

Draft Minutes for Approval

YOLO COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

Tuesday October, 6 2020 9:00 AM-11:00AM

This meeting occurred by Zoom/Conference call

Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting was compliant with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. In-person attendance was not permitted.

Zoom was used for public comment

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Members in Attendance:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shannon McClarin Lynn Arner Gina Daleiden Justine Jimenez Kari Roberts Fawn Montagna Sue Lomax Ed Lewis Kim Relph-Smith Tico Zendejas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Members Not Present:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Hansen Amy Howering</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Guests:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gehan Tadros Kristy Weber Garth Lewis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Staff:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gail Nadal Kathleen Glassman David Moreno</p>
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Item	Time
1. Call to Order and Introductions/Roll Call	5 min
Call to order at 9:04 AM Gehan Tadros Program Administrator Children's Home Society Garth Lewis Yolo County Superintendent of Schools	
2. Approval of Agenda	5 min
Motion to approve: 1)Sue Lomax 2)Ed Lewis	
3. Public Comment	10 min
None	
4. Consent Agenda a. Approval of 9-8-2020 Minutes with changes noted	5 min
Motion to approve: 1) Kim Relph-Smith 2) Gina Daleiden	
5. CARES Childcare Stabilization Funding	20 min
Kari spoke on behalf of this sub-committee which has been meeting every Monday for 1 hour. A questionnaire was developed including a FAQ section for individuals to reference when they are applying. The total amount of government grant funding (CARES) available is \$250K with a small portion of this amount	

needed for indirect costs and was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 29th, 2020. The application is for 12 weeks of paid childcare and is intended to both support parents and childcare providers and goes live today. This sub-committee will continue to meet every Monday to go through applications and either approve, deny or reach out to the applicant(s) for more information. Information on this grant is on the YCOE website with a link to the application. This funding must be expended by December 31, 2020, so childcare providers and families are encouraged to apply. RISE will reach out to farm workers to ensure everyone is aware of this funding and the opportunity will be widely advertised on social media and through a press release once all translations are complete. Gail Nadal is the contact for more information. Applications must be received each Friday and will be reviewed each Monday by the subcommittee. There are roughly 60 spots available for funding. Eligibility requirements are as follows: Families must not have over \$500K in net worth but applicants do not need to prove bank balance; they self-certify. The check is issued to the provider. Provider does not have to be licensed, FFN providers can apply as well. Funding amount is capped at the reimbursement rate, applications are approved on a case by case basis. The LPC will receive a weekly email regarding number of applicants and remaining funding.

6. Childcare Needs Assessment

10 min

This sub-committee established a meeting day for October, November and December. The workgroup time will be spent getting into communities and discovering the childcare needs. The previous needs assessment did not have the capacity to gather accurate information on rural communities and Family Friends and Neighbor (FFN) provider care were not represented. The feeling among LPC members is that it is critical to gather more accurate information regarding unlicensed school age care and more information on FFN and Family Child Care Home (FCCH) providers.

7. QRIS Race and Equity Letter

30 min

The LPC embarked on a discussion about a recent letter sent to several state leaders overseeing funding and programs seeking to improve quality for early learning and care providers. Some of the issues addressed are how the current Quality Counts California (QCC) rating matrix measures quality, and issues of equity not incorporated into the matrix. While the current rating matrix (linked [here](#)) was created over the span of more than 20 years, and attempts were made to involve early learning and care professionals at all levels, the majority who created it were not from diverse educational or cultural backgrounds, and there remain serious flaws. Many of the elements measured result in high ratings for Head Start and State preschool programs, while FFN and FCCH programs or fee for service centers may not have the funding to achieve these. Therefore as a tool for families to find quality care, it can be problematic, since many families do not qualify for federally or state funded program. For-profit and private centers and FCCH do not receive state funding. Indigenous and tribal communities find the standards in the MATRIX difficult to meet. Leaders in the state are currently looking at how to re-evaluate the system to take into account different types of childcare settings. Currently in our county, First 5 Yolo has stepped away from ratings and assessments, while YCOE and City of West Sacramento Home Run are required to utilize the matrix for their funding, but are not currently rating due to COVID-19 restrictions. The LPC will continue to discuss how we can embrace those who do not meet the MATRIX standards, where are we perpetuating inequities, and how we can make a proactive commitment to a more equitable solution. Our local Quality Counts is aligned and looking to advance equity. This agenda item will be an ongoing agenda item in future LPC meetings.

8. Executive Committee Positions

5 min

LPC Chair: Justine Jimenez
 LPC Vice Chair: Kim Relph-Smith
 Fawn Montagna will remain on as secretary

Thank you to all of the LPC members who voted.

9. Member Updates

30 min

Justine Jimenez- Home Run staff have been assisting providers with grant applications.

Tico Zindejas- Conducting local outreach to farm workers for 27 week NPP coaching sessions in Winters and Esparto, there are only a few slots left in Winters

Ed Lewis- Community colleges are in full swing via distance learning, the number of courses have been decreased. The mentor program is still on hold.

Gina Daleiden- COVID safety trainings are being offered through RISE, YCCA and West Sacramento. First 5 Yolo has discovered a great need for internet and technology among childcare providers in Yolo county. The Yolo County library is helping with Hot Spots. The Safety Net Funding for Childcare providers is almost expended. There will be Dual Language Learner funding available for all types of providers who serve DLLs to access technology and internet.

Gail Nadal- YCOE is focusing on outreach to center based and FCCH providers in Woodland for DLL and SEAL.

Fawn Montagna- A total of 23 childcare providers in Yolo county have received Safety Net Funding,

Shannon McClarin- Preschool program is doing 45 minute distance learning sessions.

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting Adjourned 10:58am

1)Kari Roberts

2)Kim Relph-Smith