



CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL OF SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County EED/CDSS Contractors Collaborative

Thursday, April 14, 2022

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

Present: Jynx Lopez, Rebecca Hachmyer, Liliانا Sanchez, Jenny Copeland, Sonya Valiente, Andrea Estupinan, Diana Avila, Irma Mendoza, Malleese Warner, Soledad Figueroa, Lara Magnusdottir, Cindy Clark Springer, Jessica Borland, Bernadette Sproul, Teresa Bernabe, Julie Swanstrom, Milissa Nelson, Paige Newton

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Erica Hurtado. Elizabeth Deprimo

Susy called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

- **Welcome and Introductions:**
 - Introductions using the Chat Box were made (name, organization, and favorite ice cream)
- **News, Announcements**
 - Susy asked if anyone attended the Evening of Honor event. A few did attend and it was lovely.
 - Susy shared restoration of funding will be restored for Local Planning Councils (LPC). It was lessened by 50% a few years ago. After years of advocacy, funding will be reinstated and ongoing. Effective July 1st.
- **Voluntary Temporary Transfer (VTT)**
 - Susy shared that she hopes emails have been received. She has received a few programs asking for more funds this year due to over earning their contracts. No one was reported under-earning at this time. This was for both CCTR and CSPP. Received inquiries of other counties who have over earned their contracts. We are not able to do the VTT this year. CDE has moved up the deadline without much notice. This has brought frustration as numbers are not well known in April. May would have been better. Malleese agreed that had it been May, we would have better numbers. If your organization is under earning, please contact Susy; she would be willing to take requests and submit by the deadline tomorrow.
- **Common Data File/ April 18-April 22**
 - Susy shared the Common Data File has started. You can anticipate receiving an email to complete the data needed for your Agency/ Site. This is for CSPP programs. For this fiscal year, even though there are no ratings we will do Honorary grant awards. Erica will be contacting the same leads as last year to complete the CDF. It will be done through Hubbe. Rolling this out by tomorrow. And give next week to enter data. Once data is complete, we will be able to issue block grant awards. We are anticipating the amount to be \$8 to \$10 thousand. Please get data in and we begin issuing those checks as soon as possible.
 - Sonya asked is this how we spend the money? Susy and Erica answered this data will be fields that have to do with the site. For reporting we will be asking for information about the spending of the prior year's award. This will be the breakdown to how the money was spent.
- **PPE Distribution (date/time)**
 - Susy shared an email that was distributed about SCOE having an abundance of supplies that can be given to CSSP sites. Pick up will be at the Amorosa school. Asking to those

who would like to pick up what the preferred day or time would be. Possibly a morning pick up and maybe an afternoon pick up. Thinking of the first week of May.

- Bernadette shared afternoons would be best.
- Melissa shared daytime would be better
- Jenny shared they are flexible
- Susy suggested a Friday and early afternoon. Majority of the group are in favor.
- If that exact day does not work, please reach out and we can attempt to arrange pick up at SCOE or delivery if staff will be visiting a site soon.

- **Sonoma County Pilot Handbook**

- Susy shared that there is an opportunity to update the books. Thankful for all the edits and comments made. The Plan for next steps is to share the updates with the group in May and June.
- Bernadette asked about the state of the Pilot. Susy answered that we are going through an evaluation process, but we will be good for another fiscal year. We are set until June 2023

- **Other Announcements**

- Cindy shared she encountered a problem this year when renewing professional liability. Using the same company for years and now they want a much more comprehensive abuse policy for staff. Reaching out to others, to see what is included in other handbooks. They did renew insurance with the caveat that something will be in place by November, but Cindy does not feel qualified to write this policy as her agency doesn't really work directly with children. It seems that the insurance company does not understand how they operate, but the insurance company did share they settled quite a few child abuse cases, so it is inferred maybe that is why they are asking for more of a detailed policy.
- Cindy can report back if this comes up again for other people
- Bernadette shared: Cal chamber may have some training or documents you can use. There is the mandated reporter requirement set for ECC.
- Cindy shared her email in the chat in case anyone has more to share.
- Lara shared a challenge with the budget is the use of the additional revenue that is coming in. It talks of a gas rebate, and depending on how that goes through or ends up, that could take up the lion share of the funding that everyone is fighting for. The Governor wants to give money to everyone and the legislator is saying to wait because not everyone needs a rebate. Meeting with a Senator soon to speak about what the ECE coalition is asking for. Asking for increase in pay rates and continued family fee waivers and infrastructure grants. Asking for more opportunity and letting R and R's be of more help with the infrastructure grant applications. Major repair grant is supposed to come out late Spring.
- Susy shared the Early Educator Teacher Development Grant, the RFA is now available and the due date has been extended.
- Jessica shared she received an email that SCOE was applying and would support, asking HR if the Windsor district should be part of a collaborative. Susy met with Jennie, and learned the allocation for Sonoma is about \$950,000 for Sonoma County. As a county we submitted 14 letters of intent. Not discouraging those who submitted a letter, but have seen more strength in applying as a consortium. This way a network of support can be built. Windsor is interested in being part of a consortium. Districts who applied will be hearing from someone soon.





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- Call for agenda items. Please feel free to contact Susy.
- **Next Meeting May 12, 2022. To be held virtually.**