



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council
Steering Committee Agenda
Wednesday, April 20, 2026, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Jennifer Macdonald, Yvon Frazier, Holly Harvan, Michelle Robertson, Janelle Willis

Members Absent: Laura Capps

Members Excused: Jacqui Banta, Michelle Graham

Guests: Tiana Vargas

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Alejandra Montes Medina, Yanise Nevarez

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Jennifer Macdonald, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

II. Public Comment Period

Tiana Vargas, a guest from the United Domestic Workers union, introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes of February 02, 2026

Michelle Robertson moved motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026. Holly Harvan seconded the motion. **MSC.**

IV. CCPC Grant Updates:

- A. Local Planning Council Grant – The council is looking into possibly moving the CCPC meeting location from the Buellton Rec Center, since the council has grown. The group shared a couple of options.
- B. Workforce Pathways Grant – Proof of completion for applicants is due by May 1st. A reminder email has been sent. Looking ahead to next year, there may be a decline in funding for this grant.
- C. UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant – No new updates.
- D. Santa Barbara Foundation – Will be spending this year's funds. Applying for the new one next fall. If awarded, part of it will be used for a Count, Play, Explore in-service event in January to pay for food.

V. Coordinator's Report

- A. Count, Play, Explore update – The recent MOXI event went very well. There were 970 reservations, with 12 partners rotating during the day. First 5 contributed many books. Next fiscal year, CPE will host a Math Festival again, this time in November. The MOXI partnership will continue for another event. Michelle and Yvon suggested that the Math Festival be held in North County, and to partner with Santa Maria Bonita and Allan Hancock College.
- B. Needs Assessment update – Three sessions to be held for more input before it is finalized. The group discussed the possibility of having the sessions before the upcoming CCPC Retreat.

VI. CCPC and Steering Meeting Planning



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- A. CCPC Retreat Discussion – September 9th CCPC Retreat. Input was shared about where to hold the Retreat. Some suggestions included hosting in Mid County, the Hotel Corque in Solvang, or the Hilton Hotel in Lompoc.
The group discussed how they would like the retreat time to be spent. Holly Goldberg will be presenting. The Needs Assessment will be sent out beforehand, as well as some structure of the Strategic Plan. The group also expressed the need to make the retreat longer, perhaps until 3pm, with the event starting at 9am.
- B. 2026/27 Steering Meeting Discussion – First Monday of the month at 2pm. For CCPC, a poll will be sent for input.

VII. Membership Update

Tiana Vargas, United Domestic Workers – FCC Providers Union. Tiana’s work organizes agencies and seeks to build a sense of community between providers. Tiana shares that 90% of providers are POC, and specifically that in our county, the majority are Spanish-speaking Latinas.

VIII. Other Business/Announcements

Michelle – Home Visiting Appreciation Week. Webinars are open to everyone.

Yvon – Allan Hancock College priority registration opens on April 21st. The state is doing a new central labeling of classes at the moment. The Bulldog Boot Camp program will be starting in the summertime during June.

Partners In Ed – A Computer Skills 6-week course will be held in Spanish.

Jennifer – New Preschool.

On May 1st, there is a partnership with the SBCEO Safety Team. The intent is to have providers review their handbooks and safety plans to potentially revise and improve.

IX. Adjournment

Chair, Jennifer Macdonald, adjourned the meeting at 3:11pm.

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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