



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL**

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**Council Meeting**

May 10, 2023 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location (In Person with Zoom Option for Public Attendance):

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Zoom Meeting ID: 994 3024 1466

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Katie Mervin

Jamie Sanbonmatsu

Shannon Pimentel

Shana Paulson

Lauren Thorne

Lauren Handley

Melina Simonds

**Members Present via Zoom:**

Michelle Holm

Mika Buchanan

Patty Clarkson

**Liaisons:**

Michael Specchierla

**Guests:**

Molly Myers (SLOCOE)

Deja Knight (LPC Intern)

**Staff:**

Raechelle Bowlay

Nataly Renteria

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 3:05 PM with welcome and introductions.

- [Council Meeting Presentation](#)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [March 8, 2023 minutes](#), made by Melina Simonds, seconded by Lauren Thorne. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

YES: Lauren Thorne, Lauren Handley, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Shana Paulson, Melina Simonds, Katie Mervin, Shannon Pimentel

NO: None

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **Melina Simonds, Cuesta College**

- Offering a robust number of classes for the summer; four (3 unit) classes and one (1 unit) class
- Courses have been shared within the community but also statewide; summer enrollment is looking really good especially for those TK teachers who need those 24 units by August

### **Shana Paulson, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County**

- Close of Contract Monitoring Review is tomorrow; had a preliminary close and everything went really well.

### **Mika Buchanan, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County**

- Finally received the funding for the Subsidized Child Care Stipends that come from AB 179;
  - \$1442 per subsidized child served during the month of April 2022
  - Funding will go out to all providers in our county that served children during the month of April and also completed the ARPA Survey. If the ARPA Survey has not been completed they will not be eligible to receive payment.
  - 57% of providers have completed the survey.
  - Stipends will be issued over the course of this month to the providers that have completed the survey.
- Family fees have been waived through this fiscal year – June 30, 2023; though it looks like they will extend that through September. While the fees are being extended they are looking at revising the actual fees to make them a little more equitable.

### **Lauren Handley, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education**

- Attended the UPK Mixed Delivery Quality and Access Workgroup meeting that was held at the state on April 27th. Standing workgroup meetings scheduled for the rest of the year.
  - [UPK Mixed Delivery Quality and Access Workgroup](#)

### **Lauren Thorne, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education**

- Going out to the districts in the coming weeks to meet with site principals to figure out their experience over the course of last year with serving more 4-year olds and what they are anticipating for next year.
- State Preschool Programs throughout our county are currently enrolling. Going through a new process this year because of 24-month eligibility. Administrative Assistant focusing heavily on enrollment right now.
- Recently negotiated Preschool Salary Schedules specifically; modified entire salary schedule and people will now receive increases and steps every single year even when they max out at a certain amount of time.

### **Lisa Fraser, Center for Family Strengthening**

- Bridges to Resilience 2023, Webinar #1: The Four Building Blocks of HOPE
  - Wednesday, May 31, 2023 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Live on Zoom with Spanish and Mixteco Interpretation
- [Register](#)

### **FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 3:00 – 5:30 PM
  - SLO County Office of Education Board Room
  - 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
- Strategic Planning – Focus Groups
  - An ad hoc Strategic Planning design committee met in early January – Commissioners Belch, Ruvalcaba-Heredia and Watt. They helped staff to develop timelines and core activities for the strategic planning process over the coming year.

### **COUNCIL STAFF – Raechelle Bowlay**

- Educator Appreciation Jazz Concert
  - As thanks, the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education is hosting an Educator Appreciation Concert at Vina Robles on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, for all early childhood educators and their guests/families. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the entertainment concludes no later than 9:00 p.m. The concert will feature the Ron McCarley Jazz Quarter and local jazz groups. A limited number of tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Request your tickets by completing the form below. Tickets will be mailed to the address provided.
  - [Request Free Tickets Here](#)
- Council Staff attended Atascadero Chamber of Commerce 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner and Gala on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

