

Draft Minutes for Approval

YOLO COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, November 1, 2022 9:00 AM-10:30AM

This meeting was agendized to allow members, staff and the public to participate in a hybrid meeting via in-person and teleconference, pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(1)(as amended by Assembly Bill 361) to allow virtual board meetings through January 1, 2024. Those participating by Zoom used chat for public comment during the meeting.

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| <u>Members in Attendance:</u> Lynn Arner Justine Jimenez Gina Daleiden Cindy Flores Tanya Kiz Maria Lewis Fawn Montagna Kim Relph-Smith Kari Roberts Tico Zendejas | <u>Members Not Present:</u> Rahele Atabaki Brenda DiGregorio Elizabeth Hansen Sue Lomax <u>Guests:</u> Gehan Tadros Leon Schimmel Maria Arvizu-Espinoza David Moreno Gail Nadal <u>Staff:</u> Shannon McClarin Kathleen Glassman |
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| Item | Time |
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| 1. Call to Order and Introductions/Roll Call | |
| Call to order at 9:02pm Guests: Gehan Tadros- Program Director, Children's Home Society Leon Schimmel – OBGYN serving on Maternal and Adolescent Advisory Board Maria Arvizu-Espinoza – YCOE Associate Superintendent, Education Services David Moreno – Liaison with Board of Supervisors Gail Nadal, YCOE Interim Liaison, Director of Special Projects | |
| 2. Public Comment- Leon is interested in the health of children and says there is interesting data that he has seen. He is interested in prevention. He reported that MCAH is addressing generational poverty. He says the Council wants to find out more about what's happening and where the needs are. | |
| 3. Approve resolution for AB361 for meeting remotely: | |
| 1) Kari Roberts 2) Tico Zendejas Motion carried with unanimous Vote | |
| 4. Consent Agenda | |
| Consent- Approve 11-1-2022 Agenda Consent-Approve 10-6-2022 Minutes 1) Kari Roberts 2) Maria Lewis Motion carried with unanimous Vote | |

5. Opportunity for members to state conflict and recusal:

None

6. Update on Childcare Recovery Grants

Fawn Montagna reported on the Child Care Recovery Grant. These grants are designed to increase capacity and stabilize childcare. The grant launched in September. Over 140 applications have been submitted. 27 Recovery Grants and 34 Infrastructure Grants will be funded in this round. First5Yolo has partnered with CHS and they are reviewing the applications. Fawn thanked the Early Learning Review Committee for their work in putting the application process together. First5Yolo and YCOE held a webinar to give information and answer questions about the grant opportunities. The webinar was held in English and Spanish with Farsi support available. They also want to thank YCCA and YCOE for their help with this webinar.

Kim asked if any applications had been rejected and why. Fawn said that the providers are contacted and are able to figure out which application they qualify for.

Kim asked if they are reaching out to those who have incomplete applications. Fawn says they are following up as long as they have contact information for the provider.

Fawn said they are pleased with applications and the diversity of areas from which the applications have come. They have even received an application from Dunnigan.

Gina clarified that some applications are people logging on to the application to just check it out. All data is saved even if a name is not on the application.

Maria asked for clarification on who is eligible. Fawn explained that infrastructure grants are for enhancing their current site or opening a new license. Fawn put the link in the chat for more information. <https://www.first5yolo.org/partners/apply-for-funding>

7. Mission/Vision/Strategic Planning wrap up/update

Eight LPC members were present at Seka Hills for the strategic planning. YDN presented the suite of core values and our mission and vision statements. (Shannon emailed it to the LPC members) Justine reported that we got a fresh look at this suite through Brenda's and Tanya's eyes. We identified 6 deliverables and determined how those aligned with our core values, mission and vision. We decided that the 5th core value should be listed first.

(We paused our discussion for the next agenda item because Gail had to leave)

Lynn shared that we were all on the same page in the strategic planning and the word that came to mind was unity.

Justine shared that our next steps are to choose one deliverable to move forward on. She stated that we felt good about having broad representation on LPC. We need to ask who else needs to be here? We serve as a forum. At the retreat we looked at what are the things we do, have done, or are tasked with doing. We identified what we need to do moving forward.

Kim pointed out that sometimes things don't move forward because they are not assigned to someone and because they fall off the agenda. She emphasized that this follow through is important and we need to circle back to inform the childcare providers. Lynn suggested that the executive committee name the deliverable to focus on and put it on the next agenda. We will send out our notes from the 6 deliverables when YDN sends them.

Cindy noted that the Child Development Conference was one of the deliverables we discussed. She reported that CHS is still talking about hosting the conference. They are in very early stages, and it may not be happening this fiscal year., but they are working on it.

