



**Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County**

November 2, 2018

SCOE, Redwood Rooms A&B, 5340 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa CA 95403

Minutes Approved at December 7, 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:** Michelle Bendyk, Missy Danneberg, Stella Gonzalez, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Megan Hede, Kathy Kelley, Jason Riggs, Nanette/Sheri Schonleber, Lorie Siebler, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Sonya Valiente, Cathy Vaughn, Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh, Terry Ziegler

**Members Notified Absent:** Carrie Anabo, Debbie Blanton, Lisa Grocott, Susan Langer, Margie Vondrak

**Members Absent:** Soledad Figueroa, Emma James

**Guests Present:** Leah Benz, Mandy Corbin, Olivia DeMarais, Morgan Moody, Amber Morabito, Cathy Tsao

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

**Advisor Notified Absent:**

**Advisors Absent:** Ed Sheffield

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

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1. Call to order **, Introductions, Inspiration, "What's on Your Mind?"		Introductions were made around the table. The inspiration was to live in the "now" and move through the world with joy and gratitude Co-chair Lorie Siebler called the meeting to order at 9:07am when quorum was attained.	
2. Approval of/Revisions to Agenda**		The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	

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3. Consent Calendar** a. Approve CCPC Minutes of 10/5/2018		a. The minutes of 10/5/2018 were approved by unanimous consent.	
4. Follow up from the previous meeting: Early Childhood Development programs and K12 Partnerships Panel Presentation		<p>*Renee Whitlock-Hemsouhahn shared that she appreciated hearing about collaboration at JX Wilson School.</p> <p>*Jason Riggs shared that the principal expressed gratitude and feels engaged after hearing the questions that were raised at last month’s meeting. Jason reported that he had a very negative experience at another school in the district.</p> <p>*Missy Danneberg suggested that it would be good to acknowledge the collaboration between community partners. Perhaps The Press Democrat could write a feature article. Missy also suggested that a letter to the Wright School District Board of Trustees praising the collaborations at JX Wilson School might encourage other principals in that district to try better partnering.</p>	The ECE prorams and K-12 Work Group will look into adding this to their work.
5. Hot Topic: Early Childhood Education Town Hall: What’s on the horizon? Follow-up discussion	Government and Business Work Group chair Lara Magnusdottir and committee members explained the focus of their Work Group, which includes Leah Benz, Melanie Dodson, Victoria Fleming, Cathy Vaughn, and Renee Whitlock-Hemsouhahn. Melanie provided background: they are focusing on getting involved in building bridges with business and government to encourage		<p>Draft a letter that all CCPC could sign.</p> <p>It would be good to have Council members and representatives of assembly, etc.</p> <p>The Town Hall was a “rough draft” which needs follow-ups to expand the ECE Crisis.</p>

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	<p>employer-supported child care. Lara explained that a Town Hall meeting was held last Thursday. Invitations were sent out to providers to participate about what is going on in child care in the community. Twenty-five people attended, including a representative of Senator Bill Dodd and Assemblymember Marc Levine.</p> <p>We want to involve the provider community. California has the least affordable child care. Survey results show what's going on in the community. Operational challenges include staffing, professional development, recruiting families, and the on-going cost of maintaining facilities.</p> <p>How ready are providers to consider the future?</p> <p>At the Town Hall meeting, Angie Dillon-Shore spoke about the First 5 connection and facilities' grants.</p> <p>Lynda Hopkins, County Supervisor and First 5 Commissioner, also spoke.</p> <p>Renee shared some barriers including the permitting process and suggested that Sonoma County could be a model to present to other counties.</p> <p>We must take a strong stand with government, including the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>For follow-up, the group will send out minutes and request input regarding interest in monitoring issues.</p>		<p>Suggested to Partner with Chambers of Commerce?</p> <p>Also go to greater Santa Rosa Metro Chamber. Their staff person will join CCPC.</p>