### **QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE – Lauren Handley**

- Early Math Symposium - this virtual symposium will celebrate promising practices, activities, resources, and strategies. Join us for the 2023 Summer Symposium. The Early Math Symposium is a professional development opportunity jointly sponsored by the California Department of Education, the California State Board of Education, First Five California, WestEd, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, the AIMS Center for Math and Science, the Department of Social Services, and the California Early Math Project.
  - June 23, 2023 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
  - [Register Here](#)
- May Professional Development 2022 – 2023 registrations open:
  - ~~CPIN: Visual & Performing Arts Music & Movement~~
    - ~~Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM~~
    - ~~[Register](#)~~
  - ~~PITC: Creating Partnerships with Families and Early Identity Formation (Online Class)~~  
~~(CANCELED)~~
    - ~~Tuesday & Wednesday, May 9 & 10, 2023 5:30 – 7:30 PM~~
    - ~~[Register](#)~~
  - CECO: CSEFEL Teaching Pyramid Framework (Self-Paced)
    - [Register](#)
  - Community of Practice: Reflecting on CECO Self-Paced Course (Online Class)
    - Tuesday, May 23, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 PM
    - [Register](#)

- Quality Counts extended support to over 40 Quality Counts Consortium partners and participating agencies to attend the 2023 CAAEYC Annual Conference
  - Cuesta College partners presented at the 2023 CAAEYC Annual Conference & Expo
    - Loose Parts: Inspirations in the Early Learning Environment
      - Laurinda Wagner, Madelyn Chevalier & Sara Madgett - Cuesta College
    - Group Time Favorites and Opportunities to Extend Language
      - Lea Waterbury, Cheri Ferguson & Laurinda Wagner - Cuesta College
    - Teaching Toddlers Good Food Habits
      - Lucia Aguirre, Micaela Padgett & Keith Holland - Cuesta College
    - Professional Goal Development Systems: Building and Applying to Career and Leadership Development
      - Katie Mervin
    - Ticket 2 Teach Early Care and Education Apprenticeship Program: An Overview from Multiple Perspectives
      - Katie Mervin & Ethan Glover
- 24 programs visited
- Delivered over 70 care packages thanking early educators for their dedication
- 61 stipend applications received as of May 10, 2023
  - Applications for [2022-2023 Quality Counts Incentives Program](#) are still available. Apply now through May 31, 2023.
  - Attachment: [Quality Counts Stipend Programs 2022-2023](#)
- Built supports for Inclusion, Infants/Toddlers, STEM, Professional Growth Advising, and Partnerships across the county
- Attended UPK Mixed Delivery Sessions

#### **COMMITTEES UPDATE**

- **Workforce Development Subcommittee:** Supporting issues that affect the early care and education workforce including talent pipeline, professional development and career pathways.
  - Committee Chair: Katie Mervin
  - Priorities:
    - Mentor Selection Committee
    - Professional Growth System Update
  - Activities & Highlights
    - Moving forward with Mentor Program
      - Selection Committee
      - Mentor Applications
    - Professional Growth Advisor Cadre
    - Continued alignment of programs/initiatives
  - Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023 3:00 – 4:30 PM
  - Attended ECEPTS National Conference on ECE Apprenticeship
    - May 1-4, 2023 | Ontario, CA
    - [Ticket2Teach ECE Apprenticeship: A Countywide Collaboration in CA](#) – *presented by Katie Mervin & Raechelle Bowlay*
    - This presentation provided an overview of San Luis Obispo County's development and implementation of the Ticket 2 Teach ECE Apprenticeship program, concentrating on how partnerships and collaborative efforts within the community have helped build a larger system to support the program and ECE workforce.

