



# CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL OF SONOMA COUNTY

## Sonoma County EED/CDSS Contractors Collaborative

Thursday, January 12, 2023

9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Present: Jason Riggs, Sonya Valiente, Julie Swanstrom, Ana Morales, Rebecca Hachmyer, Tina Rosenberg, Lara Magnusdottir

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Erica Hurtado, Elizabeth DePrimo

Susy called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

- **Welcome and Introductions:**
  - Introductions were placed in the Chat (Name, Agency, and Something you are looking forward to in 2023).
- **Governor's Proposed 2023-24 Budget**
  - Susy shared some highlights from the Governor's January 2023/24 Budget Proposal:
    - COLA to CDSS and CDE 8.13%
    - Rate increases continue to be discussed and negotiated
    - Child care slots postponed adding 200,000 slots to both APP General Child care
    - 20,000 slots allocated for 23-24 will be postponed until next year since the governor states there are still available slots without the increase.
    - CSPP: some enrollment increase for serving children with disabilities
    - TK dropping ratio from 1:12 to 1:10
    - There was no inclusion of eliminating family fees and hold harmless.
  - Lara added
    - The COLA and adding child care slots are the biggest highlights.
    - The advocacy is for rate reform and asking for hold harmless for at least another year since the field is shifting with TK and is still being affected by COVID-19.
    - With Rate Reform, hoping reimbursement is based on enrollment, not attendance.
    - Mixed delivery is also still being brought up.
- **CSPP Block Grant Ratings Check-in**
  - 1 rating done! Congrats to El Verano Preschool!
  - CLASS vs. CLASS 2.0: Our county is staying with the original CLASS. The state is not ready to move to the new edition. We are also working to find ways to get staff reoriented or trained for the first time in CLASS. Our office is working with 4Cs to put on CLASS training. Region Hub 1 is also offering a virtual CLASS training that includes a stipend. If interested, reach out to Susy.
  - Awards
    - Sites that rate will get your rating award based on your tier. The remaining funds will be divided among all participating sites.
    - Sonya asked if a letter could be drafted and sent with the award explaining how the money could be spent.
      - Susy can provide information about what the funding terms and conditions are in terms of how CCPC can spend the funds, but not sure what the parameters are for when funds are given to sites.





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- funds can't be used for wages, but yes, it seems it can be used for bonuses.
    - Susy will reach out to Leslie at First 5
    - The categories may be on the survey given at the end of the year reporting, but will confirm
  - Rebecca asked, as a first-time participant, what is the process?
    - Susy shared that a rating interest survey was shared for sites to let us know if they are interested in participating.
    - If indicated Yes, Erica from CCPC will connect with sites once the window dates indicated to come up
    - Then an Assessor will be in contact with sites when a CLASS assessment is done.
    - Then the site moves to a Rating using the Matrix.
    - This year there is a hold harmless, so you don't have to if you do not want to. The advantage is getting a rating funding amount and an incentive amount.
    - Erica will reach out if requested.
  - Jerri from 4Cs will be offering CLASS in English and Spanish
  - More information from the state will be provided once we have them.
- **Announcements**
  - CDSS Major Construction and Major Renovations Grant
    - If programs need support, the Economic Development Board of Sonoma will support them. Susy can forward an email with contact information.
    - Emphasis on CDSS is looking for projects that are ready to go. This grant will be competitive
    - Have heard from the field that getting bids is difficult.
  - IEEEP Funding Opportunity coming soon
    - \$200 mil for LEAs
    - \$50 million to address state-level systems building
    - Grant period 22-27
    - RFA will be released soon.
  - UPK Mixed Delivery Grant
    - SCOE submitted an LOI
    - The state will be releasing the next part which includes a request for data
    - The state is in the process of getting feedback on how this should be released
    - So far, it looks similar to how the implementation grant was released
  - Julie shared New Management bulletin, and child care bulletin have been released
    - both have to do with 24-month eligibility, and the pilot limits seeking employment to 12 months.
    - How are sites preparing? Are we implementing, or does the pilot take preference?
      - Susy: shared that the pilot we have does use 24-month eligibility, it should be business as usual
      - As of now, our pilot limits seeking employment to 12 months. The new law is 24 months. We need to implement what is best for families. The pilot cannot be more limiting than the law. Susy will email CDSS to have direction in writing.
  - Julie asked if the Pilot would be renewed.
    - Susy shared that the Pilot is going to sunset on June 30th. If legislation is introduced, it could take effect next year in January 2024.





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- Proposed to the group that we hold a meeting about how this pilot will end. Sites can discuss what the process would be done with the Pilot gone in order to be more uniform throughout the county.
  - For stages 1 and 2, they will lose their 24-month eligibility. when speaking of certification of families, is it based on the application's signature or when services start to find what they are eligible for.
  - Some attendees shared that some do not recall being in a routine before the pilot
  - Will set up a Pilot Ending Meeting. A working time or meeting is a good idea for those who are passionate so that we can come up with agreements
    - Those who are interested can let us know now, or an email will be sent
    - Interest: Rebecca, Julie, Tina
    - Time as of now will be late January, early February
  - Julie shared that it would be great to see CalWorks Stage 2 and 3 align to 24-month eligibility.
  - Statewide legislation: what would partners like to see if introduces a statewide bill
    - As of now, looking at the whole state and policy changes, other counties have done to see what has been the most beneficial.
    - We have a budget deficit to keep in mind.
  - Julie shared that 4Cs is starting enrollment into our CAPP voucher program for 500 children. We are letting all families in our service area know and will continue enrolling until we reach capacity. Packets are available on the 4Cs website and in the office.
  - Jason shared that the CMR is completed for ECC and asked the group: have minor repair grants been funded, have you received the funds?
    - Susy shared not aware of any sites or programs receiving their dollars
    - The group wonders what the delay may be as they have not heard.
    - Susy shared that she will email Lupe of CDSS to ask when the funds will arrive.
    - Julie will also follow up with Jenny to see if 4Cs has received any funds yet.
    - Some communications indicated that checks were being released in December.
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- **The next meeting will be virtual on February 9, 2023, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.**
    - Email Susy to add agenda items.

