



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

November 3, 2017

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

**Minutes Approved at February 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, Missy Danneberg, Soledad Figueroa, Lisa Grocott, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Susan Langer, Jason Riggs, Lorie Siebler, Jennifer Stanley, Melinda Susan, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Sonya Valiente, Terry Ziegler

**Members Notified Absent:** Debbie Blanton, Megan Hede, Kathy Kelley, Alicia Morales, Daniela Ribbecke, Marianne Schwarz-Kesling, Cathy Vaughn, Margie Vondrak

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Sirelle Brackett, Rachel Cohn, Nicole Cunningham, Taylor Falbisaner, Lezette Hernandez, Alexis Hollon, Elena Janred, Danny Loureiro, Madaline McGrogan, Amy McIntyre, Melea Meyer, Vickie Miller, Kim Milus, Patricia Rendon, Maleese Warner, Amy Warzybok

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

**Advisor Absent:** Ed Sheffield

**Staff Present:** Susy Marrón and Kaye Moore

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1. Call to order**, Introductions, Inspiration		Co-chair Rebecca Hachmyer called the meeting to order at 9:15am. Introductions were made around the room. Rebecca introduced the topics of the meeting, then shared a story about a dog who watched over his sheep during the firestorm. She talked about the dogs heroism when taking care of his sheep and fawns that he took in.	

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2. Approval of/Revisions to Agenda**		The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	
3. Consent Calendar a. CCPC Meeting Minutes of 9/8/17		The meeting minutes of 9/8/17 were approved by unanimous consent.	
4. Follow-up on Hot Topic from previous meeting: Triple P	<p>Missy mentioned that she was happy that students were able to attend our meeting. The students that attended reported that they enjoyed the presentation.</p> <p>Sonya Valiente reported that she posted the Triple P classes on her Facebook page to get the information out to her parents.</p> <p>Melanie Dodson asked if there was a way to get a laminated copy of documents for people to access the Triple P documents but the group stated that there were difficulties and costs associated. What would need to happen to get a rope and ring system get the information sheets in the waiting room?</p> <p>Lorie Siebler mentioned the difficulty in getting the documents since they are protected.</p>		Susy will email Carla to ask about availability of resources in lobby for parents to parents.
5. Hot Topic : A forum to discuss the aftermath of the firestorm	<p>Jason Riggs spoke about the 4Cs meeting about the firestorm. On October 18, Child Care was added to the state of emergency which allows for Community Care Licensing to help child care sites.</p> <p>Susy presented numbers on lost and damaged preschools. 494 slots were lost</p>		

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	<p>due to children being displaced.</p> <p>Alexis Hollon: Governor Jerry Brown signed an executive order that would allow director of the State Department of Social Services to waive any regulations with respect to licensing of child care facilities, enabling getting children in a child care site. The only thing that cannot be waived is the criminal background check. Equipment and bathroom locations can be waived.</p> <p>Terry Ziegler asked about a waiver for indoor and outdoor activity space and CCL said they can offer a waiver for this situation. CCL needs a hand written request. Waivers are written for 6 months.</p> <p>Lara Magnusdottir stated that the waiver is tied to the emergency order.</p> <p>Alexis Hollon said waivers are open-ended and a priority for CCL. A waiver was requested to waive capacity requirements for infants. Age group requirements are being waived.</p> <p>Relocations will be expedited and fees for those who lost homes will be waived.</p> <p>Equipment and bathroom locations can be waived.</p> <p>Lara Magnusdottir will be sending out an FAQ email and will post the FAQ on the 4Cs website.</p> <p>Melanie Dodson reported on First 5 meetings and funding for rebuilding.</p> <p>Currently, there is support for 16</p>		

