



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

September 5, 2018 12:00- 1:30 PM

CAPSLO Child Care Resources Connection Board Room
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

MINUTES

Members Present:

Adriana Barron
Mika Buchanan

Nancy Norton
Jenn Kreps
Katie Mervin

Sheri Wilson
Lee Anne Howard
Lauren Thorne

Liaisons:

Guests:

Shana Paulson

Yvette Sanchez Fuentes

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton
Allison Biggers

Kayla Benado

Britney Ogden

Meeting called to order by Chair, Adriana Barron at 12:03 PM with welcome and introductions.

Consent Agenda

Lauren Thorne motioned to adopt the consent agenda and approve the May 2, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Mika Buchanan, and approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Shana Paulson

- CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection has a new Resource and Referral database that allows programs to update program information online

Council Member Announcements & Program Updates

Nancy Norton

- County Office of Education center-based programs across the county are being rebranded as Early Learning Centers to better represent the blending of First 5 and State Preschool Program funding at sites
- Child enrollment is low and they are seeking an Associate Teacher

Mika Buchanan

- Emergency Foster Bridge – Thirty-four children were supported through child care subsidies at beginning of the program year and there are now 45 children enrolled in this program. Children are being referred for 6 months of subsidy and extensions are only being granted in extenuating circumstances. We are currently helping families navigate other funded programs to help them transition off of the program and find other means of sustaining ongoing cost of care.

- CCRC was able to hire a new staff person due to increased enrollment and overearning in a number of Alternative Payment Program contracts

Jen Kreps

- The YMCA is undergoing a facility remodel that includes creating a more gender friendly, ADA compliant and user friendly facility
- The Summer School/YMCA Camp Partnership with San Luis Coastal Unified School District was very successful and program enrollment for the school year has increased
- The Paso Robles Preschool was closed due to facility and staffing issues

Sheri Wilson

- CAPSLO CCCRC was able to do some facility updates and has a few more improvements to make in the boardroom and to staff work areas
- Sheri introduced and welcomed CAPSLO's new Director of Child Youth and Family Services, Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes

Katie Mervin

- Cuesta enrollment going well. They are hiring staff in the Cuesta Children's Center and are always looking for entry level substitutes for coverage. They are working to get people 12 units as soon as possible.
- The Child Development Training Consortia funding for units will continue and additional information will be available soon

Lauren Thorne (SLOCOE)

- The Raising a Reader Kick-Off for coordinators and implementers will be September 6, 2018 and 55 attendees are expected
- CPIN trainings can now accommodate 50 participants, an increase from 30. Flyers were circulated
- The ELFA (Early Learning For All) Network Training will be September 20

Adriana Barron (CAPSLO—Head Start/Early Head Start)

- Programs are experiencing staffing and enrollment challenges. A classroom in Los Osos won't be opening.

First 5 SLO Commission Update—Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

- The August Partner Meeting was in Paso Robles
- First 5 was able to secure a Mental Health Services Act Innovation Grant to start a Help Me Grow program in San Luis Obispo County. Help Me Grow promotes universal screening and our county will be working towards 3x3 – three screenings by the time a child is 3 years old. This is a four-year project that builds upon training the Council and CAPSLO provided to CHC (Community Health Clinics) Health Navigators. The Health Navigators will be meeting with families prior to well child visits to facilitate Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) screening. Quality Counts sites will have the opportunity to share ASQ's with CHC sites to open communication and more fully support children. A Pediatrician Town Hall Meeting will be on November 7 and will begin the work of getting local pediatricians on board and excited about this opportunity. Some key local

Pediatricians including a former First 5 Commissioner have been instrumental in pushing this forward.

Legislative Updates – Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

- Is there an interest in continuing affiliation with Children Now? This group supports early care and education including K-12.
- Spots have been reserved for San Luis Obispo at the Birth to 12th grade watercooler because we were a part of their Pilot project. Let Raechelle know if you are interested in attending. Last year there was a great candidate forum and we understand that the heat maps that were being developed are being finished up

Coordinator Report – Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

- Let Raechelle know if you are interested in have a Council binder with materials and resources. All the information is also available on the Council website. A long list of acronyms was circulated
- We will be asking members for updated pictures

Quality Counts Update – Britney Ogden & Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

- Allison Biggers was introduced as the Council's new Quality Counts Specialist working with Center-based programs
- We completed 2017-2018 with 72 participating sites. We are currently partnering with 89 sites including 16 new center based programs (14 from SLO Coastal and 2 private). This is an additional 37 lead staff and 25 classrooms. In total we are serving 52 center-based programs, 108 classrooms, 268 center staff, 38 family child care programs, and 48 family child care staff. We are working on building participation in North Coast region of the county
- \$80,000 in stipends were distributed in 2017-2018
- The 2018-2019 Kick Off will be September 15, 2018. Members were encouraged to attend.
- The Quality Counts California meeting will be October 12, 2018. A new rating matrix was selected in a close vote of counties across the state. It pulls back a bit on the Environmental Rating Scale (ERS) tools, reducing the elements evaluated in an attempt to allow for dual assessment in both ERS and the Classroom Assessment and Scoring System (CLASS) in one day. The new continuum model matrix will be implemented in 2020, allowing the state 2 years to figure out implementation details and to market the changes.
- Shared CA QC website
- We are partnering with Mentor Teachers to conduct Professional Learning Communities to delve more deeply into the assessment tools and program practices. Please contact Raechelle with additions to the county-wide Professional Development Calendar.

2017-2018 Annual Report – Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

- The report is an opportunity to showcase what we do. There are only 3 bullets of information that are required but we do a longer report to support advocacy and celebrate our work. In June 2018 we voted to maintain the prior year's priorities in the 2018 Priorities Report

- Please review page 4 of the report and let Reachelle know of other affiliations that can be added
- Noted that Children's Day in the Plaza is now a self-sustaining event which allows us to plan earlier rather than waiting for sponsors/vendor registration to make necessary purchases. Although the event was rained out in 2017, no money was lost
- Highlighted Hands on Heroes activities and our county's unique assessment capacity. We are one of three counties that have local trainers in all tools

2018-2019 Year at a Glance

- Reviewed Collective Impact document and ask group to consider how to move forward. Is the focus on *Analysis, Advocacy, and Advancement* still applicable?
- Reviewed the Membership Agreement. Sheri suggested subcommittees as an option that has worked to engage members. Lee Ann agreed and Katie was interested in specific tasks, boundaries and expectations. Raechelle suggested that committees be Ad Hoc and task focused

Council Meeting Date and Time

- Agreed to adjust meeting time to 9 -10:30 on October 3, 2018
- Discussed an evening mixer, possibly in January

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:35.

The next Council meeting will be held on October 3, 2018 from 9:00-10:30PM at CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection, 805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA.