

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

July 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Jenny Copeland, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Jaya Lopez, Amy McIntyre, Milagros Ott, Gail Ralls, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Julie Swanstrom, Lia Thompson-Clark, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudo

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Erica Hurtado, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Check-ins, News, and Announcements

*Maleese shared that Santa Rosa Junior College's Children's Center will not be opening in the fall.

*Lia shared that Sonoma State University is on the verge of getting the OK to open child care.

*Melanie spoke about the cases of COVID-19 in Texas and cautioned everyone to dig into the details of reports.

*Sonya inquired as to the ratio of teachers to children. Melanie responded that 4Cs follows that 1:12 ratio.

*Susy reported that Provider Information Notification (PIN) will be updated.

*Amy said they're following local public health orders.

*Susy asked how programs are dealing with closures, PPP loans, and reserves.

*Jason asked if anyone has received CDE approval for closure.

*Susy shared that CARES is now accepting applications. CCPC has received the inclusion grant and will be posting for .75 FTE position to be hired through 12/31/2029. Gail shared that Michelle Fox is looking for a position.

*The Early Learning Conference will likely be postponed indefinitely.

*Gail shared that she will retire at the end of August. Her position will be positing at .8 FTE.

*The group discussed equity issues.

State Budget 2020-2021

- Susy shared budget clarification from Every Child California including:
- The 1% (0.63%) differential between full-day CCTR and full-day CSPP programs, was NOT eliminated as part of the final budget. Full-day CCTR will remain \$49.54, and Full-day CSPP will remain \$49.85.
- CCTR expansion funds as part of the Budget Act 2019-2020, for CCTR expansion services from April 1 to June 30, 2020 were swept. However, the funding for these spaces starting July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 were not eliminated and are part of the final budget. As such, this funding will be released shortly.
- Full-Day CSPP and Part-Day CSPP will remain at the California Department of Education (CDE). All other programs early care and child development programs will move over to Department of Social Services (DSS) July 1, 2021.
- The Early Childhood Policy Council (ECPC) will remain under the Health and Human Services Department and will not be moved over to DSS.

Depending on tax revenues, additional cuts may occur. Advocacy is needed for equity and ways for programs to stay afloat. Susy and Lara will collaborate. Melanie suggested that a letter be sent to the Assembly and Senate thanking them and encouraging them to hold firm and not make cuts in August.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

a) Emergency Child Care: Child Care is open for everyone, not just essential workers. Melanie and Julie shared that emergency child care for families with vouchers has been extended a further 90 days. 385 children are currently enrolled

b) Reopening: Most facilities plan on reopening. (Not SRJC's Children's Center) Child Care is open for everyone, not just essential workers.

c) Supplies: Gail shared an email from FEMA regarding free masks from the Salvation Army. Susy forwarded the email to ELCD contractors. Melanie asked if any state funded programs have gotten funds for supplies. 4Cs has not.

*Jason shared that if programs think that there's an exposure, they must call the Health Department. He wondered if there will be follow-through. There is a line dedicated to providers.

Next ELCD Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:21 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

August 13, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Teresa Brenabe, Jenny Copeland, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Rebecca Hachmyer, Lara Magnusdottir, Adriana Melgoza, Nathan Murray, Gail Ralls, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Cindy Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Lia Thompson-Clark, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudo, Brulene Zanutto

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves and share one word to describe how they're feeling during this pandemic.

Check-ins, News, and Announcements

*Susy shared that CARES Quality Counts is now enrolling up to 100 participants. Online training is available through the workforce registry (careregistry.org)

*Wendy shared that she spoke with Nancy De Armond, an Early Learning and Care Division Consultant with CDE, and that distance learning may look similar to elementary education in the sense that their will be official guidance that indicate the a minimum number of minutes of instruction and what types of activities can be counted to meet those requirements.

*Lara is pushing for guidance for Title 5 centers. Stephen Profeter, Director of the Early Learning and Care Division of CDE, has said that centers will be paid but there is nothing in writing and there is no certainty that reimbursement will be based on enrollment.

*Family fees have been waived for July and August.

*Jason announced that Extended Child Care will be serving up to 195 children. They have 170 enrolled at this time.

*Old Adobe preschool will open virtually.

*Brulene explained that the 180 minutes of instruction may include independent assignments and that it is not necessary to have 3 hours of screen time.

*Jason informed that districts are to develop re-engagement plans.