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	<p>facilities that were lost (help above and beyond the insurance coverage) and help for parents to find new child care. How can First 5 help getting the fundraised money out to providers who need it. 12 FCCH have been lost (80 slots) which significantly impacts infants and toddlers, with. Funding could be used for stay-at-home moms to open licensed child care centers in their homes.</p> <p>Jason Riggs mentioned looking at immediate needs but also looking at the long-term need and long-term financial assistance.</p> <p>Lisa Grocott stated that there will be no waiver for income but if you lost your home due to the fire, you would now qualify for Head Start.</p> <p>Lara Magnasdottir mentioned that the cost of child care is directly connected to the cost of rent in the area. Infant and Toddler slots are needed state-wide.</p> <p>Nicole Cunningham stated that a waiver can be granted for a qualified teacher who might be missing infant/toddler units.</p>		

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6. Child Care Consumers/Child Care Providers Input/ Member Announcements	<p>Terry Ziegler announced that her site just completed QRIS and that it was a positive experience. She is glad it is over but the money isn't enough.</p> <p>Heather Sweet-Krikac said that SAY is offering group support for anyone 5-25 that needs help in the aftermath of the fires.</p> <p>YMCA is trying to open up extra space for toddlers and school-aged children with their exempt status.</p> <p>*Melanie Dodson asked that anyone who is opening slots both licensed or license-exempt sites contact Lara Magnusdottir or Lorie Siebler.</p> <p>*Meeting with First 5 discussed the idea of a survey to figure out supply and demand for child care after the firestorm.</p>		
7. Public ( <b>non-members</b> ) Comment on non-agendized items	<p>Sonoma State is doing well. They kept the children inside after the fires, but the children are now outside playing.</p> <p>Amy McIntyre talked about the permit changes and the change with the Associate Teacher permit. She asked for advocacy around the Associate Teacher permit requirements.</p> <p>Champions for Children has been rescheduled for 1/19/2018</p>		Susy will ask about the permit revision with the COEPACD on 11/9/17
8. CCPC Annual Self Review	Susy asked the group to read through the self-review of the CCPC.	The self-review was opened for discussion. On motion by Missy Danneberg and second by Jason Riggs, the Council voted unanimously to approve the annual self-review.	

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9. Membership Committee Report	<p>The Membership Committee recommended the approval of Emma Kerns and Nanette (Sheri) Schonleber as new Council members.</p> <p>The Membership Committee recommended accepting the resignation of Daniela Ribbecke.</p> <p>The Membership Committee recommended the election of Lorie Siebler as the new chair-elect.</p>	<p>On motion by Lisa Grocott and second by Carrie Anabo, the Council unanimously approved the applications of Emma Kerns and Nanette (Sheri) Schonleber.</p> <p>On motion by Terry Ziegler and second by Lorie Siebler, the Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Daniella Ribbecke.</p> <p>On motion by Heather Sweet-Krikac and second by Soledad Figuero, the Council voted unanimously to elect Lorie Siebler as chair-elect.</p>	
10. New member spotlight: Jennifer Stanley	Jennifer Stanley: She is happily divorced with two children: a son and a daughter. She is a huge Disney fan, and loves kickboxing and kayaking. She has many careers in teaching. She is a reading specialist. She loves wine tasting, stand-up comedy, a challenge, and her career.		
11. Public Policy Report	Lara Magnúsdóttir reported on our pilot bill that allows the county flexibility on waivers and finance for the ECE. Governor Brown signed the bill with some concerns. Meetings are taking place to discuss the inclusion of Stage 1 funding. Sonoma County needs flexibility (from other counties) due to the fall-out from the firestorm. The state is talking about setting regional reimbursement rates in higher cost-of-living areas. Susy Marron added information about		

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	<p>the following bills:</p> <p>*AB480: CALWORKs will provide program participants with diapers.</p> <p>*AB273 expands eligibility criteria for subsidized child care services to parents who are taking ESL classes or high school equivalency classes.</p> <p>*SB63 will provide 12 weeks of unpaid maternity or paternity leave for Californians.</p>		
12. Feedback & In-Kind Services and Contributions			
13. Adjourn**	Reminder to turn in meeting surveys.	The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am by unanimous consent.	