

Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County

March 2, 2018

SCOE, Oak Rooms D&E, 5340 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa CA 95403

Minutes Approved at May 4, 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, Debbie Blanton, Missy Danneberg, Lisa Grocott, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Megan Hede, Susan Langer, Alicia Morales, Jason Riggs, Lorie Siebler, Jennifer Stanley, Melinda Susan, Sonya Valiente, Cathy Vaughn, Margie Vondrak, Terry Ziegler

Members Notified Absent: Michelle Bendyk, Kathy Kelley, Emma Kerns, Sheri Schonleber, Marianne Schwarz-Kesling, Heather Sweet-Krikac

Members Absent: Soledad Figueroa

Guests Present: Nissa Kirtman, Kellie Noe, Amy Warzybok, Renee Whitlock

Advisors Present: 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 Lorie Siebler called the meeting to order at 9:05am and shared a quotation by Rumi that she felt was relevant today and is food for thought: "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right-doing, there is a field. I will meet you there." Introductions were made.	
2. Approval of/Revisions to Agenda**		The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	

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3. Consent Calendar a. CCPC Meeting Minutes of 2/2/2018		a. The meeting minutes of 2/2/2018 were approved by unanimous consent.	
4. Follow-up on Hot Topic from February's Hot Topic: Tax Preparation / 211	<p>*Lisa Grocott informed that CAP Sonoma is a 211 / Tax Preparation site</p> <p>*Sonya Valiente said that her parents and teachers were unaware of the service and were appreciative of the information she shared</p> <p>*Jennifer Stanley shared that at least one of her staff or parents have contacted 211</p>		
5. Hot Topic: READY Report	<p>Kellie Noe, County of Sonoma, Upstream Investments, presented the preliminary READY Report of Sonoma County School Readiness findings, 2017-18. The Road to the Early Achievement and Development of Youth (READY) program is funded primarily by First 5 Sonoma County and implemented by Sonoma County Health and Human Services Department, local school districts and numerous early learning partners. It's supported by Cradle to Career, Sonoma County, Upstream Investments, and Health Action. This cross-sector partnership's goal is to increase the access to opportunities and the quality of early childhood education and facilitate the transition of young learners from early childhood education to Kindergarten with the ultimate goal of closing the achievement gap.</p>		<p>Kellie will send the final report to Susy for distribution to the Council.</p> <p>Susy will email the Power Point presentation to participants, with Kellie's and Nissa's contact information</p> <p>READY website: http://www.c2csonomacounty.org/ready</p>

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	<p>The READY report is a snapshot of school readiness. The components and factors of school readiness are families, children, and schools going into the K-3 system.</p> <p>Parental education, early learning attendance, special needs, reading at home, home language, gender, and age all impact school readiness. The evidence-based, classroom observation tool used is called Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP).</p> <p>2017-18 READY findings revealed that 2 out of 5 (42%) participating students entered Kindergarten “Ready to Go.”</p> <p>Key Findings include: 85% of children attended an early learning program, 54% of parents read to their child at least 5 days a week.</p> <p>Which children are more likely to enter school Ready to Go? Those whose parents engaged them in 5 or more early learning activities in the home were 15 times more likely; 45% of those who visited a library in the past 30 days and those whose parents limited screen time to 1 hour or less per day were 1.25 times more likely.</p> <p>In Forestville Union School District, the READY data was used to convince the school board to keep their preschool open. Cloverdale Unified School District used the data to expand their programing.</p>		

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	<p>Melanie Dodson shared that 4Cs uses this data to help track 550-600 children. Annual self-assessments at the end of the year use this data to increase staff awareness of areas needing attention. 4Cs focused on math across their centers using manipulatives. 80 students returned the surveys, and 100% of those families reported they are reading to their kids.</p> <p>Kellie stressed that ASES, trauma, etc. must be considered in evaluations. The “Opportunity Gap” must be addressed before we can adequately address the “Achievement Gap.”</p> <p>The data indicates a large increase in success for our Spanish-speaking only families.</p> <p>Questions and comments from participants: *Data sharing agreement with Guerneville is a pilot program. How are they doing now in Dibbles (after quarterly monitoring)? Need to develop a system where the data is captured. *Lara suggested that this data can be used to push back challenges from the State legislature, etc. *Missy asked what percentage of students who are Ready to Go have no preschool experience.</p>		