*Brulene raised the equity issues with IEPs and English Language Learners.

*Wendy shared that they're keeping communication logs to account for times they connect with children and families.

*Jason shared a link for policies and procedures for reopening:

https://www.extcc.org/uploads/5/7/9/4/57948653/ecc_covid_reopening_policies_procedures-08.11.2020_update.pdf

ELCD Updates

Recent Management Bulletins and Guidance on Parent Signatures - link was shared. Susy reported that clean up language is being developed to revise and update certain bulletins. More information to come.

Family fees waived for July and August

LEA School run PreK; how to justify closures/equity issues

Joint Advocacy Letter: please send soft signature and logo. Susy will send a draft advocacy letter and request soft signatures and logos for those that want to sign on.

The next ELCD meeting will be on Thursday, September 10, 2020

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:27 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

September 10, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Teresa Brenabe, Jenny Copeland, Adriana Gutierrez, Lara Magnusdottir, Amy McIntyre, Nathan Murray, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Julie Swanstrom, Lia Thompson-Clark, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudo

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves and share what they are doing this morning.

Check-ins, News, and Announcements

*Lia shared that she had a very good Televisit via phone with Yang Yang who praised their screening process for the Toddler Room.

*Susy said that she'll distribute the notice about the October 29th (10:00-11:30am) child care transitioning meeting to the California Department of Social Services.

*Susy shared a funding opportunity: emergency rental assistance program.

*Julie informed about Friday 10am webinars.

*Lia asked how others completed the form from Nancy requesting data. Jason answered "copy and paste into another document."

*Julie spoke about provider needs vs parent needs and the confusion with regulations that are very specific.

COVID-19/ELCD Updates

- [ELCD COVID Guidance Webinar](#)
- [CA Department of Public Health Guidance](#)
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>

Planning for the next ELCD meeting will be on Thursday, October 8, 2020

Ideas:

Licensing Analyst: not necessary

Any other ideas/needs: local government, policy makers, philanthropy; new person in Health and Human Services

Meeting schedule, do we still want to meet monthly? Yes. Short monthly meetings are valuable.

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 9:43am.

09:02:53 From Amy McIntyre : Line 39 Chardonnay!
09:02:59 From maleese warner : spending time with family
09:03:13 From Susy Marron : Good morning, Please use Chat Box to share something that has been working well this week. Thanks!
09:03:21 From Sonya Valiente : Good morning- My breakout rooms worked in google meet Yay!
09:03:32 From Wendy Adams : distance learning zoom circle times
09:03:33 From Lia Thompson Clark : Really good air purifies thanks to the Univ
09:03:34 From Julie Swanstrom : Starting the day with 5 minutes of mindful meditation
09:03:55 From Lara Magnusdottir : Sun salutations in the morning.
09:05:04 From Liz DePrimo : Amy's Drive Through
09:05:15 From nathan murray : Multiple zooms. Multiple platforms
09:05:46 From Jason Riggs : Yang Yang is fantastic.
09:13:43 From maleese warner To Susy Marron(privately) : I'm going to sign in on my computer but need to be on my phone for audio.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

October 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Diana Avila, Teresa Bernabe, Melanie Dodson, Adriana Gutierrez, Rebecca Hachmyer, Jynx Lopez, Lara Magnusdottir, Nathan Murray, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Julie Swanstrom, Lia Thompson-Clark, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudo

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box, then use Mentimeter to share three words that describe how they're feeling? Results included tired, hopeful, grateful, happy, nervous, anxious, overwhelmed, busy, sleepy, blessed, restful, energized, calm, optimistic, rushed, exhausted, healthy, worried

News, Announcements

*Wendy Adams spoke about an administrative virtual review.

*Melanie spoke about ratios and public health: local public health 16 total group size of students and teachers

*Lara shared that the county has updated the FAQ playground rules

* Susy wondered if anyone had participated in the October 2 Child Care Transition Stakeholders call.

Julie had participated and reported that it was about what people's different priorities are. Lara enjoyed the call and thought it was well run and that the feedback was good. The next Child Care Transition Stakeholders call (<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/calworks-child-care/child-care-transition>): Oct. 29, 2020 @ 10am to 11:30am. Pre-registration is required. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7401055068353917455>

Questions/Comments: Email: CCTransition@dss.ca.gov.

