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LPC General Meeting

Wed., March 9, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

- Antonio Fuentes – SCCOE/Early Learning Services
- Catherine Boettcher
- Christine Thorsteinson, Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Kathy Wahl (alt. Elley Ho)
- Kimmy Nguyen
- Lisa Gianotti, San Jose Public Library (alt. Debralea Olazaba)
- Luz Elena Guzman, Parent Voices Silicon Valley
- Melissa Hong (alt. Esmeralda Rosales) FIRST 5 Santa Clara
- Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale Elementary SD
- Pedro Sousa – Consumer
- Sapna Shah – WestEd / E3 Institute
- Terri Kemper, Mountain View Whisman SD
- Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo (alt. Heidi Emberling), FIRST 5 Santa Clara

Members Absent:

- Eula Idemoto, FIRST 5 Santa Clara
- Jeanette Bellerive
- Jessica Fraser, Consumer
- Jessica Kranz – Go Kids, Inc.
- Kelly Mercurio – SJB Child Development Centers
- Lorena Wright – Pacific Intervention Services
- Shalek Chappill-Nichols
- Veronica Amador

LPC & JCCC Staff Present:

- Michael Garcia, Dir. – Child Care Planning & Support
- Elizabeth Carmona, Administrative Research Assistant

Meeting Guests:

- Aji Rethnamony
- Beatrice Magdaleno
- Bhavani Mummidivarapu
- Cynthia Fong-Wan
- Elaine Walker
- Elizabeth Carmona
- Erika Vazquez
- Esmeralda Rosales
- Giang Le
- Heidi Emberling
- Janet Zamudio
- Jessica Garcia
- Komal Singh
- Laryssa de Jesus Ferreira
- Manmeet Setia
- Mel Kronick
- Melissa Luu
- Melissa Roth
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- Nancy Chávez
- Nancy Thang
- Pragna Patel
- Rozina Mengisteab
- Sandya Lopez
- Sapna Shah
- Sonya Richie
- Stacy Esquibel
- Vanita Patel
- Yolanda Lepe



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1. Welcome & Icebreaker

Michael Garcia welcomed members and guests.

- a. Per action item one, members participated in a roll call vote in order to continue to meet virtually via zoom (Resolution pertaining to AB 361, Brown Act meetings).

2. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address to the Council

- a. None at this time.

3. Consent Action Items

- a. Approve 11.17.21 LPC Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve Antonio Fuentes 1st; Nancy Newkirk 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Information Items

a. Introduction to the LPC – Cathy Boettcher, Terri Kemper, & Michael Garcia

Michael gave an overview of the LPC, including the history, membership, core values, mandated work, partnership, staff, and subcommittees.

b. Childcare Resource & Referral (R&R) Update – Raquel Dietrich

Raquel shared the services that the R&R offers, including (a) maintaining a childcare referral database with childcare facilities in the County, (b) helping families find licensed childcare programs that best meet their needs, (c) providing service referrals to families, (d) helping prospective childcare providers navigate the childcare licensing process, and (d) providing training and support resources for licensed providers as well as family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) caregivers. Ms. Dietrich also shared the training and support with CCIP, CPHSP, Health & Safety, and more recently, the training and support with UPK and CDSS Minor Repair and Renovations Grant.

c. Inclusion Collaborative Update – Sandya Lopez

Sandya shared the services offered by the Inclusion Collaborative, including Coaching, Technical Assistance, and Professional Development. Ms. Lopez talked about the Inclusion Support Warmline, which includes free support, information, and referrals for children of all ages.

d. FIRST 5 Commissioner Report – Kathy Wahl

i. Apprenticeship Program – Heidi Emberling

The apprenticeship program will result in them attaining an associate teacher permit at the end of the 2-year apprenticeship and a wage increase. Heidi has received a lot of interest from different partners, including community colleges and employers. Twenty Five Family Childcare Home providers will be hosting an apprentice at their site. Mission and DeAnza College will be hosting cohorts with 25 apprentices each; apprentices will be taking classes together. Ms. Emberling shared that they are currently designing courses, what skills they're looking at, competencies, and working with employers to create job descriptions while community colleges prepare their professors to teach the courses. They are also working on



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eligibility and recruitment materials. These should be done within the next few weeks and will be distributed widely beginning in the Spring. Ms. Emberling encouraged members and guests to share them widely. Classes and the work start in the fall. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ms. Emberling.

e. Quality Matters Stipend Program – Kimmy Nguyen

Kimmy shared that they are in their 6th year of the program and partnered with a small group of family, friends, and neighbors (FFN) caregivers through San Jose Public Library. Ms. Kimmy shared that the program design is simple, one is training, and the other is coursework for those wanting to move up to a permit level. A mentoring piece is available for participants, and the current number of QM participants is 737, as the number fluctuates with people continuing to move out of the County.

f. LPC Staff Report – Michael Garcia

Michael shared that they continue to provide technical assistance and support for the UPK and UTK rollout grants. The R&R Program, in collaboration with Amanda Dickey and Matthew Tinsley, has held a series of webinars for school districts. The next series will focus on community-based providers. Moreover, in support of the infrastructure grant, a webinar was held mid-February. As a result, the team has been very busy answering provider questions as grant due dates approach. In March, Michael will take the LPC priority report and send it to the state. The report is going on multiple years with the same enrollment data, so planning councils are wary about submitting the same report again. Bay area planning councils will wait for direction from the state to take further action.

5. LPC Sub-Committee Updates

All committees reported out on recent activity, committee meetings, and provided updates on their planning objectives.

6. Closing Comments & Adjourn

- a. LPC Membership Announcements – Cathy Boettcher & Terri Kemper
- b. Next Meeting: May 11, 2022, 1 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:00 pm.