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	<p>*Kellie introduced Nissa Kirtman, READY's new manager. Nissa shared that data is not currently aggregated but has been received district by district.</p> <p>*Lara requested that data be broken down by gender and what needs to be done.</p> <p>*Cathy Vaughn clarified the difference between Quarterly Monitoring (not quite Ready to Go, need help in just one area) and Monthly Monitoring in which a child needs strong intervention and support on a monthly basis, and Ready to Go (an observational assessment made in each of their domains in the first 3 weeks of Kindergarten.)</p> <p>If participants have specific data requests, Kellie suggested that they contact Susy at CCPC who will forward the request to Nissa and Kellie.</p>		
<p>6. Child Care Consumers/Child Care Providers Input/Member Announcements</p>	<p>*Jennifer Stanley thanked everyone who shared salary data with her.</p> <p>*Lara Magnusdottir shared that FCCH providers who lost homes are still struggling to reopen</p> <p>*Terry Ziegler spoke regarding getting a licensing extension. Melanie Dodson responded that 4Cs can advocate for extensions and waivers. Lara shared that waivers are not available after 60 days.</p> <p>*Melanie shared that 4C has Fire Relief Funding/Grants</p>		<p>Susy will include the funding information in the eNews.</p>

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	<p>*Rebecca Hachmyer told of “Kindergarten Fever in Petaluma” as families are determining priorities for school</p> <p>*Alice Hampton shared that the Early Learners Conference registration is open and cautioned that it sells out fast</p> <p>*Melanie announced upcoming open houses at 4C’s Bennett Valley and Roseland’s Apples and Bananas preschools</p>		
<p>7. Public (non-members) Comment on non-agendized items</p>	<p>* Renee Whitlock shared that Mark West community preschool may not be rebuilt because \$300k is needed for the infrastructure before beginning to rebuild at a cost of over \$2B. Public support is needed to provide stability for facilities. Facilities are under-insured and must pay off the mortgage with the insurance money.</p> <p>We need to keep facilities in the forefront. Is there a solution?</p> <p>*Melanie informed that First 5 is presenting to the Board of Supervisors on April 10, 2018, and invited all to attend the meeting in support.</p>		
<p>8. Sonoma County Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan</p>	<p>Susy Marrón summarized the intent of the pilot plan authorized by AB235. The three main concerns addressed by the plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonoma County contractors typically underutilize state funding • Contractors are unable to fill existing child care slots. 	<p>On motion by Cathy Vaughn and second by Missy Danneberg, the Sonoma County Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan was approved unanimously, subject to the Executive Committee’s final approval of any changes.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement rates for direct service providers are well below market rates in the County. <p>The Plan's intent is to ensure that funding for Sonoma County subsidies addresses local needs and priorities and that the County controls monies from the State, instead of returning the funds to the state. (Last year, Sonoma County returned \$2.1M)</p> <p>We are one of nine California counties applying for a pilot to begin July 1, 2018</p>		
9. Executive Committee Report	<p>Jason Riggs informed regarding the February Executive Committee meeting where the group talked about the May retreat and continued processing the data that come from last year's Community Meeting. The Committee is shifting tasks to make the Goals document useful, usable, and productive before bringing it to Council. It's giving us feedback about the child care plan and what feels doable and manageable. Everyone was invited to come to the Executive Committee meetings and be involved in the process.</p>		
10. Finance Committee Report	<p>Missy Danneberg reported that the Finance Committee is working on two different things: the AB 212 ELC Scholarship and the revised 2017-18 Budget.</p>		

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	<p>A grant from First 5 to provide funding for consultant for the Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot.</p> <p>The Committee will revise current budget and present to the Council when final numbers are in.</p>		
<p>11. Membership Report</p>	<p>*Terry Ziegler reflected on the challenge the Council faces in making meeting quorums. The more members we have, the more people are needed to make quorum. Please share your experiences concerning your participation in Council meetings, work groups, and/or committee work.</p>		
<p>12. New and existing member spotlight: Alice Hampton</p>	<p>Alice Hampton was born in Guantanamo Bay and grew up in New York state. She worked in child care in Texas and Marin County before moving to Santa Rosa 23 years ago. She's been in the Child Development Department at Santa Rosa Junior College for 20 years. She is currently the SRJC Mentor Program Coordinator and works with students who are finishing the Early Childhood Mentor program. Monthly seminars/meetings of the county's child development directors are held both in Santa Rosa and Petaluma. Alice offered tours of the program. Contact Alice (ahampton@santarosa.edu or 707-522-2619) regarding a Child Care permit.</p>		

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13. Feedback and In-Kind Services and Contributions Forms	Lorie encouraged participants to complete the green and buff 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.	
14. Adjourn**		The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am by unanimous consent.	