*Webinar participants? Sonya reported that the weekly CDE/ELCD Webinars have been beneficial.

Nathan has participated in most and reported that it's somewhat helpful, especially in Q&A.

Requirements for Reopening and Reimbursement (MB 20-18) and

Requirements for Distance Learning Services (MB 20-17) for Direct

Service Contractors Webinar: Oct. 12, 2020 @ 1:30 pm. Pre-registration is

not required. Zoom link = <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84605629971#success>

Meeting ID: 846 0562 9971/Passcode: 527323.

*Susy: school reentry plans being administrated by LEAs. A colleague of hers in Fresno County share a comprehensive. Susy will share the document by email.

*Nathan: how are people distance learning procedure engaging with families who are not attending our care? Please let him know ; Sonya there is a management bulletin; Melanie: trying to reach out via phone call, newsletter, or zoom ... different every week. Rebecca : is anyone dropping off materials at last known address? Melanie: no, we ask them to come to us. Wendy: teachers record themselves and tapes on private YouTube library that parents can access.

*Melanie is sharing link in the Chat Box.

*Wendy asked if anyone participated in the licensing call last week.

*Jason asked how many full day pre-schools have built-in minimum days. Extended Child Care is trying to implement weekly minimum days and how it will impact families. Melanie mentioned nap-time.

Survey to parents: Is Wednesday the best day?

*Melanie stated that we need advocacy programs for ECE to counter-act negative press; showcase how we've taken programs and how teachers have stepped up to serve families. She suggested letters to editors and Close To Home articles in The Press Democrat.

COVID-19/New Guidance

- CA Department of Public Health Guidance link:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx>

Next ELCD meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2020

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10.04 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

November 12, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Teresa Bernard, Lia Thompson Clark, Jenny Copeland, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Michelle Fox, Adriana Gutierrez, Jaya Lopez, Jynx Lopez, Lara Magnusdottir, Nathan Murray, Paige Newton, Marianella Ruffinelli, Cindy Clark Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Sonya Valiente

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements

*Jason Riggs: a child at ECC tested positive, ECC was closed for 14 days. There was a slow response from county (several days after reporting), then free testing was set up onsite for staff and students. There were no positive tests.

*Jenny Copeland, 4Cs: 11 programs (out of 12) open serving 12 students (4Cs); had to close for 4 days; county set up a testing site; no COVID case that has come from the classroom; difficult to explain to parents that students exhibiting any symptom cannot come to classroom

*Melanie will attend the 11/18 6pm Public Health training; will ask question about quarantining after travel

*Wendy Adams: A Special Place Preschool; had to close twice: parent and student tested; staff member testing was set up pretty quickly as were turn-around results; no spread thru preschool, but spread thru a family

*Jason had a question about shutting down and know that families are traveling out of area or out of state; do they have to quarantine when they return (Thanksgiving, winter break)

*Amy McIntyre: 4Cs HR lawyers state that "no, you can't regulate people's time"

*Sonya: virtual learning and monthly packets; everything is packed; don't know if they're going back in January. Made re-entry plan, but have to wait for district to determine

*Lia: weather has been cooperative, but now it's getting chilly; no cases at SSU school

*Nathan ECC: worked with Maya, he had to build his own spreadsheet for tracking, difference between close contact and casual contact; when should someone be tested?

*Cindy Clark Springer: family child care info from public health and licensing differs and seems to be getting "looser"; more outdoor time in programs;

*Marianella Ruffinelli (NBCC): things going well, interested in regulations about traveling Employees vs clients

*Susy: CARES is still enrolling providers (for professional development), Family Friends and Neighbors are welcome and encouraged and to participate; Early Childhood Policy Council will meet on 11/20 at 3pm to review the Master Plan for Early Care

Anyone attend stakeholder meetings or webinars?

*Lara: ECPC is having a listening session today for rural specifically at 1:00-2:30pm; R&R Network call; Public Health says programs cannot prohibit families from entering classrooms

*Nathan: PQI Did anyone get an invitation to the 11/18 meeting? Nella: needed participants would be contacted directly, otherwise others are free to join

*Michelle Fox spoke regarding State LIC 995 Parental Rights

*Melanie: spoke about transitions and asked if there is a possible pilot between CDE and Dept of Social Services

*Julie: CSPP age for TK and Kindergarten eligible children has changed this year

Surveillance COVID testing: According to Dr. Mase there is no mandatory threshold for testing, though it is recommended to test at least 25% of staff who have direct contact with students or other staff every 2 weeks.

