

JOINT CHILD CARE COMMITTEE MEETING (JCCC)

Minutes of Friday, September 3, 2021 Meeting Zoom Conference

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS

The Joint Child Care Committee (JCCC) meeting is called to order by Dr. Mary Ann Dewan – County Superintendent of Schools (JCCC Chair) at 1:30 pm. LPC Staff, Michael Garcia, introduced Cathy Boettcher, Executive Director of California Young World and long-time council member, who was voted unanimously as a service co-chair. A Quorum is present.

Members Present:

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg – District 4 – County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Cindy Chavez – District 2 – County Board of Supervisors

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan – County Superintendent of Schools – Santa Clara County Office of Education

Terri Kemper– LPC Co-Chair

Cathy Boettcher- LPC Co-Chair

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Michael Garcia – Director - Child Care Planning & Support

Guests:

Angelica Ramos-Allen – Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg

Amy V. Nguyen – Office of Supervisor Cindy Chavez

Melissa Luu – Social Services Agency

Natalie Allen – Social Services Agency

Michelle Nguyen

Oscar Tang

Rita Guess

Laila Shagun (Family Child Care Provider)

Amanda Dickey – Santa Clara County Office of Education

Matthew Tinsley – Santa Clara County Office of Education

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. ACTION ITEMS

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Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2021 Meeting:

On Committee consensus, it is ordered that the minutes of the June 11, 2021 meeting be approved. Supervisor Ellenberg motioned to approve the minutes, and Supervisor Chavez seconded, while Cathy Boettcher abstained. Motion was passed and carried.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on LPC Summer Retreat, August 27

LPC Staff, Michael Garcia, shared that although held virtually with a shorter agenda, the LPC Summer Retreat was well attended and received. The first presentation topic of the day, *Centering the workforce: A Necessary Approach for ECE Leaders to Counter Systemic and Racial Inequities in ECE* by Dr. Ashley Williams and Hopeton Hess with the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment Institute for Research on Labor and Employment at Berkeley discussed the inequities, wage gap disparities, recommendations and other ways the LPC can become involved.

LPC Co-chair Terri Kemper shared that Dr. Williams' presentation was timely and helped set the tone of the work of the LPC, especially in talking about racial and socioeconomic inequities and how their embedded within our system, as council members talk through goals for the upcoming year. In the latter part of the Retreat, Amanda Dickey, also present today, covered the latest in the State budget and legislation. The council concluded the retreat with subcommittee work. Data, Workforce, and Communications and Outreach were tasked with planning the next six months leading up to the winter retreat scheduled for January 2022.

Update on the State Budget

Amanda Dickey, Director of Government Relations with Santa Clara County Office of Education, updated the group on the state budget and additional investments anticipated in the early care and education world. Ms. Dickey offered a condensed description of the available grants, some guaranteed, such as PreK Planning Grant, and other competitive grants available through the RFA process, i.e., full-day preschool grants, along with the different funding streams. To date, there have been multiple conversations between partners to continue to grow partnerships and produce a competitive application. Ms. Dickey continued with additional investments coming through the State, such as before and after school programs and TK expansion, which is key in our County as it is the only state-subsidized program with no income threshold.

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Additional topics included (1) the loss of capacity due to the pandemic and the need to recruit 400+TK teachers to meet the overall vision of the TK expansion, (2) the budget goals such as increasing the capacity of preschool and childcare providers to serve children 0 to 3 years old, incentivizing the establishment of more preschool and childcare providers through higher reimbursement rates, and more.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan – County Superintendent of Schools noted that some of the investments discussed would be phased in and that roll out and implementation will take some time – as some are multi-year grants, not one-year grants. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan would like everyone to keep this in mind as plans are created. The topic of facilities was brought up and resulted in a in-depth conversation on the inconsistent availability of space in K-12. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan would like to move forward with the recommendations from the facilities study compiled 3 years ago, which was to see how school districts can embed early care education into bond efforts and their facility efforts and partner with city county and community-based organization to leverage facilities and communities than can be dedicated long term facilities to childcare and preschool.

Supervisor Chavez would like to know what is different in climate from when the facility study was done and questioned if there is a strategy to engage schools to add early learning to their footprint. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan agreed that it would be worth doing a landscape analyst on facility closure and enrollment trends and that it would allow continuity for family and students. However, the real barrier is that they have such inconsistency to funding that they cannot do that long-term planning. Supervisor Chavez proposed that we consider one-time money for bringing on consultants for planning and developmental phases, as in the example of SJUSD, and leveraging public agencies to match one-time dollars for schools.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan asked that we keep the core value of equity in mind as we think about facilities and programming. She added that it is incredibly powerful how today's conversation is about prioritizing and build-out instead of advocating for what we desperately need.

5. NEXT JCCC MEETING

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2021, at 1:30 pm via zoom.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan adjourned the meeting at 2:26 pm.