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	<p>Keep in forefront of the media and politicians with letters to the editor, etc. This body (CCPC) should come up with a statement about what is happening and what we know to be true. We should be more visible and need to be involved in the conversations already taking place.</p>		
<p>6. Child Care Consumers and Providers input /Member announcements</p>	<p>*Alice Hampton reminded that the Early Learners’ Conference will be held on February 23 and asked for proposals for practical hands-on workshops.</p> <p>*Kathy Kelley shared that children struggle with programs where there are not consistent teachers, kids need relationships with teacher. She also reached out to the Beth Ami preschool. Kathy reminded everyone that Parent Cafes continue and especially encouraged preschools to promote them.</p> <p>*Terry Ziegler shared that about one of her children going “Sugar Treating” and her appreciation for the VIP program.</p> <p>*Heather Sweet-Krikac reminded that winter shelters for 18-24 year-olds will open when the temperatures drop to less than 36-40 degrees. She will send a link for this free service for family and adults to Susy.</p> <p>*Terry applauded Sonoma State University and their students who come to help out.</p> <p>*Renee shared that the keynote speaker for the ELC conerence in February will be</p>		

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	<p>Miriam Beloglovsky. There will be an opportunity to purchase some of her books at the conference.</p> <p>*Melanie reminded everyone that the Champions for Children event is Friday, November 9.</p>		
<p>7. Public (<b>non-members</b>) comment on non-agendized items</p>	<p>*Amber Morito reported that PITC still has funds to support infant and toddler programs (0-36 months).</p>		
<p>8. CCPC Annual Self Review</p>	<p>Susy Marrón explained that this review is required annually and that we are in compliance in all areas.</p>	<p>On motion by Missy Danneberg and second by Nanette Schonleber, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Annual Self Review and send it to the California Department of Education.</p>	
<p>9. New &amp; Existing Member/Advisor Spotlight: Lara Magnusdottir</p>	<p>Lara explained Icelandic names. Her father is Magnus and she is his “dottir”. She was born and raised in Iceland. She has traveled extensively, speaks several languages. She participated in an student exchange program in Spain in her senior year at a small arts college in Illinois. At Monterey Language Line Services, she provided language interpretation over the phone. She moved to Santa Rosa and joined 4Cs in 2006. Her children are a 24-year-old living in Portland and a high school senior here.</p>		
<p>10. Public Policy Report</p>	<p>Lara Magnusdottir detailed the bills that have been signed into law by the Governor:</p> <p><b>AB 605:</b> Birth to 1st grade license option will start 1/1/2021. By 2024 all centers</p>		

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	<p>will have to have this one license, instead of multiple ones.</p> <p><b>AB 2370:</b> Requires health and safety training regarding the prevention of lead exposure and written information to parents. Also requires a licensed child day care center that is located in a building that was constructed before January 1, 2010, to have its drinking water tested for lead contamination on a specified schedule.</p> <p><b>AB 2626:</b> Takes exemptions from the pilot, allowing children who are 3 by September 1 to enroll, and giving 2 paid professional development days a year beginning July 1, 2019. California Department of Education's Early Education and Support Division (EESD) has a new name: Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD).</p> <p><b>AB 2698:</b> Enables children in the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and infants and toddlers in general child care and development programs to benefit from early childhood mental health consultation by authorizing providers to utilize subsidized child care funds to provide valuable services, which can improve outcomes for children and help prevent expulsions. The adjustment factor adds 5% for early mental health (on top of everything else), beginning 1/1/2019 for eligible programs.</p>		

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	<p><b>AB 2960:</b> This referral bill provides for creating and developing a website portal for parents to learn what kind of services they're eligible for.</p> <p>Coming bills will tackle staffing rates for subsidized care.</p>		
<p>11. Work Group break-out time and Report Outs</p>	<p><b>TK/K-12:</b> Jason Riggs reported that they now have an opportunity to reconnect with the JX Wilson group regarding collaboration and to reach out for publicity regarding community partnerships.</p> <p><b>Business and Government:</b> Melanie said her group planned a meeting and is going to write a letter.</p> <p><b>Higher Education:</b> Missy Danneberg reported that this group is trying to set a meeting with SRJC and SSU.</p>		
<p>12. What's on your Mind?</p>	<p>No cards were turned in.</p> <p>Rebecca explained the raffle can be won only by members in attendance.</p>	<p>Rebecca Hachmyer won the raffle for the Jenga game.</p>	
<p>13. Feedback &amp; In-Kind Services and Contributions Forms</p>	<p>Time was allowed for attendees to complete the forms.</p>		<p>Staff will send the forms electronically as well.</p>
<p>14. Adjournment**</p>		<p>The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:54am</p>	