# **Draft Minutes for Approval**

# YOLO COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 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.

# **Members in Attendance:**

Lynn Arner

Gina Daleiden

Brenda DiGregorio

Elizabeth Hansen

Justine Jimenez

Cindy Flores

Sara Gunasekara

Tanya Kiz

Maria Lewis

Sue Lomax

Fawn Montagna

**Kari Roberts** 

Tico Zendejas

# **Members Not Present:**

Rahele Atabaki Kim Relph-Smith

# **Guests:**

Sarah Portugal Jeannine Mullen Kelly Twibell Andrea Nolasco

# Staff:

Shannon McClarin Kathleen Glassman

Item	Time
1. Call to Order and Introductions/Roll Call	
Call to order at 9:06am	
Introduction of Guests:	
Kelley Twibell	
Jeanine Mullen	
Sarah Portugal	
Andrea Nolasco	
2. Public Comment-	
None	
3. Approve resolution for AB361:	
1) Kari Roberts	
2) Brenda DiGregorio	
Motion carried with unanimous Vote	
We will be meeting in person moving forward.	
4. Consent Agenda	
Consent- Approve 2-7-2023 Agenda	
Consent-Approve 1-3-2023 Minutes	
1) Maria Lewis	
2) Kari Roberts	

# 6. Outreach for vacancies/Consumer representation on LPC/Meeting time

5. Opportunity for members to state conflict and recusal:

Motion carried with unanimous Vote

None

Members have stated that as a Local Child Care Council we have participation of our family child care providers and consumers. We currently have 3 vacancies (provider, consumer, discretionary, District 2 (Frerichs) community member, District 4 (Provenza) discretionary). We want to be sure we meet at a time when providers and consumers can attend. The concession was made previously to have a quarterly evening meeting. Gina Daleiden said it would be difficult for her staff to attend in the evening. Kari Roberts expressed concern that we would lose a lot of members if we move to evenings. Liz Hansen mentioned that Tuesdays are hard for her now, but staffing is always changing. She asked if we could have different requirements for Providers. Justine Jimenez suggested looking at our bylaws and considering how providers might be able to split a position or some other creative way to change the requirements for membership of providers. Brenda DiGregorio echoes that she liked the suggestion of shared roles. Sue also said she likes the idea and also suggested giving providers a stipend to attend these meetings. Lynn Arner asked if this is a volunteer board and whether YCOE and Board of Supervisors can approve more people for shared slots. Sue Lomax suggested lunch so members can use their lunch hour. Kari Roberts said she liked that idea. Sue also mentioned that we have a more robust attendance when we are on Zoom. Liz thinks she is the only one who may have an issue and does not want to make a change just for her when it may not be an issue in the future. Kari said we need to consider how we get more providers and consumers on LPC. Lynn mentioned that we had previously allowed for calling in. She asked if this could be expanded. Shannon McClarin said that our bylaws would need to be updated and we would need to see what is required. Justine Jimenez suggested reaching out to other LPCs to see what they do. She suggested revisiting this next meeting. Gina said one thing called The Owl assists in seeing who is

speaking. The next two in person meetings will give us an opportunity to come up with some solutions and in the meantime the Executive Committee will explore our options.

# 7. Use of Valley Vision for Needs Assessment Refresh

Shannon McClarin shared that Sacramento County has its own needs assessment through Valley Vision and YCOE also has a needs assessment. Justine Jimenez asked if we can look at the cost of hiring one of these agencies. We are considering a refresh on our needs assessment. Is there a way that we can collaborate on their efforts? Gail Nadal suggested doing it internally to save money. Tico Zendejas said he would want to see the costs before making a decision. Brenda DiGregorio mentioned the need to determine specifically what we need and possibly asking agencies (such as Help Me Grow) who would not charge for that data. Kari Roberts mentioned that it is helpful to know the future plans of providers in order to meet the needs of the county. Shannon said an update would give us this data. Kari emphasized that she wants information for the future. Shannon said the needs assessment is a point in time. Kari said the needs assessment impacts the priority to qualify for state grants. Shannon said we can also get the school age data from the entities that have the ACES contracts. Justine said we need to do more research to see what the cost would be. Kari suggested reaching out to other LPCs on this as well.

