



Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC)

Santa Clara County  Office of Education

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LPC Summer Retreat

Friday, August 26, from 9:00 – 12:00 pm | Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

- Antonio Fuentes – SCCOE/Early Learning Services
- Catherine Boettcher – California Young World
- Christine Thorsteinson - Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Eula Idemoto - FIRST 5 Santa Clara County
- Eduviguez Ramirez – Family Childcare Provider
- Heather Elston
- Jessica Kranz – Go Kids, Inc.
- Kimmy Nguyen
- Lorena Wright – Milpitas Unified School District / Preschool Program
- Melissa Hong (alt. Esmeralda Rosales) - FIRST 5 Santa Clara County
- Melissa Luu – Santa Clara County, Social Services Agency
- Melissa Roth – Palo Alto Community Child Care
- Minerva Sarellano – FIRST 5 Santa Clara County
- Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale Elementary SD
- Natalie Allen - Santa Clara County, Social Services Agency
- Raquel Dietrich – Santa Clara County Office of Education
- Sandya Lopez
- Sapna Shah – WestEd / E3 Institute
- Susana Navarro – Parents Helping Parents
- Terri Kemper - Mountain View Whisman SD
- Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

Members Absent:

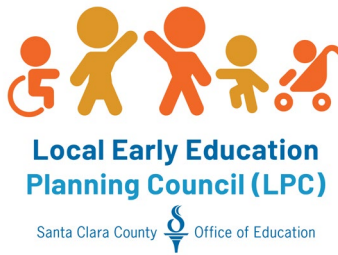
- Jeanette Bellerive
- Jessica Fraser - Consumer
- Kelly Mercurio – SJB Child Development Centers
- Luz Elena Guzman, Parent Voices Silicon Valley
- Nayeli Sedano – SOMOS Mayfair
- Shalek Chappill-Nichols – Pacific Oaks College
- Veronica Amador

LPC & JCCC Staff Present:

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

Meeting Guests:

- Amanda Dickey
- Amy Nguyen
- Cynthia Fong-Wan
- Fabiola Rivera, Interpreter
- Giang Le
- Jessica Ramirez, Interpreter
- Kathy Abady
- KimLien Le
- Matthew Tinsley
- Mel Kronick
- Veronica Garza



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1. Welcome & Icebreaker

LPC Staff Michael Garcia and Co-chairs Terri Kemper and Cathy Boettcher welcomed members and guests to the annual summer retreat. 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). A majority voted for this resolution and the meeting proceeded. Mr. Garcia proceeded by welcoming new council members Susana Navaro, Heather Elston, Sanya Lopez, Melissa Roth, Minerva Sarellano, Eduviguez Ramirez, Nathalie Allen, Raquel Dietrich, and Melissa Luu. And the new LPC representative to the FIRST 5 Commission, Antonio Fuentes.

Co-Chair Cathy Boettcher invited members and guests to participate in an icebreaker activity where new members were asked to share with seasoned members who they were, what they represented on the LPC and any personal or professional areas of interest. The activity was followed by a share out in the larger group.

2. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address to the Council

Tobi Adejumo, with the UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, shared information about a parent/childcare study.

3. Information Items – LPC Updates

a. LPC Restoration – Michael Garcia

The California Department of Social Services / Child Care & Development Division informed that the LPC Contracts will be restored to the 2011 contract amounts via a contract amendment in late September and provided the links to the new CDSS LPC webpage.

b. Universal Prekindergarten Planning/Implementation & UPK Planning Grant, Amanda Dickey

Executive Director of Government Relations Amanda Dickey shared that UPK is expanding the state's current mixed delivery system that meets the early learning and care needs of 3 and 4-year-old children and their families. It includes all existing state and federal early learning, private community-based providers that offer a preschool or expanded learning experience, and extended learning programs. The theme of the 2021 and 2022 state investments is around the Whole Child, Whole Family approach. Ms. Dickey explained the differences between the UPK Grant, which is for LEAs that operate a kindergarten program (including charters), and all COEs and the Universal Preschool Planning Grants, which LPCs have the right of refusal.

c. LPC Child Care Needs Assessment Overview, Michael Garcia

Members and guests were given an overview of the LPC Child Care Needs Assessment, which LPCs are mandated to conduct at least once every five years, with the last completed in 2018. CDSS defines and prescribes data elements to be included in the needs assessment. However, the assessment also consists of all factors deemed appropriate by the local planning council to obtain an accurate picture of the comprehensive child care needs in the county.

d. Silicon Valley Community Foundation Grant, Christine Thorsteinson



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LPC Member and Director of Early Childhood Development at Silicon Valley Community Assessment shared that the SVCF is happy to support this assessment with grant funds.

4. LPC Sub-Committees: revisit Strategic Planning Objectives

LPC Co-chair Terri Kemper reintroduced the subcommittees and the work around strategic planning objectives. Ms. Kemper announced the current membership for each committee and encouraged members to join the Communications & Outreach Committee. Additionally, Ms. Kemper asked members to consider whom they would like to serve on the 2023 LPC Needs Assessment Advisory Committee.

5. Share Out

Subcommittees were asked to report out on the Strategic Planning Objective working session. **Workforce Committee** Cochair, Eula Idemoto, shared that Melissa Roth stepped up as committee co-chair. The committee member, Giang Le, will send a doodle to the group to develop a meeting schedule. Melissa Hong and Cathy Boettcher, co-chairs of the **Data Committee**, shared that the group had a conversation about last year's goals, including the state's Brilliant Beginnings system. The committee will continue to stay informed on any progress and elevate the local needs of the system. Ms. Hong shared that the committee wants to ensure that the needs assessment reflects diversity. While the committee could not schedule any meetings, Ms. Hong will be reaching out with a doodle request to schedule meetings leading up to the retreat in January. Nancy Newkirk, the Communication & Outreach Committee co-chair, was happy to announce that Sandya Lopez will co-chair the committee alongside Nancy. The committee discussed Kids in Common voter pamphlets and candidate forums for San Jose mayor and encouraged folks that know anyone running for office to make them aware of the candidate survey for children. There was common interest expressed in expanding on the required data points of the LPC Needs Assessment.

6. Closing Comments & Adjourn

- a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 1 – 3:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned – noon.