



Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County

December 7, 2018

SCOE, Redwood Room C, 5340 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa CA 95403

Minutes Approved at February 1, 2019 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, Debbie Blanton, Missy Danneberg, Stella Gonzalez, Lisa Grocott, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Emma James, Kathy Kelley, Susan Langer, Lorie Siebler, Cathy Vaughn, Margie Vondrak, Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh, Terry Ziegler

Members Notified Absent: Carrie Anabo, Soledad Figueroa, Megan Hede, Jason Riggs, Nanette/Sheri Schonleber, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Sonya Valiente

Members Absent:

Guests Present: Leah Benz, Mandy Corbin, Carla Denner, Allyson Goodwin, Jennie Holmes, Lisa Steinman, Brulene Zanutto

Advisor 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, "What's on Your Mind?"		Co-chair Rebecca Hachmyer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:03am. Rebecca reminded how the "What's on Your Mind?" cards work. Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh read a quote from Brené Brown's book <i>Dare to Lead</i> , concerning that leadership is recognizing potential and that sometimes we do the best work when we're uncomfortable. Introductions were made around the table.	

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2. Approval of/Revisions to Agenda**		The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	
3. Consent Calendar** a. Approve CCPC Minutes of 11/2/2018		a. The minutes of 11/2/2018 were approved by unanimous consent. b. The reappointment of Debbie Blanton, Missy Danneberg, Soledad Figueroa, Lisa Grocott, Kathleen Kelly, Jason Riggs, and Terry Ziegler for another 2-year term was approved by unanimous consent.	
4. Follow up from the previous meeting: Early Childhood Education Town Hall		*Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh shared that her group is moving forward to develop strategies and meeting with local stake holders. Lynda Hopkins called a meeting with First 5 and the CCPC Government and Business Committee to consider modifications to the general plan.	
5. Hot Topic: Community Support for the New Normal/Resources for Children and Families Panel members Allyson Goodwin (Redwood Empire Food Bank), Jennie Holmes (Catholic Charities), and Michelle Bendyk (Sonoma County Human Services)	Jennie Holmes informed that the definition of homeless used here is “not meant for human habitation.” Sonoma County has three times the number of homeless people than the national average. Sixty-seven percent of our 3,000 homeless people are living outdoors. Before the fire in 2017, we had reduced our homeless population from 46% to 37% over six years. Catholic Charities operates the largest shelter (138 beds) in Northern California. She explained Rapid Rehousing, the Landlord Signers Program, and Coordinated Entry, a HUD unfunded mandate.		

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	<p>Michelle Bendyk explained the divisions of the Human Services Department: Adult and Aging (3 locations), Economic Assistance (including food stamps and Covered California), Employment and Training (JobLink, SonomaWORKS/CalWORKS/MediCal: includes a homeless program), Family Youth and Children (4 locations including Valley of the Moon, foster care and adoption services. The South County location in Petaluma houses all divisions. Housing support is provided under SonomaWORKS, where 46 families have been housed since July 1.</p> <p>Allyson Goodwin explained that the Redwood Empire Food Bank, which operates from Sonoma County to the Oregon border, is mostly direct service. Their Value Market, which accepts WIC, is the only non-profit low income grocery store in the county, where patrons may get free bread and produce. Food Connections is a food referral service: what food services are in specific neighborhoods. Other programs run by the Food Bank include Groceries-to-Go, Preschool Pantries, and Senior Distribution. Preschool Pantries will be operated in partnership with YWCA's A Special Place. Nutrition Education classes are also offered. REFB has partnerships with 15 area schools. School Pantry Light</p>		

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	serves people with a need that is not as heavy as others.		
6. Child Care Consumers and Providers input /Member announcements	<p>*Lorie Siebler announced a Parent Voices breakfast at Applebees on Saturday, December 8.</p> <p>*4Cs Leadership Development Academy will be starting In January: learning how government works, different ways to be engaged, how to be a child care advocate.</p>		
7. Public (non-members) comment on non-agendized items	<p>* Carla Denner shared that First 5 “Care, Cope, Connect” kits are available for parents and children to work together regarding dealing with stress. She also reminded that the Early Learning Institute’s Navigator program is available to everyone for developmental screening.</p> <p>*Leah Benz shared that First 5 is hosting a screening of the documentary “No Small Matter” at the 3rd Street Theater on January 24 at 6:30pm. The popcorn is free.</p> <p>*Norine Doherty, with Sonoma County Department of Health Services, announced that they have finished a readiness assessment.</p> <p>*Lisa Steinman shared information about lead prevention that Environmental Health is involved in.</p>		

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8. Executive Committee Report	Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh explained that we'd earmarked \$1000 for sponsoring the Early Learners Conference and the Evening of Honor, but that the Executive Committee would like to allot \$900 to the Evening of Honor and \$100 to the Early Learnings Conference which is already well funded. Lorie Siebler explained that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council approve funds for the mandated part of the assessment, as the supplemental needs assessment by community doubles the cost. Susy will convene a committee to work on the data and look at getting additional funding.		
9. Finance Committee Report	Missy Danneberg explained that the Finance Committee recommends \$6,000 for 120 scholarships for teachers in AB212 funded programs. The Finance Committee also recommended sponsorships for the Early Learners Conference in the amount of \$100 and the Evening of Honor in the amount of \$900 (appreciation of providers and others in early childhood community).	On motion by Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh and second by Cathy Vaughn, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Early Learning Conference scholarships. On motion by Alice Hampton and second by Debbie Blanton, the Council voted to approve the sponsorships of the Early Learning Conference the Evening of Honor sponsorship as recommended by the Finance Committee. Missy Danneberg and Lorie Siebler abstained.	
10. CCPC Statement of Urgency of Community Support	Lara Magnusdottir explained the statement of urgency came from the survey the group sent out before the Town Hall meeting. It includes child care in community planning, looking at	On motion by Missy Danneberg and second by Cathy Vaughn, the Council voted unanimously to approve the statement and empowering the work group to finalize the statement.	

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	current situation, and what we would like legislators and business community to do. This statement is from the ECE community to educate stakeholders.		
11. New & Existing Member/Advisor Spotlight: Stella Gonzalez and Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh	Originally from Paraguay, Stella Gonzalez has been with the Boys & Girls Club for 9 months where she is Director of Program Services across the clubs. She previously worked in the fitness industry for 15 years, but the fires impacted her employment. She loves what she's doing now. Renee will report next meeting.		
12. Public Policy Report	<p>Lara Magnusdottir detailed some public policy issues. Since we will have a new Governor and State Superintendent of Schools, we should position ourselves as a resource that they need.</p> <p>*The Poverty Task Force which was created by AB 1520 recommended a \$14B budget to get all children, who are in deep poverty, out of poverty. The report includes child care.</p> <p>*AB 124, The Preschool Facilities Bond Act of 2020 would, if voter approved, authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500,000,000 to finance a preschool facility grant program.</p> <p>*AB 6 seeks to establish the Office of Early Childhood Education with a comprehensive data system within the State Department of Education.</p> <p>*SB 6 would ease some requirements for Family Child Care Homes.</p>		

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13. Work Group break-out time	Ten minutes was provided for Work Groups to meet.		
14. What's on your Mind?	No cards were turned in.		
15. Feedback & In-Kind Services Forms	Time was allowed for attendees to complete the forms.		Staff will send the forms electronically as well.
16. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am by unanimous consent.		