



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People
545 Alisal Road #102
Solvang, CA 93463

Members Present: Holly Harvan, Michelle Robertson, Janelle Willis

Members Excused: Jacqui Banta, Michelle Graham, Laura Capps

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Chiara Perez del Campo

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair Jacqui Banta excused. Vice Chair Jennifer Macdonald called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2023

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2023, by Michelle Robertson. Janelle Willis seconded the motion. No opposition or abstentions. MSC.

IV. CCPC Grant Updates

Local Planning Council Grant

Christian Patterson shared an overview of the LPC budget. There are no large costs so far other than the conferences that have been attended including TCCAC, CCCCA, and Audacious Foundation Great Administrators Seminar. This year we were more frugal with LPC retreat, spending \$3,700 as opposed to the \$5,000 spent last year. There has been a reduction in funds for QCC, and we may need to loosen funds up to help support them.

Workforce Pathways Grant

Applications for the Workforce Pathways Grant are due December 15, 2023. Workforce Pathways 2.0 will be released in 2024-25, and CDSS will advocate for a three-year grant. CDSS has proposed combining the application for both Workforce Pathways and QCC. There was discussion on the combined application and the implications if this decision is made. There would not be an increase in funding or any major changes to the programming of the grant.

There was a group discussion on support options for administrators. Janelle is hosting a CSPP/CCTR network meeting for administrators and directors to review best practices and changes released by the State. A new CDE fiscal contact has been invited to the meeting to give more guidance to administrators. Monarch Link resources were shared and can hopefully be distributed more widely to the ECE community. The IEEEP grants will be focusing primarily on supporting admin next year. An idea was posed for all programs to come together as a cohort to focus on different areas of expertise to train directors throughout the year. First 5 used to have a Director/Mentor program.





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The RFA for the IEEEP grant has not yet been released but is expected to return for 3 more years. The State will no longer fund this program starting in 2027.

Childcare Sector Pandemic Recovery and Resilience (ARPA) Grant

The ARPA Application is due on October 31, 2023. So far, we have met and exceeded our deliverable, with 27 applications. We are finding that this opportunity is encouraging individuals to consider returning to school.

UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant

A budget has been set for 23/24 through 25/26, with the ability to charge back if needed. The funding is split evenly between the three years, increasing a little more each year to account for rising salary and benefit costs. We will receive a second allocation of the same amount to be spent by June 2026. The nature of a planning grant limits how the funding can be spent. The second allocation's only allowable implementation expense is to promote enrollment. Most of the funding will be given to employees, family resources, and family focus groups. Next year, a new survey will be released to all providers to determine areas of need within the UPK space. IEEEP is working with TK staff in Santa Maria Bonita and Guadalupe School Districts.

Santa Barbara Foundation

We applied for the grant on September 28, 2023. It is currently under review, but if approved, will be used for leadership training. Possible topics could include: Having difficult conversations, working between different age groups, and other high-level training that ECE doesn't have access to.

V. Coordinator's Report

UnitED Central Coast- Allan Hancock College/ Cuesta College bachelor's degree program

Allan Hancock College and Cuesta College have partnered as a cohort as part of their 2030 College Roadmap. This program will offer opportunities for ECE professionals to attain their bachelor's of science degrees in either Education or Applied Professional Studies. The committee was given information if anyone would like to submit a letter of support to them. Janelle shared information on Cal Poly's P3 Credential program and will learn more this month at their first meeting. She will share more information with the full committee.

Director's Retreat

TK teachers were happy to be included in this year's Director's Retreat. SBCEO ECE is working hard to partner with C&I to increase collaboration with TK.

Potential CCPC Membership- CCLD and Carp Children's Project

An ECE professional would like to join LPC but has not yet applied.

Potential Chair Elect- First 5

Michelle Robertson has self-nominated to be chair-elect.





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Licensing was present at the SBCEO Safety Symposium.

VI. Other Business/Announcements

- A. Director's retreat: Janelle and Christian will meet with Audacious Foundation to offer to help plan the next Director's Retreat.
- B. Michelle Robertson suggested adding a hot topic question at each CCPC meeting.
- C. Janelle would like to bring Cristina Ortega to present the EETDG grant.

VII. Adjournment

Jennifer Macdonald adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Vision Statement: We envision a community that values all children and their families.

Mission Statement: We lead and collaborate in planning, coordinating, and advocating for quality, affordable, accessible, early care and education for all children and families in Santa Barbara County.

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