

Local Early Education Planning Council of Santa Clara County
 General Meeting, 9/16/2020, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
 Via Zoom

Members Present:

Heidi Emberling, Jewish Family & Children’s Services	Marian Browning, Pacific Oaks College
Kathy Lincoln, Every Child CA	Drew Giles, Educare
Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale Elementary School District	Lisa Giannotti, City of San Jose Public Library
Pedro Sousa, Mission College	Sapna Shah, WestEd/E3 Institute
Wendi Mahaney – Gurahoo, FIRST 5 Santa Clara	Melissa Hong, FIRST 5 Santa Clara County
Cathy Boettcher, California Young World	Kathy Wahl, SCCOE/Inclusion Collaborative
Eula Idemoto, FIRST 5 Santa Clara	Kelly Mercurio, SJB Child Development Centers
Claudia Paterson, San Jose Unified School District / Preschool Program	Terri Kemper/Mountain View Whisman School District
Lisa Lewis-Cogswell (for Beatriz Pastor), PACCC	Natalie Allen (for KimLien Le), Social Services Agency
Kimmy Nguyen	

Members Absent:

Jeanette Bellerive	Trena Hudson-Davis, Go Kids
Antonio Fuentes, SCCOE/Early Learning Services	Jessica Fraser, My Christian Preschool
Jessica Kranz, GoKids	Lorena Wright

LPC & JCCC Staff Present:

Michael Garcia	Elizabeth Carmona
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Meeting Guests:

Nadirah Jones, Child Development Consultant with the Learning Innovation & Improvement Office	Melissa Luu, Social Services Agency
Cipriana Morin Ramos, PACCC	Naoko Harada, De Anza College
Nereyda Hurtado, Grail Family Services	David Villegas, SCCOE/Office of the Superintendent
Linda Leydo, SJBCDC	Pamela Campos
Nabil Shahin, SCCOE	Cynthia Fong-Wan
Amanda Dickey	Esmeralda Rosas
Matthew Tinsley	Carmina Alvarado, Think Together
Deborah Rawson	Ninveh Khoshabian
Nancy Morin	Gerry Lopez
Karin Navarro	Maritza Perez
Debby Barnes	Anne Horgan
Ysenia Arranaga	Mary McDonald
Heather Elston	

1. Welcome & Introductions

- LPC Co-Chairs welcomed LPC members and guests. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Council

- None at this time

3. Consent Action Items

- Approve 8.28.20 LPC Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve: Kathy Lincoln. 2nd: Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo. Motion carries.

4. Presentation & Discussion

- Updates from the California Department of Education / Early Learning & Care Division re: COVID-19 Guidance & Resources
 - Nadirah Jones, Child Development Consultant with the Learning Innovation & Improvement Office shared their new COVID Response [Page](#) and addressed Management Bulletin 20-17. MB 20-17 can be found via this [link](#) and provides direct service CDE, ELCD contractors guidance regarding the requirements for distance learning plans, program quality, and the delivery of distance learning.
 - Deborah Rawson, Child Development Consultant - Santa Clara County encouraged the group to continue to send questions for her to add to a Q&A document (email: drawson@cde.ca.gov), which will later be shared with the group. Ms. Rawson shared that the TA Team will soon release a calendar with trainings for the ECE field to support their work during the pandemic. The first of their Webinar Wednesday is scheduled for mid-October and will be about the recertification process in a virtual place. Her team is also working on training for teachers around quality aspects.
 - Q: Is there going to be reviews this year?
 - A: They are still required by the federal gov't. Their team is putting something together to do virtual reviews. The process is being piloted and agencies that are up for review will be notified shortly.

On July 1, 2021 they will be transitioning over to the Department of Social Services. They have been holding internal meetings with the second stakeholder happening soon- October 29 between 10 and 11:30 am.

- Q: If agency is operating face to face, do they need to submit a plan?
 - A: Deborah does not have a yes or no answer. Instead she advised the group that it is good to have a plan in place as it is a good practice in the event that things get worse.
- Q: If agency offers distant learning and family declines, will the agency lose reimbursement?
 - Deborah is still trying to figure this out. She suggests for agencies to add distant learning language to their policies.
- Q: *If we have families who were enrolled to attend in person for half day CSPP, they never showed, can we issue an NOA to discontinue services or do we need to enroll them in DL. All while not being able to reach parents.*
 - *No answer. Question was forwarded to CDE/Deborah Rawson for an answer.*
- Q: *Did you say we can't disenroll families who decline distance learning? We are completely in distance learning right now.*
 - *Regarding reporting enrollment numbers. Only report attendance if in person. You really don't want to disenroll anyone. Reimbursement is the MRA or expenses, lesser of the two.*

5. Information Items

- LPC Coordinator Updates – Michael Garcia
 - CE Workforce Study
 - The Study will provide important information on the challenges faced by educators due to the COVID-19 pandemic – including health and safety, resources, and economic concerns. Moreover, the Study will help us provide a picture of the California early care and education workforce, which will inform policies that support your needs and those of early educators across the state.
 - Update on the R&R Department
 - The SCCOE is continuing to build up the operations of our brand new Child Care Resource and Referral Program. Our philosophy in building up the R&R Program is to provide every family and provider with what they need to be successful by implementing the SCCOE’s core values of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership.
 - Goals:
 - Every family in Santa Clara County will have access to the information they require to access high-quality early care and education (ECE) that meets their specific needs.
 - The full variety of ECE providers in the county will have access to a R&R system that supports their programmatic and financial success.
- FIRST 5 Commission Updates – Kathy Wahl
 - Tabled for a future date.
- LPC Retreat Debrief / 2020-21 Goal Setting
 - See below.

6. LPC Retreat Debrief / 2020-21 Goal Setting

- Members were assigned to different breakout rooms where they continued their discussions from the retreat around goal settings based on LPC Committees. The goal for the breakout activity was to (1) determine leadership for the committee, (2) schedule a sub-committee meeting date for October, and (3) begin to break down the goal into action steps.
 - LPC RETREAT GOALS
 - [WORKFORCE GOAL] Determine how we can contribute to the UC Berkeley ECE Workforce Study and include the impact of COVID-19.
 - [COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH GOAL] Find ways to connect the LPC website and new Resource & Referral website to house COVID-19-related resources for providers, teachers, and parents. Communicate needs of early childhood field to policymakers and other stakeholders.
 - [DATA GOAL] Determine what resources providers and parents need during COVID-19.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:00 p.m.