

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

January 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Diana Avila, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Adriana Gutierrez, Rebecca Hachmyer, Jaya Lopez, Lara Magnusdottir, Amy McIntyre, Nathan Murray, Paige Newton, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Cindy Clark Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudio

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón started the meeting at 9:05 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements:

COVID-19 updates:

Sonoma County is in Phase 1A for the vaccine and moving into Phase 1B for all educators. 4Cs is trying to determine the need. Dr. Urmila Shende will be the Vaccine Chief for our county. Susy encouraged everyone to take the survey. Melanie said that the survey lets Public Health know how many vaccines are needed. All age 65 and over are eligible, but there may not be enough available. Sonoma County is partnering with Leap Solution to lead stakeholder outreach campaign concerning vaccines.

Is getting the vaccine mandatory? It depends on several factors.

Susy reported that the State has released a new (financial) incentive for districts to re-open. Our county is still in the purple tier and must wait until we move into the red tier. Jason reported that the red tier must be maintained for 2 weeks, then maintain another 2 weeks before schools may be opened. The County has the authority to restrict schools further.

Nathan spoke regarding pivots. Spot uses integrated data system that is manually entered, labor intensive. For testing, you can go to your primary care or to Chanate.

4Cs has enrolled essential workers and the enrollment will likely be extended through the end of this fiscal year.

MB20-19a: Guidance on Family Fees FY 2020-2021:

Family fees were waived for July through September for families doing distance learning.

CSPP Age Eligibility – MB 15-08 rescinded?:

Julie reported that this was rescinded as it was contradictory to law, but we don't know how to fix the problem. It might be a good idea to maintain a spreadsheet with the information for when a "fix" comes.

Governor's 2021-2022 Budget Proposal-January

Every Child California information: Lara reported that there is lots of funding proposed for Transitional Kindergarten, though the legislature and schools are not in favor of this one-time money. ECE programs COLA is 1.5% w for ECE programs, while schools are getting 3%. Here is an opportunity for advocacy. There is a statewide data system funding; extension of emergency child care bridge for the calendar year of 2021.

Has anyone attended any stakeholder meetings or webinars?

*Susy shared communication about pilots and homelessness. 35 hours per week restricted by Sonoma County: how are we interpreting? Julie responded that 4Cs determination is "seeking employment and

seeking housing” ... then shared that looking at our template, I see that it always references “Seeking permanent housing” not homelessness.

*Adriana: I believe we kept the seeking permanent housing name because a lot of families that lived with other families because of tough times didn’t necessarily consider themselves as homeless

*Jason’s link:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=8263.&lawCode=EDC

Other announcements:

*Nathan: CDE canceled webinar for tomorrow. He asked if anyone has any information about parent events. There was no response.

*Melanie: 4Cs will be operating Meadow Preschool beginning February 16 in the Waugh School District.

Next meeting: February 11, 2021

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10.14 am.