



**Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council**  
**Steering Committee Agenda**  
**Monday, August 10, 2026, 2:00–3:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

SBCEO Early Care & Education Office  
722 E Main St, Suite 201  
Santa Maria, CA 93454

**Members Present:** Jaqui Banta, Michelle Graham, Holly Harvan, Yvon Frazier, Jennifer MacDonald

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

**Members Excused:** Michelle Robertson, Janelle Willis

**Members Absent:** Laura Capps

**I. Call to Order & Welcome**

**II. Public Comment Period**

No comment.

**III. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2026**

Jacqui Banta moved the motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2026. Michelle Graham seconded the motion. **MSC.**

**IV. CCPC Grant Updates:**

**A. Local Planning Council Grant**

The budget is projected to remain the same for FY 2026-27. Most of the funding will go towards finishing the MOU with Holly Goldberg, paying for the retreat, and printing the Needs Assessment.

**B. Workforce Pathways Grant**

Funding for this grant is likely to go down, which was expected. Emergency funding will be used to offset the cut, but it is still \$50,000 dollars less than last fiscal year.

**C. UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant**

The grant has been extended through 2032. Christian is waiting on more guidance.

**D. Santa Barbara Foundation**

The grant application opens in November. If awarded, this will be funding two trainings:

- Jan 7th - Intentional Interactions: Promoting Higher Order Thinking Skills (Virtual)
- Jan 16th - Promoting Positive Behaviors through Art and Sensory Experiences (Santa Barbara)

**V. Coordinator's Report**

**A. Count, Play, Explore update**

Grant will run through Dec. 2027, and coaching will continue with UCSB and CommUnify. Events funded will be Bridging Play to Practice (Super Saturday) workshops in collaboration with San Luis Obispo County, and with the Santa Barbara County Library and CRR Discovery Museum. Christian will be reaching out to the MOXI Museum to see if they are interested in hosting the Free Admission Day this year as well.





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**B. Needs Assessment update**

The 2025 Needs Assessment has been approved by Susan Salcido. It will be printed and presented at the Retreat, with action plans to be developed based on the assessment and additional information provided.

**C. CA Budget and Policy Center case study**

[How Santa Barbara County Made Strides in Addressing the Unmet Need for Child Care](#)

All of this was made possible thanks to the great collaboration between Santa Barbara County's agencies.

**VI. CCPC and Steering Meeting Planning**

**A. CCPC Retreat invitation discussion**

The 2026 CCPC Retreat is taking place on September 9, from 9am-2pm at the Corque Hotel in Solvang. Holly Goldberg will be leading with the Needs Assessment presentation. Christian asked the committee for their support in getting community officials to come to this milestone Retreat.

**VII. CCPC Membership Update**

Christian presented the new membership applications received to join CCPC: Tiana Vargas and Elisabeth (Beth) Rizo. He also brought up to a vote if it was pertinent to terminate Donna Barranco-Fisher's membership since she is no longer able to come to the meetings and be an active participant. The Steering members voted yes to termination.

**VIII. Other Business/Announcements**

Yvon shared an update regarding Allan Hancock College (AHC), noting that several fall courses currently have low enrollment and may be at risk of cancellation. She also explained that AHC is working to course titles in alignment with the Common Course Numbering Project, which may result in course titles or listings appearing differently than they have in the past. As a result of these changes, transcripts may also look slightly different moving forward.

Jennifer provided an update on CommUnify, sharing that the organization has closed operations at the Fesler property and is moving forward with renovations at the site. She also discussed the federal proposed rule change to Head Start, noting that public comment is available now through October 6, 2026.

Michelle announced the upcoming Party with a Purpose event, scheduled for September 12 at 12:00 p.m. at the Stockyard in Orcutt.

Holly shared that there is currently a petition seeking to prevent a gun shop from opening next to a preschool program in Goleta.

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair, Jennifer Macdonald, adjourned the meeting at 2:58pm.





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**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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