



**Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 8, 2017

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

**Minutes Approved at November 3, 2017 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, Susan Langer\*\*, Jason Riggs, Marianne Schwarz-Kesling, Lorie Siebler\*\*, Jennifer Stanley\*\*, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Sonya Valiente, Cathy Vaughn, Margie Vondrak, Terry Ziegler

**Members Notified Absent:** Soledad Figueroa, Lisa Grocott, Megan Hede, Kathy Kelley, Alicia Morales, Daniela Ribbecke\*\*, Melinda Susan\*\*

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Emma Kerns, Lily Krikac, Sandra Lemus, Vickie Miller, Maleese Warner

**Advisors Present:** Melanie Dodson, Lara Magnusdottir

**Advisor Absent:** Ed Sheffield

**Staff Present:** Susy Marrón, Kaye Moore, Patty Bernstein

\*\*Indicates pending Board of Supervisors appointment

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1. Call to order**, Introductions, Inspiration		Co-chair Jason Riggs called the meeting to order at 9:07am. Introductions were made around the room. Jason offered a moment of quiet reflection for all people affected by natural disasters around the world.	
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 8/11/17		The meeting minutes of 8/11/17 were approved by unanimous consent.	
4. Follow-up on Hot Topic from previous meeting: CCPC Programs Overview	Marianne Schwarz-Kesling shared that information from last meeting's Hot Topic helped keep the program in the forefront for her as she went about her regular routine.		
5. Hot Topic Strengthening Families Framework	<p>4Cs Resource and Referral Director Lorie Siebler and Parent Engagement Coordinator Sandra Lemus began their presentation with the video <i>Human Walking Program: Lost Dogs' Home</i> to illustrate the concept of changing one's perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Strengthening Families Initiative participants are identified by risk factors that are not always predictive.</li> <li>*A main goal is to develop a nurturing supportive adult. Must partner with the parent as the child's first teacher and an expert on the child</li> <li>*Look at what you do every day and make small but significant, mindful changes</li> <li>*Five Protective Factors help a child make it through: parental resilience, knowledge of parenting and child development, positive social connections, concrete support in times of need, social and emotional competence of children</li> </ul>	Melanie Dodson shared that the structure of her organization's meetings has changed based on Parent Cafés. Staff members make more presentations at the meetings now.	Susy will forward a flier about Parent Cafés and a copy of today's PowerPoint presentation.

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	<p>Parent Cafés is a program established by a 2015 grant from First 5 Sonoma County. A free meal and childcare are provided on a school campus in an effort to create an environment for inclusion and community. <b>Parent Cafés</b> is a program that uses the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework to support communities in engaging parents in meaningful conversations about what matters most – their family and how to strengthen their family by building protective factors.</p> <p>In order to encourage more men to participate, this fall a Dad’s Only Café will be rolled out.</p> <p>Sandra and Lorie are working on becoming officially certified trainers by Be Strong Families. It was suggested that they make presentations at preschools.</p>		
<p>6. Child Care Consumers/Child Care Providers Input/Member Announcements</p>	<p>*Missy Danneberg announced that the first planning meeting for Evening of Honor will take place on September 22 at 9am at 4Cs.</p> <p>*Jennifer Stanley sought help in credentialing teachers with state approval. She was advised to have the individuals make an appointment with the credentials analyst at SCOE. Susy will help with the ECE component at that time.</p> <p>*Marianne Schwarz-Kesling asked if</p>		

