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Council Meeting

January 20, 2023 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Avila Lighthouse Suites
550 Front Street, Avila Beach, CA 93424

MINUTES

Members Present:

Katie Mervin
Jamie Sanbonmatsu
Patty Clarkson
Shana Paulson

Lauren Thorne
Mika Buchanan
Melina Simonds

Liaisons:

Michael Specchierla (SLOCOE)

Guests:

Molly Myers (SLOCOE)
Madelyn Chevalier (Cuesta College)
Mariela Rodriguez (CAPSLO)
Allison Biggers

Shelby West (Lucia Mar Unified School District)
Maddy Quaglino (Arroyo Grande United Methodist)
Kris Roudebush (First 5)

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay

Nataly Renteria

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 2:03 PM with welcome and introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [November 9, 2022 minutes](#) made by Lauren Thorne, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

YES: Lauren Thorne, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Shana Paulson, Mika Buchanan, Patty Clarkson, Katie Mervin, Melina Simonds

NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelby West, Lucia Mar Unified School District

- Transitional Kindergarten community outreach and marketing

Kris Roudebush, First 5 San Luis Obispo County

- Family-Friendly Workplaces Workshop North County – Come face-to-face with organizations that are successfully implementing family-friendly workplace practices in our county!
 - Thursday March 30, 2023
 - 3:30 – 5:30PM
 - [Register](#)
- Pediatric Town Hall – Tuesday, March 21, 2023

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Melina Simonds, Cuesta College

- The Professional Track is designed for Early Childhood and PK-3 Teachers who want to deepen their understanding of child development, build their early childhood classroom skills, and advance their careers in ECE in a supportive online learning community. Register for Spring 2023 classes at cuesta.edu. Full semester classes start January 17th, with late start, accelerated 12 & 9 week classes starting in February and March 2023.
- Cuesta Spring 2023 semester has started; classes are still open
- Attachments:
 - [Spring Classes, Child Development and Family Studies \(CDFS\) Department](#)
 - [ECE DL Professional Track](#)

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE

- Commission Meeting: December 7, 2022
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 3:00 – 5:30 PM
 - SLO County Office of Education Board Room
 - 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

COMMITTEES UPDATE

- Subcommittee Formation:
 - Workforce Development Subcommittee
 - Tied into the work of Ticket2Teach based out of SLOCOE and Cuesta
 - Committee Chair: Katie Mervin
 - February 16, 2023 3:00 – 4:30 PM
 - Advocacy Subcommittee
 - Identifies advocacy opportunities and jumps to action
 - Committee Chair: Kris Roudebush
 - February 15, 2023 2:00 – 3:00 PM
 - Economic Development Subcommittee
 - Potentially looks at match-making businesses and child care providers
 - Committee Chair: Shana Paulson
 - February 22, 2023 9:00 – 10:00 AM
 - Community Needs Subcommittee
 - Tied to Council Needs Assessment and alignment of need with LEAs
 - Committee Chair: Mika Buchanan
 - TBD

COUNCIL STAFF – Raechelle Bowlay

- Council Retreat/Kickoff – Igniting Innovation in Early Care and Education took place on Friday, January 20th from 9:00AM – 3:00PM
 - Topics:
 - Partners in Innovation – Guest Speakers
 - County Superintendent of School, Dr. James Brescia
 - Former State Superintendent of Instruction, Jack O’Connell
 - Vice President, School Services of California, Dr. Patti Herrera
 - Overview of LPC and launch of new name: Early Care & Education Planning Council
 - Leadership Development
 - Community Partners (i.e. Chambers, City Liaisons, City Managers, BOS, SOS, etc.)
 - UPK Mixed Delivery Grant – Workgroup
 - We Are the Care
 - Intro to Council Subcommittees and Committee Goals
 - Establish recommendations for membership
 - Identify existing initiatives, activities and/or programs that are a good match

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Lauren Handley, Classified Coordinator for Early Learning and Educational Support, will be filling in for the Quality Counts Coordinator position as needed. She will be supporting the implementation of Quality Counts professional development, stipend program, and contracted coaching
- For the month of February, we will be launching on demand trainings followed by a community of practice.
- Stipend program to be released soon.
- January Professional Development 2022 – 2023 registrations open

COUNCIL POSITIONS

- **2023-2024 Council Chair:** Our 2023-2024 Incoming Chair, as it has gone through our approval and election process, is Lauren Handley. The potential conflict of interest is that she is technically a contracted employee of the Council through Quality Counts. The suggestion from Executive Committee who met on Wednesday, January 11th, is to have a special election and open up the nomination process to past chairs under these special circumstances. Council Staff will be moving forward and start the nomination process for the special election at our next Council meeting, Wednesday, February 8, 2023.
- **First 5 Commissioner Representative:** Council has a designated representative on the First 5 Commission, that seat is an appointed seat that we, as the Council, appoint. Our designated seat is coming up for reelection this year. Melinda Sokolowski has been our First 5 Commissioner Representative since 2008. Council Staff will open the position up for the nomination process at our next Council meeting, Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

CHILDREN’S DAY IN THE PLAZA

The Children’s Day in the Plaza event date is currently pending. We were hoping to have the event on Saturday, April 1st, though SLO Beaver Brigade will be hosting an event on that specific date at the Mission Plaza. Looking at a possible collaboration, more information to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on February 8, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 PM at San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

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