Leon asked how our plan will be communicated to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Justine mentioned that one of our deliverables included outreach to BOS. She and Kim let Leon know that we send BOS updates and David Moreno is our liaison with the BOS to keep them posted on what we are discussing. Leon says that, when MCAH is on the board agenda, they respond more with someone there presenting it. Justine said this is a good time to go in front of the BOS and present our new Mission and Vision and identified deliverables. Kim reported that we were bumped several times when we tried to get on their agenda in the past. Kari reiterated that providers cannot make money on Infant and Toddler childcare, and this should be communicated to the BOS. Kim asked what the solution is. Kim said we need to present a solution. (Lynn had to leave and Justine continued with notetaking). Leon said he is on Health Council and would like to have a way to know more about what is happening with childcare needs- can we do another assessment before 2025? There are huge waiting lists for free before and after school childcare in West Sacramento, in Davis and Woodland it's all free? Need to check this statistic. We will need to incorporate this discussion into the planning and action steps for LPC Strategic Plan.

8. TK Update (this item was taken out of order so Gail could leave early for a mandatory meeting)

Gail Nadal says TK is going well. There is consistency in every district with permanent teachers in all of the classrooms. Five TK interns are working in the classrooms and learning the importance of helping the children to feel comfortable. There is discussion about moving Half Day TK programs to Full Day TK programs (which is the goal). Applications for TK funding are due in April and proposals should already be approved. One district is still in the running for this funding and hoping for some grace. Tomorrow there will be a TK principal and administrators webinar with Kelly Twibel to let them know what to look for when they go into a TK classroom. They will also answer questions about assessments. TK students will receive report cards, but they will hear other valuable ways of showing parents the progress the children are making. Some districts are beginning to look at curriculum as well. Kim asked if they are anticipating an increase in numbers of children needing referrals for challenging behavior. This may provide early opportunity for early intervention. Gail says the districts are thinking about this. The districts are attending the IEEEP grant training on the Teaching Pyramid.

Maria Arvizu-Espinoza reported that they are acting as special ed teachers until full time staff are hired. They are seeing what the needs are in the classroom. They believe a lot of PD and social support is needed. The emotionally disturbed classroom is challenging. The children are being provided services and the principal is being supportive.

Shannon shared that they need to know what typical four-year-olds look like and that these children look different post pandemic. She emphasized that these classrooms look different than Kindergarten classrooms.

Kim applauded the post-COVID development lens being taken. She noted that the burden for 4-year-olds has been shifted to districts. She wonders if they have the services needed to help these children develop well.

Justine let us know that she just returned from the Every Child California conference and said that equity in TK was discussed. She went to a training that said that children of color and immigrant children are enrolled at a lower rate. Gail says that most districts are over their number and they are still enrolling children, but she was not sure if this was addressing the population Justine was referring to.

Maria reported that they have a wait list for their TK.

Kari says they are seeing 3 and 4 year olds with great needs and it is taking a long time to get them assessed. Lynn mentioned that Alta Regional is understaffed.

9. Shared Services Update:

Shared Services Alliance: this is a grant through F5 CA and involves offering business support and financial coaching to FCCs, there will be 10 in WS, 10 in Woodland 5 in rural Yolo. we held an orientation on October 25th, there will be another orientation just for Spanish speaking FCCs tomorrow, Nov 2nd, 12 will attend, Kathleen will send the list to Justine.

10. Member Updates:

F5Y IMPACT 16 FFNs are seeking licensure, working with COE and IMPACT coach to do that. Applying for infrastructure grants

CHS- received some PPE from the state. Not a lot, but some gloves, masks, sanitizers. Let your providers know if they need anything.

Maria Lewis- piloting curriculum for TK- Pre-K my way, Scholastic. Advanced Learning

Tania Kiz YCCA- Annual community give away on Nov 19th- Drive through event, held at YCCA Family Resource Center. Jackets, coats, blankets, family meal kits, COVID vaccines, happens every year.

Kari Roberts- effect of losing school age kids went down from 34 to 10.

Kim Relph Smith- consumer realm- hears from parents in her community that infant and toddler care is still really hard to access.

YCOE- next time on the agenda will add updates on the quality programs.

Leon Schimmel- he would like to be added to the list of agenda and minutes emails. Kathleen will do that. He also asked about the ARP grants and how to see who has received them. Is there a list on the website? Fawn said no, there is not, may be safety issues with giving out FFN and FCC information, but maybe give a map of where the funding is being given out so we can see that as public.

11. Meeting Adjourned 10:47am

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No quorum existed as too many members had to leave early, so meeting unofficially adjourned.