



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Executive Committee Meeting

September 29, 2021 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Child Care Resource Connection

805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 2320 8774

MINUTES

Members Present:

Jamie Sanbonmatsu
Katie Mervin
Lauren Handley
Mika Buchanan
Melinda Sokolowski
Joel Diestler

Guests:

Shana Paulson (CCRC)

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay
Nataly Renteria

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, at 9:01 AM with welcome and introductions.

- [Executive Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [August 25, 2021 minutes](#) made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Mika Buchanan and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT & COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Valley View Children's Center

- Center has been open for two weeks

Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Currently enrolling off the waiting list.
- Will continue to enroll for the next 4-5 months even longer depending on funding received
- AB 131 approved 61 slots for the state of California; less than a third of what San Luis Obispo County usually is expected to receive

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Working to build care all over the county, targeted recruitment in Grover Beach

Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Recruiting as much as possible

BUDGET REVIEW

Department budgets presented by CAPSLO Finance Liaison, Joel Diestler. Budget presentation included in meeting materials.

- Attachments Included:
 - [Budget Review](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Two bills CAAYC supports and has been following area sitting on the Governor's desk. Many child care and development organizations are supporting these two bills. They provide a great deal of flexibility for providers, ensure the maximum reimbursement rate is paid and eventually will lead to more children being served in high quality environments. Our public policy team urges you to send the Governor a message requesting he sign these bills. You can use the link below to email the Governor's office.
 - [AB 865 Fact Sheet](#)
 - [SB 50 Fact Sheet](#)
 - Governor's Email Link: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>
- Key Takeaways from the State Budget
 - Families who use publicly-funded child care will not have to pay family fees until June 30, 2022.
 - Reimbursement rates will be raised to the 75th percentile of the 2018 RMR survey.
 - 110,000 new families will get affordable child care in the year ahead.
 - For more information, please read our full Analysis of Child Care Funding in [the California State Budget 2021-22 here](#).

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- September Meetings:
 - CCRC Finance
 - CAPSLO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Steering Committee
 - Center-Based Teacher Networking
 - School Age Child Care Networking
 - We Are The Care
 - Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
 - Monthly Mixer
 - Board of Directors
 - Diversity Council
 - Equality Mural Project
- BUILD Initiative Webinar
 - Justice from the Start: Supporting Prenatal-to-Three with Federal Relief Funds: Early Care and Education
 - Thursday, September 30, 2021 3:00 PM
 - [Register](#)

- Child Care and Development Quarterly Stakeholder Call
 - Child Care and Development Division Updates
 - Monday, October 4, 2021 3:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- Building Child Care for All Communities
 - Learn to advocate for a better child care model for all California communities
 - Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- American Rescue Plan Act Proposal
 - Approximately \$85 million in funding coming to the County and cities
 - Collaborative Letter from First 5 SLO, Child Care Planning Council, Quality Counts, CAPSO Child Care Resource Connection, Help Me Grow, etc.
 - Proposed Strategies:
 1. Access to Child Care through Vouchers
 2. Business Grants for Child Care Programs
 3. Strengthening Local Child Care System Infrastructure
 4. Workforce Pipeline for Child Care Professionals
 5. Child Care Facility Development and Improvement
 6. Mental and Behavioral Health Support for Children & Families
 7. Eviction Protection for Families
 8. Family Resource Centers
- COVID Vaccine Task Force
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force PPT](#)
 - [County Announces New Guidance for SLO County Youth Activities, Large Gatherings and Performing Arts](#)
 - [San Luis Obispo County Health Officials Report COVID-19 Deaths](#)
 - [San Luis Obispo County Preparing for COVID-19 Booster Shots While Awaiting Further Guidance from State and Federal Authorities](#)
 - [COVID-19 Key Messages & Talking Points](#)
 - [New No-Cost COVID-19 Testing Site Opening in Morro Bay](#)
 - [Flyer: COVID-19 Community Testing Sites](#)
- We Are the Care Task Force Meetings:
 - Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force – Friday October 15th @ 10AM
 - Public Awareness Task Force – Monday October 25th @ 10AM
 - Power to the Profession Task Force – Monday September 27th @ 3PM
 - Local Government Engagement – Thursday September 30th @ 9AM
 - Leadership – TBD

CUESTA COLLEGE ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

- Cuesta College Economic Impact Report released
 - [Attachment](#)

BROWN ACT UPDATE

- Pending AB 339 Approval through Legislature, Council needs to approve, every 30 days, temporary amendment to allow teleconferencing for meetings.
 - [AB 339 Fact Sheet](#)

- The Brown Act requires all public meetings of local agencies to be publicly noticed in locations where members of the local body will be participating, that such location be open and accessible to the public, and at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body must participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction; and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, temporarily suspending certain teleconference requirements imposed by the Brown Act; and
- The temporary suspension of Brown Act teleconferencing requirements is set to expire on September 30, 2021 pursuant to the Governor's issuance of Executive Order N-08-21
- ACTION ITEM: On September 15, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), effective immediately, authorizing a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the Brown Act teleconference requirements for public meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency, and such state of emergency still exists.
- Under AB 361, a local agency may hold a teleconferenced meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency upon a determination, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- Such findings must be made no later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet by teleconference under such abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

Executive and Council Staff approves and determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and will continue to hold its meetings by teleconference pursuant to AB 361. Motion to approve Brown Act Update made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Katie Mervin, and approved unanimously.

COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES PROPOSAL

[Fiscal Agent Proposal](#) – The proposal for Council vote, is to shift fiscal agency of SLO County Child Care Planning Council from CAPSLO to SLOCOE with the offer for SLOCOE to fund the Council Infrastructure from the general fund.

- Initial Presentation: September 1, 2021
- Questions and Comments open September 1 to September 21, 2021
 - Questions answered by Staff and Executive Committee
 - Comments were compiled and shared with all Council Members according to Brown Act
- Mailchimp will be sent out to all voting Council Members regarding the sustainability and long term visioning and strategic infrastructure of the Child Care Planning Council
- Council Member Discussion, Public Comment and Council Member Vote at October 6, 2021 Council Meeting
- Public Comment/ Questions Submitted by Elizabeth Steinberg:
 - Will the audit to meet state guidelines continue with CAPSLO as fiscal agent? Previous presentation indicated this. [Questions and Answers Page 4](#)
 - Will there be 2 sets of books for this overlapping period? Or will SLOCOE begin officially next July 1, 2022? [Questions and Answers Page 5](#)
 - Please clarify what is meant by "draw down State funding to support SLO County mixed delivery system"? [Questions and Answers Page 4](#)

- When will the Council review SLOCOE's budget proposal for Council including funding sources, indirect, salary schedules before a decision is made to transition to SLOCOE? What are the operational costs like rent, indirect, etc. [Questions and Answers Page 2](#)
- How will SLOCOE fund infrastructure for Council? What will the State funding for Council be used for? [Questions and Answers Page 4](#)
- When the ARPA funding arrives, the "We are the Care" continues, I think we also need to look potentially at a countywide Office of Child Care housed in the County. We will have the results of the Child Care Study, funding for child care is on the BOS docket...this would be separate from Council being housed at SLOCOE. Another discussion for the future.

Motion to move forward and include reference response to questions/comments submitted regarding the [Fiscal Agent Proposal](#) made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Mika Buchanan, and approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Amendments to the [October 6, 2021 Council meeting agenda](#) include:

- Move Brown Act Update to the top of the agenda; after Consent Agenda

Motion to approve [October 6, 2021 Council meeting agenda](#) with amendments made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Katie Mervin, and approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27, 2021 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*