- Join us for a networking event for ECE Leaders in SLO County to learn about recruitment & retention efforts building upon your program's greatest resource. Guest Speakers from Eckerd Connects - Workforce Development. Dinner provided will be provided.
  - Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.
  - Thursday, May 25, 2023 5:30 – 7:00 PM
  - SLO County Office of Education Board Room
  - 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
  - [Flyer](#)
- **Advocacy Subcommittee:** Engages local government and identifies advocacy opportunities at local, regional, and state level.
  - Committee Chair: Kris Roudebush
  - Activities & Highlights
    - [May 9, 2023 – Atascadero City General Plan Input](#)
    - May 17, 2023 – Airport Land Use Commission
    - [Developmentally Appropriate Practices \(DAP\) around the Country](#)
  - Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 1:30 – 2:30 PM
  - Cracking the Government Code Series: Join us the second Tuesday of every month from May through September as we deliver interactive, fast paced and informative sessions featuring subject matter experts who've been in the trenches, are willing to share their knowledge, and answer your questions through our series sessions:
    - [Session 2 – Who does what?](#) | The differences between State vs County vs City and who has the most power to impact different issues
    - [Session 3 – Power of the purse](#) | Budget process, priorities and possibilities
    - [Session 4 – Planning for the future](#) | The impact urban planning choices have on the economy, culture and environment
    - [Session 5 – Be the change](#) | How 'normal residents' can get involved and shape their community
  - Cracking the Government Code is also an opportunity to create lasting connections and share ideas in a safe, fun, and collaborative space.
- **Economic Development Subcommittee:** Develops strategies that support early care and education as an essential part of local economy from the lens of providers as small businesses/employers and as a recruitment and retention strategy for businesses/employers.
  - Committee Chair: Shana Paulson
  - Priorities:
    - SLO City Pilot Project
    - Shared Services Alliance
    - ARPA Expansion Grant Application Process
  - Activities & Highlights:
    - Exploring ARPA Expansion Grant Application Process
    - Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- **Community Needs Subcommittee:** Identifies needs of the early care and education field as well as needs of families, employers and partner organizations to support the local mixed delivery system.
  - Committee Chair: Mika Buchanan
  - Priorities:
    - 5 Year Needs Assessment
  - Activities & Highlights:
    - Assessing: How has the need for childcare changed? What will mixed delivery system look like for families/providers?
    - Create a survey for community members to assess needs city by city
    - Highlight Community need through storytelling

- Next Meeting: TBA

## **GRANTS UPDATES**

- QCC Workforce Pathways FY 2022-2023 increase of \$1761
- QCC Workforce Pathways FY 2023-2024 RFA
  - Allocation: \$39,176
- QCC Block Grant FY 2023-2024 RFA Due May 12, 2023
- CSPP QRIS Block Grant FY 2023-2024 RFA Due May 12, 2023
- IMPACT Legacy FY 2023-2025 RFA Due June 12, 2023
  - SLO County Allocation: \$702,803
- UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant
  - The purpose of this grant program is to expand access universally to preschool programs for three- and four-year-old children across the state through a mixed-delivery system. The program funds local planning councils (LPCs) and resource and referral (R&R) agencies to support the mixed delivery system of Universal PreKindergarten (UPK). The grant focus is to support the relationship building between the local education agencies (LEAs), county office of education (COE), the LPC, and the R&R. The grantee will partner with the LEA and COE to align plans for the expansion of UPK.
  - Projected Allocation – San Luis Obispo County: \$197,986.00 (through June 2026)
  - Grant Activities:
    - Coordinate with the County Office of Education
    - Form a Plan single local workgroup for, but not directly funded, UPK options in a mixed delivery system.
    - Plan for increasing inclusion of with exceptional needs children in UPK.
    - Plan for Provide workforce development outreach services and enrollment support to meet needs of families.
    - Plan for, align and coordinate the plans, with all LEAs that received funding under California PreKindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program.
    - Partner with tribes as sovereign nations.
    - Develop a plan before June 30, 2023 – needs to be presented for consideration
  - [How Are California School Districts Planning for Universal Prekindergarten?](#) *(Results from a 2022 Survey)*

