

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

July 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Jenny Copeland, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Jaya Lopez, Amy McIntyre, Milagros Ott, Gail Ralls, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Julie Swanstrom, Lia Thompson-Clark, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudo

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Erica Hurtado, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Check-ins, News, and Announcements

- *Maleese shared that Santa Rosa Junior College's Children's Center will not be opening in the fall.
- *Lia shared that Sonoma State University is on the verge of getting the OK to open child care.
- *Melanie spoke about the cases of COVID-19 in Texas and cautioned everyone to dig into the details of reports.
- *Sonya inquired as to the ratio of teachers to children. Melanie responded that 4Cs follows that 1:12 ratio.
- *Susy reported that Provider Information Notification (PIN) will be updated.
- *Amy said they're following local public health orders.
- *Susy asked how programs are dealing with closures, PPP loans, and reserves.
- *Jason asked if anyone has received CDE approval for closure.
- *Susy shared that CARES is now accepting applications. CCPC has received the inclusion grant and will be posting for .75 FTE position to be hired through 12/31/2029. Gail shared that Michelle Fox is looking for a position.
- *The Early Learning Conference will likely be postponed indefinitely.
- *Gail shared that she will retire at the end of August. Her position will be positing at .8 FTE.
- *The group discussed equity issues.

State Budget 2020-2021

- Susy shared budget clarification from Every Child California including:
- The 1% (0.63%) differential between full-day CCTR and full-day CSPP programs, was NOT eliminated as part of the final budget. Full-day CCTR will remain \$49.54, and Full-day CSPP will remain \$49.85.
- CCTR expansion funds as part of the Budget Act 2019-2020, for CCTR expansion services from April 1 to June 30, 2020 were swept. However, the funding for these spaces starting July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 were not eliminated and are part of the final budget. As such, this funding will be released shortly.
- Full-Day CSPP and Part-Day CSPP will remain at the California Department of Education (CDE). All other programs early care and child development programs will move over to Department of Social Services (DSS) July 1, 2021.
- The Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC) will remain under the Health and Human Services Department and will not be moved over to DSS.

Depending on tax revenues, additional cuts may occur. Advocacy is needed for equity and ways for programs to stay afloat. Susy and Lara will collaborate. Melanie suggested that a letter be sent to the Assembly and Senate thanking them and encouraging them to hold firm and not make cuts in August.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

a) Emergency Child Care: Child Care is open for everyone, not just essential workers. Melanie and Julie shared that emergency child care for families with vouchers has been extended a further 90 days. 385 children are currently enrolled

b) Reopening: Most facilities plan on reopening. (Not SRJC's Children's Center) Child Care is open for everyone, not just essential workers.

c) Supplies: Gail shared an email from FEMA regarding free masks from the Salvation Army. Susy forwarded the email to ELCD contractors. Melanie asked if any state funded programs have gotten funds for supplies. 4Cs has not.

*Jason shared that if programs think that there's an exposure, they must call the Health Department. He wondered if there will be follow-through. There is a line dedicated to providers.

Next ELCD Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:21 am.