



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Executive Committee Meeting

April 29, 2020 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Child Care Resource Connection

805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Zoom Meeting Option: <https://zoom.us/j/95286286366>

Call-In Option: +1 669 900 6833

MINUTES

Members Present:

Lauren Thorne
Katie Mervin

Melinda Sokolowski
Mika Buchanan

Joel Diestler
Sheri Wilson

Guests:

Shana Paulson

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay
Nataly Renteria

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Lauren Thorne, at 9:11 AM with welcome and introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the agenda, February 26, 2020 minutes and March 16, 2020 minutes, made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Mika Buchanan, and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Over 200 licensed programs still active and running
- Completed first supply distribution for the month of April
- Items Available; liquid hand soap, toilet paper, bleach, paper towels, latex & non-latex gloves
- Delivered materials and resources and had 36 pickups on Saturday, April 18
- Working closely with our First 5 SLO partner who has helped gather supplies; such as diapers and baby wipes

Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO Family Support Services

- CAPSLO- Family Support Services still continues to distribute food bags
- If anyone knows of a family in need please let her know

Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- In response to COVID-19 state of emergency legislation has passed that includes child care assistance to families of Essential Workers.
- This child care assistance is being offered on a limited basis through June 30, 2020 services.
- Currently still accepting applications.
- Predicting to be able to enroll about 130 children
- Family fees (share of cost) for subsidized child care families will be waived for the months of April, May and June.
- If a subsidized child care family is an essential employee and their usual child care provider is closed due to COVID-19 they may use an alternate child care provider up to the end of the usual providers 30 closure. Both closed and alternate providers will be paid during this 30 day time.
- Child care providers that remain open for essential employees will also be paid for their subsidized children that do not attend due to COVID.

BUDGET REVIEW

- Department budgets presented by CAPSLO Finance Liaison, Joel Diestler. Budget presentation included in meeting materials.
- Children’s Day in the Plaza participant support will be refunded; which means the LPC Reserves will be used.
- Projecting \$100,000 to be awarded till end of year on stipends
- Math Grant currently underspent

COORDINATOR UPDATE

- Tomorrow, April 30th, is Child Care Awareness Day. Social Media Campaign established for this day.
- Collaborative Child Care Study Liaison Team met on February 18, 2020 to finalize the RFA to be released by March 6, 2020. Applications due May 6, 2020.
- This Management Bulletin (MB) is to notify and provide guidance to California Resource and Referral Programs (R&Rs) and Local Planning Councils (LPCs) about updated requirements and instructions during the declared State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Local Planning Councils; In light of the State of Emergency related to COVID-19, LPCs must:
 1. Refocus staffing and resources to support the local emergency response led by the R&Rs. LPCs must be an active part of developing these plans and contribute to their implementation.
 2. Remain open, have phone lines, email accounts, and access to up-to-date information that can be accessed by employees remotely, in order to provide resources and information to families of essential workers, at-risk populations, and providers during the declared State of Emergency related to COVID-19.
 3. Hold meetings in accordance with the Brown Act, as modified by Executive Order N-25-20, which authorizes local legislative bodies to hold public meetings telephonically, by teleconference, or by other electronic means.
 4. As a part of the local emergency child care response plan, assess ongoing local child care needs, prioritizing the needs of essential workers and at-risk populations, in partnership with the local R&Rs, local Quality Counts California consortium, local CCL Regional Office, local Alternative Payment contractors, direct contract programs (center-based and family child care home educational networks operated by local education agencies and community-based organizations), child care provider organizations, First 5 county

commission, and nonprofit partnerships. If the state identifies statewide solutions for assessing vacancies and matching supply and demand emergency response, partners may be directed to utilize the statewide solution;

5. Serve as a resource and support for the planning of local countywide child care services;
 6. Continue to work collaboratively with the local R&Rs to create a communication and outreach plan in coordination with the CDE contractors (e.g. local Alternative Payment contractors, direct contract programs, such as center-based and family child care home educational networks operated by local education agencies, and community-based organizations), County Welfare Departments, child care provider organizations, CCL Child Care Regional Offices, and other local partners and program. The communication and outreach plan will include information about newly created spaces and relay information to the local R&Rs to ensure the information is shared with families.
 7. Continue to partner with the local agencies to encourage best practices and provide strategies and resources to the field.
 8. As applicable, report or provide to county lead to report, newly emerging data about care for Essential Workers to the CDE and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).
 9. As possible, deploy staff to support county's overall action to connect Essential Workers to available child care spaces at the direction of the county lead.
- We are the Care; Leadership team will be meeting on May 4, 2020 to discuss future efforts.
 - Provider Appreciation Day is Friday May 8, 2020.
 - Brown Act came to our attention. Child Care Planning Council archives are not public anymore. Will be buying two new email platforms and hopefully have them running in a day or two.

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

Quality Counts Enrollment

Quality Counts program enrollment is as follows:

Center-based sites: 53

- California State Preschool Programs: 11
- Local Education Agency: 18
- Private Preschool Programs: 10
- Head Start/Early Head Start: 14

Family Child Care Homes: 47

Total Sites enrolled in Quality Counts: 100

COVID-19 Site Closures

- Of the 53 center-based participating sites, only one (1) site is currently open.
 - Village Preschool in Arroyo Grande is serving the children of essential workers
 - 13 sites are not open but staff are providing support for children and families through virtual group meetings, busy boxes, take-home activities, and more.
 - All 52 closed sites have a reopening plan ranging from opening on June 1st to opening as soon as the statewide shelter-in-place order is lifted.
- Of the 47 Family Child Care Homes, all 47 sites are currently open and serving children.