## **MONTH OF THE CHILD RECAP**

Children's Day in the Plaza 2023 Recap

All Vendors

1. Baby Brain Builders
2. Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.)
3. CAL FIRE
4. Camp Fire Central Coast
5. Camp Natoma
6. CAPSLO – Child Care Resource Connection
7. Center for Family Strengthening
8. Central Coast Childbirth Network
9. Central Coast Funds for Children
10. Central Coast Gymnastics Sports Center

11. Coast Hills Credit Union
12. Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County
13. County of San Luis Obispo Libraries
14. County of SLO Department of Social Services
15. Cuesta College Children's Center
16. Doterra
17. Earth Day Alliance
18. Family Care Network
19. First 5 San Luis Obispo County
20. Freckles the Clown
21. Kiwanis Club of San Luis Obispo Morning
22. Outside Now
23. Positive Behavior Support Corp.
24. Pregnancy & Parenting Support of SLO
25. San Luis Coastal Unified School District
26. San Luis Obispo County Office of Education
27. SLO Botanical Garden
28. SLO Child Support Services
29. SLO City Fire
30. SLO Help Me Grow
31. SLO Police Department
32. SLO Symphony
33. The LINK Family Resource Center
34. Wishing Well School

**Total Vendors: 34**

**Food Vendors**

- G Brothers Kettle Corn and Food Truck
- Heavenly Hotdogs
- Keiki Hawaiian Shaved Ice

**Total Vendor Registrations: \$2,545**

**Performances by:**

- Studio @ Ryan's American Dance
- Central Coast Gymnastics
- The Academy of Dance
- ~~Templeton Middle School Ukulele Club~~
- ~~RaiseUp SLO~~

**Monetary Sponsors:**

- \$2000 CAPSLO
- \$1000 First 5 SLO County
- \$1000 Central Coast Gymnastics
- \$500 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

**Total Monetary Sponsorships: \$4,500**

**Volunteer Numbers**

- 15 Cuesta and Cal Poly student volunteers
- 6 Council/SLOCOE/CCPC volunteers

**Total Volunteer Hours: 95**

**Month of the Child Proclamations**

The Council coordinated the following Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamations:

- City of Arroyo Grande – accepted by Patty Clarkson
- City of Grover Beach – accepted by Shannon Pimentel
- City of Morro Bay – accepted by Nataly Renteria
- City of Paso Robles – accepted by Katie Mervin & Lauren Handley
- City of Pismo Beach – accepted by Molly Myers
- City of San Luis Obispo – accepted by Katie Hollingsworth
- Cuesta College Board of Trustees – accepted by Katie Mervin & Melina Simonds
- SLO County Board of Supervisors – accepted by Raechelle Bowlay
- SLO County Office of Education Board of Directors – accepted by Molly Myers & Shannon Pimentel

**LPC PRIORITIES REPORT**

**Recommendation:** Executive Committee recommends keeping the 2022 Priority assignments applied to the 2023 LPC Priorities Report. The Advancement Data Research matches closely to the 2022 Priority Assignments.

- Attachment Included:
  - [2023 LPC Priorities Report](#)

Motion to approve the 2023 LPC Priorities Report made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None  
YES: Lauren Thorne, Lauren Handley, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Shana Paulson, Melina Simonds, Katie Mervin, Shannon Pimentel  
NO: None

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

**2024 – 2026 COUNCIL CHAIR NOMINATIONS**

Nominations will be open May 10, 2023 through May 24, 2019. Nominations may be submitted at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting or via email to [nrenteria@slocoe.org](mailto:nrenteria@slocoe.org) by May 31, 2023. Council staff will then confirm acceptance with nominees and present 2024-2026 Chair Nominations at the June 7, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Election for the 2024-2026 Council Chair will be held at the June 14, 2023 Council meeting. Council members may cast ballot vote in person at the meeting or via email. Email ballots must be submitted to [nrenteria@slocoe.org](mailto:nrenteria@slocoe.org) by 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. All ballot votes (in person and electronic) will be counted at the June 14, 2023 Council meeting.



**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on June 14, 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 Early Care & Education Planning Council*