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	<p>anyone had been affected by the DACA news.</p> <p>*Sonya Valiente announced that the Secret Santa program planning has begun and invited people to participate online.</p> <p>*Melanie Dodson shared that nominations for Champions for Children are open. The benefit luncheon is Thursday, November 2, at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. Nominate online at <a href="https://www.sonoma4cs.org/champions">https://www.sonoma4cs.org/champions</a></p> <p>*Jason Riggs announced that Extended Child Care was awarded a family literacy grant from the Community Foundation of Sonoma County as part of the iRead grants program. Apply at <a href="http://www.sonomacf.org/receive/apply-for-grants/">http://www.sonomacf.org/receive/apply-for-grants/</a></p> <p>*Jason also announced that the USDA is giving childcare subsidies to coast guard families to reimburse for each individual center. It was suggested that the centers should get a “heads up” that licensing analyst will come almost immediately.</p>		<p>Susy will send out information about Champions for Children</p>
<p>7. Public (<b>non-members</b>) Comment on non-agendized items</p>	<p>*Vickie Miller, Human Services Department reported that the Emergency Child Care Bridge program will commence on January 1, 2018. Sonoma County will make application (due November 1, 2017) and will partner with the local Resource and Referral agency to deliver services. The program</p>		

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	<p>will provide up to six months (renewable for an additional 6 months) childcare for relative caregivers, resource families or parenting youth in foster care for children 0-12 years. The program includes provision for a childcare navigator to help families find a childcare provider, completing child care program applications and developing a plan for long-term childcare for the child. A further provision of the Bridge program is to deliver-trauma-informed training and coaching to childcare programs who serve foster children.</p>		
<p>8 Co-Chair Nominee: Lorie Siebler</p>	<p>Membership chair Terry Ziegler introduced Lorie Siebler and informed that the vote will be held on October 6, after Lorie has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors on September 19.</p>		
<p>9. Executive Committee Report</p>	<p>Jason Riggs provided information regarding the development of the Executive Committee's action plan. The EC is wrestling with how to move forward with the data from the Community Meeting. Gary Hochman will facilitate the September 18 meeting in an effort to help formulate the action plan to bring back to the Council.</p>		
<p>10. Finance Committee Report</p>	<p>Finance chair Missy Danneberg reported that the Committee is waiting for finalized numbers from 16-17 and will bring the final budget revisions to the Council when the numbers are</p>		<p>Susy will send the link to the online form.</p>

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	<p>stabilized. The Committee is also looking at long-range planning, because some funding will be reduced. The CTKS money will be gone after this fiscal year. She reminded everyone to complete their in-kind forms, as it is a requirement of one of our grants.</p>		
<p>11. New Members Spotlight: Michelle Bendyk and Susan Langer</p>	<p>Terry Ziegler introduced two new members who shared about themselves.</p> <p>Michelle Bendyk: Employed by Sonoma County Human Services, works in the Employment and Training Division and recently took over the responsibilities for childcare coordinator for the SonomaWORKS program. Her whole career has been with families and children. When childcare became a personal issue, she quit work ... then started her career all over again. One of three analysts in CalWORKS, she specializes in child care while also overseeing a housing support program helping to get the homeless into permanent housing. The Coordinated Entry System provides a triage type of help for families in need of assistance.</p> <p>Susan Langer: Started as Spanish major in college; became instructional aide in a Los Angeles classroom and realized that she liked it; taught Kindergarten for 6 years</p>		

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	<p>while earning her psychologist credential; employed at SCOE as school psychologist. When Sonoma Valley took back their special education program, she became principal of special education and overseeing the preschool program. She shared that state contracts are most challenging aspect of her job. They are part of an embedded instruction pilot program funded by a \$90K grant.</p>		
<p>12. Public Policy updates</p>	<p>Lara Magnúsdóttir reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*AB435 has passed through the Senate Appropriations Committee</li> <li>* The labor-sponsored bill, which would have required two hours of safety training, has died and is off the table.</li> <li>*AB1250, dealing with counties' contract for personal services is still in the hopper. It is a 2-year bill and would affect First 5 and counties that subcontract their Resource and Referral (R&amp;R).</li> <li>* AB752 would prohibit a state-contracted agency from expelling or unenrolling a child from a state preschool program because of a child's behavior, except under certain restrictive conditions. California currently has the highest rate of preschool expulsions for behaviors.</li> <li>*Missy Danneberg reported that AB273 would qualify parents who taking ESL or high school equivalency courses for</li> </ul>		

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13. Adjourn**	Reminder to turn in meeting surveys.	The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am by unanimous consent.	