QUALITY COUNTS COACHING ACTIVITY

- Family Child Care Coaching Hours for September: 7.5 hours
- Center-Base Coaching Hours in September: 56.25 hours

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All in-person training opportunities scheduled from March 16th, 2020 onward have been canceled to comply with social distancing recommendations from the state. Despite this change, Quality Counts staff have worked on developing online professional development.

Intro to CLASS

Quality Counts staff sent out a survey to assess interest in an online Intro to CLASS training online.

Results include:

- 35 participants are interested in CLASS PreK
- 28 participants are interested in CLASS Toddler
- 15 participants are interested in CLASS Infant

Based on these results, Quality Counts CLASS Trainers (Britney Ogden, and Allison Biggers) will provide online Intro to CLASS trainings for each CLASS tool beginning in mid-May. Participants will receive a CLASS dimensions guide and all relevant training materials in the mail prior to the trainings. Exact dates for each session are to be announced.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Upcoming certifications

- CLASS PreK Trainer Recertification - Britney Ogden is scheduled to complete this certification on May 2, 2020.
- CLASS PreK Observer Recertification - David Fimbres and Allison Biggers are scheduled to complete this certification on May 2, 2020.
- CLASS Toddler Observer Recertification - David Fimbres and Brintye Ogden are scheduled to complete this certification on May 8, 2020.
- Desired Results Developmental Profile Trainer Certification – Allison Biggers and David Fimbres have been postponed until the 2020-2021 academic year
- SEFEL Trainer Certification - Britney Ogden's SEFEL trainer certification is postponed pending the final SEFEL module training. Date TBD.
- SEFEL Coach Certification - Britney Ogden's SEFEL coach certification is postponed pending the final SEFEL module training. Date TBD.

2019-2020 STIPEND AWARD UPDATE

Quality Counts staff have been focused on providing assistance in completing the Quality Counts Professional Growth and Education Advancement stipends. To this end, staff have been able to successfully process the following:

- Center-based Stipends processed in April 2020
 - 65 total stipends processed
 - Total of \$39,900.00 awarded (\$12,900.00 in Education stipends and \$27,000.00 in Professional Growth stipends)
 - Of the \$39,900 awarded, \$21,900.00 were paid out of department 491 and \$18,000.00 were paid out of department 496
 - 33 stipend applications are currently incomplete. Staff are working closely with each applicant to ensure completion by the May 1, 2020 deadline.

NEW -- HEALTH & SAFETY STIPEND

Quality Counts of San Luis Obispo County is offering a Health and Safety Stipend to early care and education programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this stipend is to support programs to expand their commitment to quality according to current health and safety guidelines.

- Applications include updated Quality Commitment Plan

- Stipends will be awarded beginning May 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020
- Limited funding available, stipends will be awarded on a first come-first served basis.

Quality Counts Technical Assistance

- Quality Counts Staff to provide virtual technical assistance for staff in completing an updated Quality Commitment Plan based on CAL OSHA Safety & Health Guidance COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Child Care Programs
- Quality Counts to provide distribution of safety and cleaning materials in collaboration with CCRC and LPC.

Program Stipend: Family Child Care and Center-Based

Tier 1	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active QC Participant • Enrollment prior to March 1, 2020 • Completed at least 10 hours of program contact since enrollment (i.e. professional development or coaching). • Current Quality Commitment Plan on file • Currently open and serving children of essential workers • Complete an updated Quality Commitment Plan based on current health and safety guidelines
Tier 2	\$800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active QC Participant (at least 10 hours of PD YTD) • Enrollment prior to March 1, 2020 • Current Quality Commitment Plan on file • Planning to re-open to serve children • Complete an updated Quality Commitment Plan based on CAL OSHA Safety & Health Guidance COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Child Care Programs

Center-Based and Family Child Care Staff

Tier 1	\$300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active QC Participant • Current Professional Development Plan on File • Working in a program that is currently open and serving children of essential workers • Complete an updated Quality Commitment Plan based on current health guidelines
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QUALITY COUNTS CALIFORNIA LOCAL CONSORTIA AND PARTNERSHIP GRANTS 2020-2023

Work group representatives from First 5, SLOCOE, R&R and LPC are actively working on the application. Application deadline extended to May 15, 2020. This will be a comprehensive application for IMPACT 2020 (First 5 CA), Quality Counts CA (CDE) and CSPP QRIS Block Grant (CDE).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT & AB212 STATUS

CDE Workforce Development Grant RFA has been placed on hold. There is no date for when the RFA process will proceed due to COVID-19 State of Emergency. CDE has announced that if the Workforce Development Grant RFA is not released in time for July 1, 2020 implementation, CDE will release the AB212 portion to previous AB212 contract holders.

This grant would fund speinds and incentives that are currently funded through IMPACT, QCC and AB212.

TICKET TO TEACH

California Apprenticeship Initiative, also known as Ticket to Teach planning is currently underway with plans for the first cohort of apprentices to begin Fall 2020. Guidelines for employers, mentors, and apprentices are currently being developed.

CA EARLY MATH INITIATIVE

CA Early Math Initiative will be sunsetting June 30, 2020. This has been a partnership of Quality Counts, Cuesta College, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection and CAPSLO Head Start/Early Head Start.

CDE EQUITABLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES GRANT

The grant award notification was received in March for this funding (\$40, 000 through June 30, 2020). We are using this funding to support activity kits around literacy, adult-child interactions and general child development knowledge for programs and families throughout the county in response to COVID-19 changes in early childhood environments.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve May 6, 2020 Council meeting agenda made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Katie Mervin, and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection, 805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nataly Renteria, Administrative Assistant
SLO County Child Care Planning Council*