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LPC General Meeting

Wed., November 17, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm | Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

- Antonio Fuentes – SCCOE/Early Learning Services
- Catherine Boettcher
- Christine Thorsteinson, Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Eula Idemoto, FIRST 5 Santa Clara
- Jeanette Bellerive
- Kathy Wahl (alt. Elley Ho)
- Kelly Mercurio – SJB Child Development Centers
- Kimmy Nguyen
- Lisa Gianotti, San Jose Public Library (alt. Debra-lea Olazaba)
- Lorena Wright – Pacific Intervention Services
- Luz Elena Guzman, Parent Voices Silicon Valley
- Melissa Hong (alt. Esmeralda Rosales) FIRST 5 Santa Clara
- Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale Elementary SD
- Shalek Chappill-Nichols
- Terri Kemper, Mountain View Whisman SD
- Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo (alt. Heidi Emberling), FIRST 5 Santa Clara

Members Absent:

- Pedro Sousa – Consumer
- Sapna Shah – WestEd / E3 Institute
- Jessica Fraser, Consumer
- Jessica Kranz – Go Kids, Inc.
- Veronica Amador
- Trena Hudson–Davis, Go Kids, Inc.

LPC & JCCC Staff Present:

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

Meeting Guests:

- Amy Nguyen
- Cynthia Fong-Wan
- Daniel Jin
- Desmond McCann
- Ellen Dektar
- Erin Jones
- Evelyn O'Marah
- Fabiola Rivera
- George Philipp
- Giang Le
- Matthew Tinsley
- Mel Kronick
- Melissa Luu
- Pamela Campos
- Raquel Dietrich
- Veronica Garza

1. Welcome & Icebreaker

Michael Garcia welcomed members and guests.

- a. Per action item one, members participated in a roll call vote 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.



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3. Consent Action Items

- a. Approve 8.27.21 LPC Retreat Minutes: Motion to approve Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo 1st; Nancy Newkirk 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.
- b. Approve 9.15.21 LPC Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo 1st; Nancy Newkirk 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.
- c. LPC Annual Self Evaluation Report: Motion to approve Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo 1st; Nancy Newkirk 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. Presentation on Unite Us by Ellen Dektar

Ellen Dektar provided an informative presentation on Unite Us, an outcome-focused technology company that builds coordinated care networks of health and social service providers. The presentation encompassed the different tools available such as centralizing coordination and tracking organizational activity, measuring impact through data, and informing community reinvestment decisions. Members and guest later received a demonstration of the software.

5. Information Items

- a. **FIRST 5 Commissioner Report – Kathy Wahl**
Kathy shared that these are busy times with getting the CEO in place and managing staff changes. Currently there is great work being done with getting kids vaccinated and Community of Practice for Quality Matters participants, which tripled from last year.
- b. **Quality Matters Stipend Program – Kimmy Nguyen**
Kimmy shared that this year they will be issuing 700+ stipend checks, compared to 600 last year. Kimmy also shared quotes from Quality Matters Stipend Program participants where they expressed a disconnect with parents. Michael added that our office not only supports Santa Clara County but also San Benito.
- c. **Quality Matters Leadership Council Update – Melissa Hong**
Meeting postponed until the new calendar year.
- d. **LPC Staff Report – Michael Garcia**
Michael reported that Pilot Bill 1294 was signed by the governor since the last meeting in September. He reiterated that the bill extended the pilot program until 2023. While everything passed through consent, there was no need for Cathy's testimony. He congratulated those that worked on the bill on a job well done. Michael also debriefed on the coordinators conference, which was held virtually. He shared that it was a good time and space to connect with fellow LPC coordinators. Our very own Amanda Dickey was there to present on advocacy, along with CDSS Nadirah Jones and Dr. Maria Lupe Jaime-Mileham and lastly Fresno COE Superintendent attended as the keynote speaker.

6. LPC Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Communications & Outreach – Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo & Nancy Newkirk
C&O discussed the importance of sharing clear and consistent messaging with other groups.



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b. Data– Cathy Boettcher & Melissa Hong

The Data Committee met and talked about the data landscape in the early learning and care field; smart objectives, creating a data support group for new grantees, and trainer certification data. Veronica Garza introduced Daniel Jin as the new Data Systems and Communications Specialist in the COE.

c. Workforce – Eula Idemoto & Pedro Sousa

The Workforce committee sent an action-oriented survey to committee members and found two common themes (1) Advocacy around Worthy wages and (2) the need to create self-care for workforce. From this, the committee developed 2 SMART GOALS – take worthy wages sources and educational forum (virtually or in person) to create space to acknowledge educators.

7. Closing Comments & Adjourn

Next Meeting is the LPC Retreat on January 28, 2022, from 9 to noon and next oversight committee meeting (JCCC) is December 10th, 2021. The LPC meeting schedule can be accessed via the following link: https://bit.ly/LPC_SCHED_21-22

Meeting Adjourned – 3:00 pm.