



Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County

MEETING NOTES

(There was no quorum)

January 12, 2018

RESIG, 5760 Skylane Boulevard, Suite 100, Windsor, CA 95492

The mission of the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County is to convene and inspire the community through collaboration, leadership and advocacy to promote and plan for quality child care and development for the benefit of all children (birth to 12), their families and Sonoma County.

Members Present: Debbie Blanton, Missy Danneberg, Lisa Grocott, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Megan Hede, Emma Kerns, Melinda Susan, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Sonya Valiente, Margie Vondrak

Members Notified Absent:, Carrie Anabo, Michelle Bendyk, Soledad Figueroa, Kathy Kelley, Susan Langer, Alicia Morales, Jason Riggs, Lorie Siebler, Marianne Schwarz-Kesling, Sheri Schonleber, Jennifer Stanley, Cathy Vaughn

Members Absent: Terry Ziegler

Guests Present: Leah Benz, Danny Loureiro, Amber Morabito, Maleese Warner

Advisors Present: None

Advisors Notified Absent: Melanie Dodson, Lara Magnusdottir

Advisors Absent: Ed Sheffield

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Kaye Moore, Patty Bernstein

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order**, Introductions, Inspiration		Chair-elect Rebecca Hachmyer called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Introductions were made around the room. Rebecca shared some good news that \$24,250 was raised for the Mark West Preschool, which was completely destroyed in the firestorm.	
2. Approval of/Revisions to		Lacking a quorum, the Council was not able to approve the agenda.	

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
Agenda**			
3. Consent Calendar a. CCPC Meeting Minutes of 11/3/17		Lacking a quorum, the Council was not able to approve the meeting minutes of 11/3/17. No corrections were suggested.	
4. Follow-up on Hot Topic from previous meeting: Aftermath of the Firestorm	<p>Susy said that she'd gotten a lot of feedback from the meeting from people who were thankful for having licensing respond to the crisis.</p> <p>Alice Hampton was able to share information at her sites.</p> <p>Melinda Susan shared about the goat rescuers.</p> <p>Some Extended Child Care and 4Cs sites are relocating.</p>		Susy will follow up with licensing and 4Cs regarding the extent of displacements.
5. Hot Topic: Quality Counts QRIS	<p>Leah Benz, Quality Counts Coordinator and Early Care and Education Specialist at First 5 Sonoma County, presented an overview and update of the Quality Counts program. There are financial incentives for improving on the tier rating Quality Matrix.</p> <p>Seven elements for evaluation are child observation, developmental and health screenings, minimum qualifications for lead teacher/Family Child Care Home, effective teacher-child interactions: CLASS assessments, ratios and group size, program environment, and director qualifications.</p> <p>She clarified that Sonoma County's consortium is called QIRS, rather than QRIS, because we wanted to emphasize the "improvement" rather than the</p>		Susy will send Leah's Power Point presentation to Council members and guests via email.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
	<p>“rating”.</p> <p>Quality Counts is funded through First 5 California and First 5 Sonoma County, as well as by some grants from Department of Education California. But the funding goes only through 2020.</p> <p>It is widely believed that the incentive structure should be revised to be more about coaching for improvement not just to get rating for monetary incentives.</p> <p>First 5’s website holds the ratings of preschools, private preschools, head Starts, Family Child Care providers</p> <p>The goal of QRIS is to professionalize the field of early education.</p> <p>Applications are open until July 31, 2018</p> <p>Sonoma County is the Hub Lead for Region 1: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Solano, Sonoma counties. Funding is for training and building capacity on a regional level</p> <p>Benefits of being the Hub Lead include additional QIRS funding, shared trainings, leadership role, and leveraging resources. (Though, we haven’t yet received the state funding.)</p>		

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
6. Child Care Consumers/Child Care Providers Input/ Member Announcements	<p>*Missy announced that the Early Learners Conference will take place on April 14 with keynote speaker Alfie Kohn, author of <i>Unconditional Parenting</i>. Registration opens February 15.</p> <p>*Missy also announced that April 20 is the date set for Evening of Honor.</p> <p>*Heather shared that the homeless count will happen at the end of February.</p> <p>*Families have lots of questions about Transitional Kindergarten (TK).</p> <p>*TK Network through SCOE is active and we will give updates at a later date.</p>		
7. Public (non-members) Comment on non-agendized items	<p>*Amber Morabito, SRJC, announced that she will be able to help consult with subsidized services.</p> <p>*North Bay Children’s Center looking to convert a preschool to Infant-Toddler care. Licensing warned to be aware of new/different requirements for nap rooms.</p> <p>*SRJC classes are under-enrolled.</p> <p>*Susy announced that the Governor Brown released his 2018-2019 budget proposal this week. She will bring in more information for the next meeting.</p> <p>*Susy shared that we would like to have the Data Committee gather information post-firestorm. Heather volunteered.</p>		Susy will send the SRJC ECE class list to CARES participants and include information in the eNews.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
8. Executive Committee Report	<p>Rebecca shared regarding the November Executive Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Gary Hochman guided in ways to handle reaching a conclusions and making decisions. The EC decided to welcome multiple perspectives, while being mindful of everyone’s time and reach a decision by a vote. Rely on Robert’s Rules. *when to call a vote *disaster preparedness and response committee *data committee focused on determining existing supply and demand post-firestorm <p>December’s meeting concentrated on organizing and moving forward with the ideas brought up at the Community meeting. The first group of ideas will be presented to the Council for discussion in February.</p>		
9. Finance Committee Report	<p>Missy Danneberg reported that the FC is in the process of re-looking at the 2017-18 budget. AB212 funds were restored allowing us to provide \$1,000 to sponsor the Evening of Honor and award AB212 scholarships for 120 attendees of the Early Learners Conference. These items will be on the Council’s February consent calendar.</p>		
10. New and existing member spotlight:	<p>New member Emma Kerns, preschool director at YMCA’s Piner at Fulton</p>		

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
Emma Kerns	center, shared that she graduated from SSU, worked out of Coast Guard station for a while, and loves what she does now. She is newly married.		
11. Feedback and In-Kind Services and Contributions Forms	Rebecca Hachmyer explained that we want to provide time for participants to complete the forms and talk about “take-aways” from this meeting.	Participants used the time provided to complete forms and discuss what was brought up during the meeting.	
12. Adjourn**		The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am by unanimous consent.	