COVID-19 updates: webinar presentation next week

What are people doing with recertification? Julie is extending flexible days; if parent is non-responsive, 4Cs terminates them

Nella: CDE will speak to recertification issue

Cindy: CDE says “wait until recertification time before termination”

No December meeting; January 14, 2021 next meeting 9-10:30am

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10.04 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

January 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Diana Avila, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Adriana Gutierrez, Rebecca Hachmyer, Jaya Lopez, Lara Magnusdottir, Amy McIntyre, Nathan Murray, Paige Newton, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Cindy Clark Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudio

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón started the meeting at 9:05 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements:

COVID-19 updates:

Sonoma County is in Phase 1A for the vaccine and moving into Phase 1B for all educators. 4Cs is trying to determine the need. Dr. Urmila Shende will be the Vaccine Chief for our county. Susy encouraged everyone to take the survey. Melanie said that the survey lets Public Health know how many vaccines are needed. All age 65 and over are eligible, but there may not be enough available. Sonoma County is partnering with Leap Solution to lead stakeholder outreach campaign concerning vaccines.

Is getting the vaccine mandatory? It depends on several factors.

Susy reported that the State has released a new (financial) incentive for districts to re-open. Our county is still in the purple tier and must wait until we move into the red tier. Jason reported that the red tier must be maintained for 2 weeks, then maintain another 2 weeks before schools may be opened. The County has the authority to restrict schools further.

Nathan spoke regarding pivots. Spot uses integrated data system that is manually entered, labor intensive. For testing, you can go to your primary care or to Chanate.

4Cs has enrolled essential workers and the enrollment will likely be extended through the end of this fiscal year.

MB20-19a: Guidance on Family Fees FY 2020-2021:

Family fees were waived for July through September for families doing distance learning.

CSPP Age Eligibility – MB 15-08 rescinded?:

Julie reported that this was rescinded as it was contradictory to law, but we don't know how to fix the problem. It might be a good idea to maintain a spreadsheet with the information for when a "fix" comes.

Governor's 2021-2022 Budget Proposal-January

Every Child California information: Lara reported that there is lots of funding proposed for Transitional Kindergarten, though the legislature and schools are not in favor of this one-time money. ECE programs COLA is 1.5% w for ECE programs, while schools are getting 3%. Here is an opportunity for advocacy. There is a statewide data system funding; extension of emergency child care bridge for the calendar year of 2021.

Has anyone attended any stakeholder meetings or webinars?

*Susy shared communication about pilots and homelessness. 35 hours per week restricted by Sonoma County: how are we interpreting? Julie responded that 4Cs determination is "seeking employment and

seeking housing” ... then shared that looking at our template, I see that it always references “Seeking permanent housing” not homelessness.

*Adriana: I believe we kept the seeking permanent housing name because a lot of families that lived with other families because of tough times didn’t necessarily consider themselves as homeless

*Jason’s link:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=8263.&lawCode=EDC

Other announcements:

*Nathan: CDE canceled webinar for tomorrow. He asked if anyone has any information about parent events. There was no response.

*Melanie: 4Cs will be operating Meadow Preschool beginning February 16 in the Waugh School District.

Next meeting: February 11, 2021

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10.14 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

February 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Wendy Adams, Teresa Bernabe, Jenny Copeland, Ana Dagio, Nicole Fassold, Allison Goodwin, Adriana Gutierrez, Jaya Lopez, Amy McIntyre, Irma Mendoza, Ana Morales, Nathan Murray, Melissa Nelson, Paige Newton, Jason Riggs, Marianella Ruffinelli, Kristina Sisseck, Cindy Clark Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudio

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón started the meeting at 9:01 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements:

Amy McIntyre shared that 4Cs is opening Meadow Preschool on Tuesday, February 16 for 12 children. (half on subsidies) in the Waugh School District.

Julie announced that emergency essential funds have been extended to the end of the year. She shared about getting a remote CMR process.

Sonya said she's waiting for Sonoma district to announce reopening (16 individuals per classroom total).

COVID-19 updates:

Sonoma County opened this week and is supposed to open up to all employees and all in-home care workers. Districts are trying to reopen.

Pilot Update:

Susy's been in communication with original counties (sunsets in 2023) to be reauthorized and hoping to make it permanent. (SF and San Mateo counties already permanent.)

