

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

March 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Teresa Bernabe, Jenny Copeland, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Adriana Gutierrez, Jaya Lopez, Lara Magnusdottir, Amy McIntyre, Ana Morales, Nathan Murray, Melissa Nelson, Chris Sorg, 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 9:03 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements:

*Melanie shared if there are any programs who need staff to be vaccinated, 4Cs will hold a clinic on Monday, April 15, 2:30 to 5:30 for 50 people to receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Email Ashley Chavez (achavez@sonoma4cs.org), first come, first served.

*Chris Sorg shared that stage 1 & 2 stipends are available (\$525 per child) for people using child care as of November 2020.

*Julie Swanstrom asked if there was a date. Chris thought maybe April.

*Nate Murray shared that he signed up easily through Kaiser; simply clicked “Child Care” and was given an appointment 5 days later.

CSPP Block Grant:

Susy reported that SCOE/CCPC is administering the grant as well as being its fiscal agent.

Ratings and Assessments—every 5 years

Annual Awards—We have about \$300,000 to push out to preschool programs. Susy would like this to happen after programs complete the common data report either via a Google doc or iPinwheel’s “Wizard” program

Common Data File Reporting—required every year. This uses dates obtained from ELCD providers at this time (Who are you serving?)

ZIP Code Priorities:

Yearly mandate to analyze the number of children served with subsidized child care as compared to the number of children eligible for a subsidy, and then identify which of our zip code areas are most under-served. The report separates out the infants/toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Susy sent an email asking preferences for keeping priorities from May 2018. One program does want to go through with the priorities. Melanie suggested that with COVID, we really don’t have any true numbers right now. Susy will take this to Executive Committee. Melanie suggested that the Council send a letter to the state or have coordinators association send a letter to CDE to bring to their attention.

COVID-19 Vaccination Updates:

Melanie: SCOE clinic has run into some bumps, being a community clinic. 4Cs needs to get a sense of the number of people who still need vaccinations. They are working on how to get individual codes with Blue Shield.

Sandra Valencia share a good resource for information. A Zoom meeting will be held on March 23rd at 5:30. The first meeting was attended by 150 people. She will send the information to Susy.

Melanie started that, based on Sandra's advocacy, 4Cs will be hosting an "ask the expert" in Spanish for child care providers and teachers in the next week or two as well.

Pilot Update:

Pilot Reauthorization—

Multi-County Pilot Evaluation—

Alameda and Santa Clara County pilots will sunset in 2023.

Sonoma County Indigo will introduce a bill. Melanie wondered if we can take the language of the Alameda bill to Mike McGuire and ask him to do it right away. A study sounds like while it could take a while and the timeline is critical. After 24 months, families will be disenrolled if their eligibility changed. Julie pointed out that the pilot impacts CCTR and AP too.

DSS Transition Updates:

Northern County Regional Conversation—What questions do you have? Susy has confirmed that Lupe Jaime and Steven Profiter will join the ELCD meeting on April 8th for one hour each. Susy will send them questions in advance. There was a question about why they are meeting us separately, and Susy will inquire if they could possibility meeting together. Lara will summarize the information that was released yesterday. Susy will send the summary out and ask for questions.

Stakeholder meetings and any other updates

*Lara reported about yesterday's hearing: positive positions on hold harmless, waiving family fees, maybe waiving licensing fees. There was a strong suggestion from the legislature for restoring funds for resource development and allowing parents to chose where 4-year-olds will be.

Announcements: None

Next meeting: April 8, 2021

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:18 am.