# 8. Advocacy needs/process

Justine Jimenez said we want to be sure we are doing things in an equitable way. Kari Roberts read Kim Relph Smith's input. (Emailed to LPC) Kari says her concern is that we come up with fabulous ideas but we never act on it or we act too late to have an impact. Kari said we need to develop a process so this moves more quickly. Shannon McClarin added that at times there are Statewide Associations that take action on items. We may be able to add the Yolo logo showing support for these statewide actions. Brenda DiGregorio said that having our voice in these actions is important for our visibility. Kari mentioned that we have a lot of people on our council who give credence to letters that we send. Gina Daleiden asked if the letter would be a position of the LPC or would it be those entities' voices? Justine said her understanding is that it would be a position of the LPC as a whole not individuals as a member of their agency. Justine suggested that the process could be that we bring it forward to LPC and then the letter is written and brought back to LPC for approval.

# 9. UPK Mixed Delivery Grant Update

Shannon McClarin updated that they have sent their letter of intent, however, they have not received their request for data yet. They have not received any funding yet. The Yolo County School Board needs to approve the plan by June 30, 2023. Shannon is a part of regional and statewide LPC meetings and the timeline is very stressful. They have been informing people will be involved in this workgroup and they will reach out to members of the LPC to be a part of this workgroup. They received permission to provide food at their evening meetings for parents and community members. Justine Jimenez asked if there are requirements for members of the workgroup and how members are selected. Shannon mentioned that this is under the purview of the LPC. Kari Roberts said that we need to be sure this includes members outside YCOE. Kathleen Glassman listed the member categories. The list included the Private Childcare Union. The Yolo County School Board knows this is coming.

# 10. Member Updates:

Justine Jimenez told Sara Gunasekara that this is a time that members can share any information helpful to this group such as training events.

**First5Yolo**: Fawn Montagna gave a brief overview of the Child Care Recovery Package. The infrastructure grants allow providers to expand their license or become licensed for the first time. The projects are funded on a tiered level. The Recovery grants are also tiered by program type. They have partnered with CHS to administer the grant and with YCCA for translation.

Over 90 Infrastructure grants and over 100 Recovery grants have been awarded. This round has ended. They are now reaching out to providers being funded. CHS is supporting those applying for their first license.

They are nearing the end of the funding amount.

Gina Daleiden asked Fawn to share some examples: Paint, expand outdoor space, purchase furniture and items for larger capacity, and making indoor and outdoor space larger.

Over 15 Infrastructure grants have been awarded to FFNs to become licensed. Many of these providers are dual language speakers.

**CHS:** Cindy Flores mentioned that the partnering with First 5 Yolo has been positive. PPE and educational materials pick up will be advertising that there will be a Drive Thru pick up event Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for providers. She will send the flyer to Kathleen Glassman to distribute to the LPC.

**YCOE**: Shannon McClarin attended the Roadmap to the Future event. The purpose of the Roadmap is to see what assets are available as well as what is not available. The Champion event was held to determine what assets exist. Community events will be held to determine if the identified assets match the needs of the communities. Shannon would like members of LPC to attend these community events. She will send it out when they receive the dates.

LPC is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dia de los Ninos might be a great venue to announce that we are celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Help Me Grow Yolo**: Brenda DiGregorio announced that they are still providing free assessments to children as well as classes for developmental areas. There will be an event in Spring that she will send a flyer out for.

**Tico Zendejas**: The Almond Festival is happening in Capay Valley.

**IEEEP Grant:** Sarah Portugal said that there are two upcoming trainings. Sensory Processing Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 9-12 and ASQs on March 9<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm at YCOE for all providers. Justine Jimenez asked if these will be offered again at times that Private providers can attend. Sarah is happy to provide these across multiple venues and times. Sarah said that an ASQ kit will be raffled off at the training. The link for registering is https://yolocoe.k12oms.org/2500-230674

City of West Sacramento Home Run: Lynn Arner announced that they will be rolling out the Beginning Together series in City of West Sacramento. They have an additional element on the Quality Matrix for Inclusion and will be partnering with the Washington Unified School District.

Next meeting will be in person at the City of West Sacramento Community Center on March 7th.

- 11. Meeting Adjourned 10:43am
- 1) Kari Roberts
- 2) Brenda DeGregorio

Motion passed unanimously