New language for item #9: For homeless families seeking permanent housing, services shall occur on no more than 5 days per week and for less than 32.5 hours per week.

Looking to engage in a multi-county pilot evaluation: that our county is earning more of our funds and that we're actually serving more children. High level multi-county report. 2021 date will not be included (tail end of 2020 may be included).

DSS Transition Updates:

Susy will try to coordinate Northern Counties Regional Conversation for the March meeting to bring in DSS and ELCD Steven Profiter transition. In preparation, Susy is gathering questions about

Stakeholder meetings and any other updates

*Nathan: PQI Wednesday 2/17

*Julie shared that Management Bulletins 21-03 (Revised Guidance on 12-Month Eligibility, Rescinds and replaces Management Bulletin 17-14) and 21-04 (California State Preschool Program Free or Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility Criteria to Enroll Four-Year-Old Children – REVISED, rescinds and replaces MB 20-01) Kinder eligible MBs are recorded and posted a month later.

Questions: recertification in face of an audit?

Other announcements:

*Allison: who is open? Redwood Empire Food Bank can drop off groceries for pre-school pantry and after-school programs. Have donated diapers, will pursue acquiring diapers to disburse.

Next meeting: March 11, 2021

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 9:43 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

March 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Teresa Bernabe, Jenny Copeland, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Adriana Gutierrez, Jaya Lopez, Lara Magnusdottir, Amy McIntyre, Ana Morales, Nathan Murray, Melissa Nelson, Chris Sorg, Cindy Clark Springer, Julie Swanstrom, Sandra Valencia, Sonya Valiente, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudio

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón started the meeting at 9:03 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements:

*Melanie shared if there are any programs who need staff to be vaccinated, 4Cs will hold a clinic on Monday, April 15, 2:30 to 5:30 for 50 people to receive the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Email Ashley Chavez (achavez@sonoma4cs.org), first come, first served.

*Chris Sorg shared that stage 1 & 2 stipends are available (\$525 per child) for people using child care as of November 2020.

*Julie Swanstrom asked if there was a date. Chris thought maybe April.

*Nate Murray shared that he signed up easily through Kaiser; simply clicked “Child Care” and was given an appointment 5 days later.

CSPP Block Grant:

Susy reported that SCOE/CCPC is administering the grant as well as being its fiscal agent.

Ratings and Assessments—every 5 years

Annual Awards—We have about \$300,000 to push out to preschool programs. Susy would like this to happen after programs complete the common data report either via a Google doc or iPinwheel’s “Wizard” program

Common Data File Reporting—required every year. This uses dates obtained from ELCD providers at this time (Who are you serving?)

ZIP Code Priorities:

Yearly mandate to analyze the number of children served with subsidized child care as compared to the number of children eligible for a subsidy, and then identify which of our zip code areas are most under-served. The report separates out the infants/toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Susy sent an email asking preferences for keeping priorities from May 2018. One program does want to go through with the priorities. Melanie suggested that with COVID, we really don’t have any true numbers right now. Susy will take this to Executive Committee. Melanie suggested that the Council send a letter to the state or have coordinators association send a letter to CDE to bring to their attention.

COVID-19 Vaccination Updates:

Melanie: SCOE clinic has run into some bumps, being a community clinic. 4Cs needs to get a sense of the number of people who still need vaccinations. They are working on how to get individual codes with Blue Shield.

Sandra Valencia share a good resource for information. A Zoom meeting will be held on March 23rd at 5:30. The first meeting was attended by 150 people. She will send the information to Susy.

Melanie started that, based on Sandra's advocacy, 4Cs will be hosting an "ask the expert" in Spanish for child care providers and teachers in the next week or two as well.

Pilot Update:

Pilot Reauthorization—

Multi-County Pilot Evaluation—

Alameda and Santa Clara County pilots will sunset in 2023.

Sonoma County Indigo will introduce a bill. Melanie wondered if we can take the language of the Alameda bill to Mike McGuire and ask him to do it right away. A study sounds like while it could take a while and the timeline is critical. After 24 months, families will be disenrolled if their eligibility changed. Julie pointed out that the pilot impacts CCTR and AP too.

