

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

August 13, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Teresa Brenabe, Jenny Copeland, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Rebecca Hachmyer, Lara Magnusdottir, Adriana Melgoza, Nathan Murray, Gail Ralls, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Cindy Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Lia Thompson-Clark, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudo, Brulene Zanutto

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves and share one word to describe how they're feeling during this pandemic.

Check-ins, News, and Announcements

*Susy shared that CARES Quality Counts is now enrolling up to 100 participants. Online training is available through the workforce registry (careregistry.org)

*Wendy shared that she spoke with Nancy De Armond, an Early Learning and Care Division Consultant with CDE, and that distance learning may look similar to elementary education in the sense that their will be official guidance that indicate the a minimum number of minutes of instruction and what types of activities can be counted to meet those requirements.

*Lara is pushing for guidance for Title 5 centers. Stephen Profeter, Director of the Early Learning and Care Division of CDE, has said that centers will be paid but there is nothing in writing and there is no certainty that reimbursement will be based on enrollment.

*Family fees have been waived for July and August.

*Jason announced that Extended Child Care will be serving up to 195 children. They have 170 enrolled at this time.

*Old Adobe preschool will open virtually.

*Brulene explained that the 180 minutes of instruction may include independent assignments and that it is not necessary to have 3 hours of screen time.

*Jason informed that districts are to develop re-engagement plans.

*Brulene raised the equity issues with IEPs and English Language Learners.

*Wendy shared that they're keeping communication logs to account for times they connect with children and families.

*Jason shared a link for policies and procedures for reopening:

https://www.extcc.org/uploads/5/7/9/4/57948653/ecc_covid_reopening_policies_procedures-08.11.2020_update.pdf

ELCD Updates

Recent Management Bulletins and Guidance on Parent Signatures - link was shared. Susy reported that clean up language is being developed to revise and update certain bulletins. More information to come.

Family fees waived for July and August

LEA School run PreK; how to justify closures/equity issues

Joint Advocacy Letter: please send soft signature and logo. Susy will send a draft advocacy letter and request soft signatures and logos for those that want to sign on.

The next ELCD meeting will be on Thursday, September 10, 2020

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:27 am.