann Dewan
- Matthew Tinsley
- Mel Kronick
- Melissa Luu
- Melissa Townsend
- Raquel Dietrich
- Veronica Garza

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. LPC Co-Chairs welcomed members and guests and proceeded with ice breaker.

2. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address to the Council

- a. Co-Chairs Heidi and Terri honored Beatriz Pastor for her time on the LPC and thanked her for the partnership over the years.

3. Consent Action Items

- a. None at this time

4. Presentation & Discussions

- a. **Presentation on the January Proposed Budget by [Isabelle LaSalle](#), Senior Field Representative, Assm. Marc Berman, Assembly District 24**

Isabelle LaSalle gave members and guests an overview of the January Proposed Budget, in particular the major early education and child care proposals, including the transition of child care programs from CDE to CDSS effective 2021, \$1 billion in federal COVID relief funds, 1.5% COLA to all child care programs, proposal of \$55 million for child care provider and family pandemic relief in 2020-21 and \$44m in on-going 2021-22 funds for additional child care capacity serving approximately 4,700 more children, \$500 million in Proposition 98 funding to expand Transitional Kindergarten access and more. Ms. Salle also summarized the LAO education budget recommendation, budget timeline and Legislature's priorities.

- b. **Presentation on the California Master Plan for Early Learning and Care by [Lupita Alcalá](#), Director, Education Policy & Outcomes, WestEd**

Lupita Alcalá thanked Michael and the LPC for the invitation to present and gave an overview on the sets of recommendation from the Master Plan organized into 4 goals that drive access, quality, opportunity, and affordability. The four goals include: (1) Programs, which unify and strengthen program and services to support children's learning and development, (2) Workforce; Support children's learning and development by enhancing educator competencies, incentivizing career pathways, and implementing supportive program standard; (3) Funding; unify funding to advance equity & opportunity; and (4) Governance and Administration; streamline early childhood governance and administration to improve equity. Throughout the presentation Ms. Alcalá pointed out additional areas that the LPC may want to consider supporting, including how the LPCs can partner to implement the recommendations to help support regional community needs, in the areas of linguistically and culturally professional development and early learning and care pathways and to develop Shared Service Networks.

- c. **Breakout Session**

Members and guests were assigned to breakout rooms where they gathered initial thoughts on the master plan and answered the following questions: (1) How do you see your organization integrating with/supporting implementation of the master plan? (2) What will be the impact on our programs and the communities we serve?

- d. **Share Out / Initial Reflections**

- i. Broader inclusion of multiple ways childcare is being delivered- paying attention, and funding in: FFN, FCC, CCC
- ii. TK will be a multiple class/spectrum, not just served by School Districts.
- iii. Data piece: initiative to build and integrate data system is great.
- iv. Paying attention to children and all services they need to include education & movement of our programs from CDE into social services is allowing us to do that.
- v. Important to address suspension and expulsion rates
- vi. Formula for reimbursement rates development (room for flexibility) better solution to what we have now
- vii. Important to bring diverse and comprehensive group of folks together to discuss the master plan and its implementation.

5. Closing Comments & Adjourn

LPC Co-Chairs honored FIRST 5 Santa Clara's CEO Jolene Smith for her two decades of leadership in the early childhood arena and ended the meeting in memory of former LPC Co-Chair Kathy Lincoln's husband.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:00 p.m.