DSS Transition Updates:

Northern County Regional Conversation—What questions do you have? Susy has confirmed that Lupe Jaime and Steven Profiter will join the ELCD meeting on April 8th for one hour each. Susy will send them questions in advance. There was a question about why they are meeting us separately, and Susy will inquire if they could possibility meeting together. Lara will summarize the information that was released yesterday. Susy will send the summary out and ask for questions.

Stakeholder meetings and any other updates

*Lara reported about yesterday's hearing: positive positions on hold harmless, waiving family fees, maybe waiving licensing fees. There was a strong suggestion from the legislature for restoring funds for resource development and allowing parents to chose where 4-year-olds will be.

Announcements: None

Next meeting: April 8, 2021

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:18 am.

Early Learning and Care Division (ELCD) Collaborative (California Department of Education)

May 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Notes

Present: Teresa Bernabe, Melanie Dodson, Nicole Fassold, Soledad Figueroa, Adriana Gutierrez, Rebecca Hachmyer, Lara Magnusdottir, Amy McIntyre, Ana Morales, Nathan Murray, Melissa Nelson, Paige Newton, Milagros Ott, Chris Sorg, Julie Swanstrom, Maleese Warner, Nayeli Zamudio

Staff Present: Susy Marrón, Liz DePrimo, Erica Hurtado, Patty Bernstein

Susy Marrón started the meeting at 9:03 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Susy invited participants to introduce themselves in the Chat Box.

News, Announcements:

*Amy McIntyre announced that the 4Cs Mark West Preschool will open on August 11 for children. She's also looking for subsidized children in the Mark West area.

*Rebecca Hachmyer announced that Old Adobe is also hiring associate preschool teacher, as well as site managers for before-, after-, and summer school programs.

Comprehensive State-Funded Preschool Data System – Demonstration?

Susy explained that the CSPP program management system is transitioning from Pinwheel to the Student Information System (SIS) Hubbe. Susy said that she could coordinate a demonstration if the group would like it. Amy said that sites are already accessing existing demonstrations, so a local one is not necessary.

CPS Kids:

Melanie stepped in to substitute for Lorie Siebler Estep (R&R Director) and Maria Diosdado (one of the R&R staff) to explain the need for sites to access the Child Care Eligibility List (CEL). Lorie and Maria will attend ELCD meetings to push accessing CEL to be sure that high-risk kids get seats and that Bridge Program for foster children is also accessed to mitigate the struggle to transition.

CSPP Block Grant Update:

Susy explained that we are processing checks which should be cut next Friday ... \$8,971 per site.

COVID-19 Vaccination Updates:

*Susy reported that we're now vaccinating 16 year olds and soon will vaccinate 12-15 year olds.

*Melanie spoke to the number of child care providers that have been vaccinated and wondered if there is there value in 4Cs to surveying again. Probably not, so she'll go with the data they have since people have been "over-surveyed".

*Amy said that preschools have been asked to continue distance learning until the Fall. What does Gavin Newsom's non-mask ruling mean for child care? Nathan said that was for outdoor ruling. Nathan asked if anyone has developed a waiver. Susy has seen guidance through legal. Melanie suggested consulting attorneys: you may "strongly encourage" vaccination. Susy reminded not to laminate your vaccination card, in case a booster shot needs to be documented; a clear plastic "sleeve" could help protect the card.

Pilot Update:

Multi-County Pilot Evaluation—Susy reported that this is moving along. We've received funding and data. The pilot should be complete in about 6 months. End date is 2023.

Alameda and Santa Clara County pilots will sunset in 2023.

Stakeholder meetings and any other updates

*Lara Magnusdottir gave state budget updates and reminded about the process. The Governor's May revise released tomorrow incorporates changes, next he works with the legislature to craft a final budget by June 15th. There is a \$75B surplus, so everyone is revising their "asks." He is aiming for universal transitional kindergarten by 2024 by phasing in access for four-year-olds and expanding subsidized child care slots by 100,000 to address the immediate needs.

Waiving all family fees. Reimbursing based on enrollment. Questions about holding harmless. Mental health support in that union agreement. Using some federal funding.

ECE coalition has a budget ask to extend through 2023 or 2024.

Rebecca asked if this collaborative should put out a position statement. Several people thought that personalized, individual letters have more impact.

Melanie expressed her concern about TK: stop the academic assessment push down and allow children to play and develop.

Announcements: None

Next meeting: Susy will do a "Doodle" to determine what date in July we should meet.

Adjournment was by unanimous consent at 10:02am