



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Minutes September 13, 2023 – 9:00 - 10:30 am
The Leta Hotel, 5650 Calle Real, Goleta CA 93117

Attendance: Members Present: Jacqui Banta, Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon, Yvon Frazier, Michelle Graham, Beth Hassenplug, Jennifer Macdonald, Caley Mark, Eileen Monohan, Maggie Flores, Michelle Robertson, Serineh Vartani, Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis

Members Excused: Grigor Arzumanyan, Donna Fisher, Shelley Grand, Annette Muse, Robin Palmerston, Jacqueline Ryan, Ralph Ybarra, Holly Harvan, Laura Capps (late- missed council)

Members Absent:

Alternates Present: Sarah Diaz, Brianna Dunn, Catelyn Kenner, Jeanette Hatfield

Guests Present: Petra Amaro (Santa Barbara Foundation), Maria Chesley (Maria Chesley Consulting)

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Chiara Perez del Campo

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Jacqui Banta, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

None

III. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2023

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2023, by Jennifer Macdonald. Janelle Willis seconded the motion. No opposed or abstentions. **MSC.**

IV. Council Business

Member Commitment letters and In-Kind letters were discussed. Included in package.

The 2023-24 meeting location and structure were also discussed. CCPC will take place at the Buellton Rec Center for the year due to construction at the Cachuma Clubhouse. Christian Patterson will send out emails prior to each agenda's release to solicit items from CCPC members to add. This will be done to increase collaboration and community of CCPC.

V. Approval of Member Roster for 2023-24

A motion was made to approve the Member Roster for 2023-24, by Michelle Graham. Janelle Willis seconded the motion. No opposed or abstentions. **MSC.**

VI. Coordinators Report

Christian Patterson discussed SBCEO Early Care and Education's new newsletter and job board. Our goal is to reduce the number of emails sent out to the community, create a space to celebrate bright spots in the community, and help fill vacant ECE positions.

EverychildCA applied for a Grant and received one from Practitioners Voice CA, a fund of the Tides Foundation, through December 2024. This funding was utilized to create ECE Voices. ECE Voices was created after seeing a need for providers to be directly involved in important discussions with policymakers.



Christian Patterson serves as our Region 8 (Santa Barbara, Ventura, SLO, and Kern County) lead. We are recruiting individuals who would like to learn how to advocate. Christian Patterson suggested keeping the group separate from COAT and focusing on state advocacy efforts to allow all counties to leverage current efforts.

Members discussed keeping COAT's advocacy efforts local and utilizing CR&R's child care resources to help families in local parent groups to navigate finding quality care for their children.

VII. Review Strategic Plan/ Vote for Approval

The Strategic Plan committee has been working on a revised version of the Strategic Plan over the past year. The goal of revising the Strategic plan was to create a vision which would stand until we complete our new Needs Assessment in 2025 and reduce the amount of revision necessary after we complete the Needs Assessment.

Members recommended the following modifications:

- Adding a section to highlight current mental health support efforts in our County
- Modifying the plan's columns to include a partner's column and column for who will be reporting progress
- Adding a section to highlight current state advocacy work by partners through state workgroups, EverychildCA, Thriving Families California (formerly CAPP), COEPACD, and Healthy Families California.
- Modifying the title (Vision 2025) of the Strategic Plan to avoid confusion

Members also discussed revisiting the Strategic Plan throughout the year to keep efforts aligned with the goals of the plan.

A motion was made to revisit the Strategic Plan, after modifications have been made, at the next CCPC meeting, by Michelle Graham. Susan Walsh seconded the motion. No opposed or abstentions. **MSC.**

VIII. Other Business/Announcements

Michelle Robertson announced that Susan Walsh will join the First 5 Santa Barbara County Commission as a Commissioner. Jennifer Macdonald and Jacqueline Ryan will join as Advisory Board members.

CR&R announced that they will be holding a Party with a Purpose Gala fundraiser on October 6, 2023. The theme of the gala is black and white masquerade ball. Tickets are still available.

CR&R announced that their ARPA funded center expansion work is going well. Center based programs have been receptive to their guidance and resources. They have been making a great impact.

Janelle Willis announced that the IEEEP grant was pulled from the state budget earlier this fiscal year but has since been reintroduced. SBCEO is hoping to continue inclusion work in the county. The new RFA will be released and will be open to all LEAs. SBCEO will offer to apply as a consortium lead.

Susan Walsh announced that she was thankful SBCEO was providing more public professional development options through the new Panopto system. Janelle Willis stated that this system is helping the ECE department to refine the professional development being offered and will allow for greater community support.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Michelle Graham, at 10:36 a.m. Retreat begins at 10:45 a.m.