



Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County

February 2, 2018

SCOE, Gravenstein Room, 5340 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa CA 95403

Minutes Approved at March 2, 2018 Meeting

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: Carrie Anabo, Michelle Bendyk, Debbie Blanton, Missy Danneberg, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Megan Hede, Kathy Kelley, Susan Langer, Jason Riggs, Sheri Schonleber, Lorie Siebler, Jennifer Stanley, Melinda Susan, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Sonya Valiente

Members Notified Absent: Lisa Grocott, Emma Kerns, Alicia Morales, Marianne Schwarz-Kesling, Cathy Vaughn, Margie Vondrak

Members Absent: Soledad Figueroa, Terry Ziegler

Guests Present: Cordelia Holst, Danny Loureiro, Jennifer Lyle, Leonela Santiago, Nancy Wolf, Suzanne Yeomans, Brulene Zanutto

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		Co-Chair Jason Riggs called the meeting to order at 9:06am. Introductions were made around the room.	
2. Approval of/Revisions to Agenda**		The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	

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<p>3. Consent Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CCPC Meeting Minutes of 11/3/17 b. Early Learners Conference Sponsorship c. Evening of Honor Sponsorship 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The meeting minutes of 11/3/17 were approved by unanimous consent. b. ELC sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 was approved by unanimous consent. c. Evening of Honor sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 was approved by unanimous consent. 	
<p>4. Follow-up on Hot Topic from January's Hot Topic: QRIS Quality Counts</p>	<p>*Rebecca Hachmyer shared that we'd received a lot of positive feedback from those who attended the January meeting.</p> <p>*Susy Marrón shared the PowerPoint with the Council and encouraged those who weren't at January meeting to look at it.</p> <p>*Missy Danneberg appreciated the fact that our county does such a great job of collaborating.</p> <p>*Susy reminded participants that First 5 is currently accepting applications to be part of the Quality Counts program.</p>		
<p>5. Hot Topic: Tax Preparation / 211</p>	<p>Suzanne Yeomans, Program Officer, Financial Stability, with United Way of the Wine Country, explained the free Tax Preparation services for households whose income is less than \$54,000. Calling 2-1-1 from late January through April will put people in touch with volunteers and certified tax preparers who have been trained to get the</p>		<p>United Way will send their materials to Susy to share with Council members electronically.</p>

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	<p>maximum refunds available. The “Earn It! Keep It! Save It!” program preserved \$1.6M in our local economy last year. Participants do not have to be documented citizens. The program is available in English and Spanish. This is the 5th tax season that United Way has run the program, which is about more than taxes: it’s about families, food, etc. Suzanne shared some heartwarming stories with the Council.</p>		
<p>6. Child Care Consumers/Child Care Providers Input/ Member Announcements</p>	<p>*Jennifer Stanley asked for hard data on current, realistic salary schedule for child care for our area. Attendees shared that the Volunteer Center offers non-profits’ range for North Bay; EDD has information that Michelle Bendyk will research and send to her.</p> <p>*Missy reminded about the April 20 Evening of Honor and the April 14 Early Learners Conference.</p> <p>*Needs assessment data is available on SCOE.org/ccpc under reports.</p>		<p>Susy will share the most current ECE work force survey and the resource Michelle know of with the Council.</p>
<p>7. Public (non-members) Comment on non-agendized items</p>	<p>*Brulene Zanutto reminded the group about the Parents Guide for readiness, preparing for Kindergarten registration, promoting literacy skills.</p> <p>*Sherri Schonleber shared that SSU students can apply for TEACH (Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education) grants that provide up to \$4,000 per year to students who agree to teach for four years at a school</p>		<p>Susy will send out the TK setting document and other TK data reports.</p> <p>Susy will send out TEACH grant link when she receives it from Sherri.</p>

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	<p>or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families.</p> <p>*Lorie Siebler shared a consequence from the Governor’s removing Sonoma County’s state of emergency. (Child care was not included in the original declaration of state of emergency.) Now we need many voices and advocates to make our legislators aware of the consequences.</p> <p>*Jennifer Lyle shared that children in HUD housing will soon have a lower lead level to trigger an environmental investigation.</p>	<p>Rebecca shared phone numbers for legislators and encouraged all to voice concern that state of emergency has been lifted.</p> <p>Senator Bill Dodd: 576-2093 Senator Mike McGuire: 576-2771 Governor Jerry Brown: 916 445-2841</p>	
<p>8. Early Learning Scholarships (ELS) Program</p>	<p>Lorie distributed a fact sheet about the Early Learning Scholarship (ELS) program, which used to be called VIP. It’s now under the Quality Counts umbrella. Families with low to moderately low income if the child care provider has achieved a Tier 4 or 5 Quality Counts rating.</p>		<p>Susy will email it out Spanish translation will come</p>
<p>9. Executive Committee Report</p>	<p>Lorie Siebler informed regarding the January Executive Committee meeting where the group talked about the May retreat and spent time working on Community Meeting document. We’re shifting tasks to make it useful and usable and productive before bringing it to Council. It’s giving us feedback about the child care plan and what feels doable, manageable. Everyone was invited to come to the Executive</p>		

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	<p>Committee meetings and be involved in the process.</p> <p>*Susy shared about that the May 4 retreat will be held at The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg from 9am-2pm with breakfast and lunch included. Gary Hochman will facilitate as consultant.</p>		
10. Finance Committee Report	Missy Danneberg reported that the Finance Committee is working on two different things: AB 212 ELC Scholarship and the revised 2017-18 Budget.	<p>On motion by Megan Hede and second by Carrie Anabo, the AB 212 ELC Scholarships were approved by unanimous consent.</p> <p>On motion by Kathy Kelley and second by Debbie Blanton, the revised budget was approved by unanimous consent as presented.</p>	
11. Coordinator's Report	<p>*Susy updated the group about some of the things we're currently working on. The Governor signed AB435, the Child Care Subsidy Pilot, legislation allows us to have local flexibility and control of state and federal monies. It increases the income eligibility threshold and could potentially increase the number of children we serve in our county. Thirteen counties are enrolled in this 5-year pilot. We are working in collaboration with the state to streamline process and are hoping to hire a consultant to help Susy with local data. The plan will need to be expedited and approved by the Council in March, will go to the Board of Supervisors in April, and be submitted to the State on</p>		Susy will send out the MOU in an email ... due March 31, 2018.

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	<p>May 1. State-funded contractors will need to sign on. The goal for July 2018 will be eligibility changes, then spend another whole year to look at financial changes.</p> <p>*The Governor’s 2018-19 budget proposal looks good for Early Childcare Education: inclusive early education, low-income access, 5-year grant (could be used for facilities and professional development, increased COLA.)</p>		
<p>12. New and existing member spotlight: Sheri Schonleber</p>	<p>Sheri Schonleber is new to Sonoma County and is a faculty member at SSU. She previously resided in Hawaii for many years and worked in early childhood education as a toddler and preschool teacher and school director, before moving to Los Angeles. She’s looking forward to connecting her students with the ECE community and helping them become Early Care in Education professionals. She is also developing a project-based curriculum/teaching online class for Master of Arts students.</p> <p>Sheri is married with two grown children and two Chihuahuas.</p>		
<p>13. Feedback and In-Kind Services and Contributions Forms</p>	<p>Jason encouraged participants to complete the green or buff forms and talk about “take-aways” from this meeting.</p>	<p>Participants used the time provided to complete forms and discuss what was brought up during the meeting.</p> <p>Attendees agreed that the tax information was beneficial and that they would share that with staff.</p>	

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14. Adjourn**		The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am by unanimous consent.	