



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

September 14, 2022 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:

Melina Simonds	Lauren Handley
Katie Hollingsworth	Jamie Sanbonmatsu
Shannon Pimentel	Cherie Fields
Mika Buchanan	Michelle Holm
Adriana Barron	

Members Present via Zoom:

Patty Clarkson	Katie Mervin
Lauren Thorne	

Guests:

Wendy Wendt (First 5 SLO)	Michael Specchierla (SLOCOE)
Amer Rousan (Lakeshore)	Shana Paulson (CAPSLO)
Allison Biggers	

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay	Nataly Renteria
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Meeting called to order by Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 3:04 PM with welcome and introductions.

- [Council Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [August 10, 2022 minutes](#) made by Cherie Fields, seconded by Mika Buchanan. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Katie Hollingsworth, Shannon Pimentel, Melina Simonds, Cherie Fields, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Handley, Mika Buchanan, Adriana Barron, Michelle Holm
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- A number of providers and programs in our counties received the Minor Renovation and Repairs funds.
- My Child Care Plan website official launch will be on October 11th – tool for families who are searching for child care as well as for programs to describe the services they provide. Advertising for the website will begin on October 17th.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Melina Simonds, Cuesta College

- Cuesta College coordinated an event with SLO Botanical Garden. Fall Family Kickoff on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Activities will happen throughout the garden from 10AM – 1PM, but the garden will be free all day, 9AM – 4PM.

Cherie Fields, San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department

- Free Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, October 4th 3:00 – 6:00PM
 - North County: Colony Park Community Center
 - South County: Five Cities Fire Authority
 - [Flyer](#)
- Hiring more staff for the Home Visiting Program

Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Paid out over a million dollars this past month to local child care providers
- Received notification of our Subsidized Child Care Contracts have been amended. In the amendments it included amounts that would cover the costs of not billing family fees. It is also an increase to a number of slots. Will continue to pay the maximum contracted hours.
 - Received an additional 3 Million in their Subsidized Child Care Contracts

Katie Mervin, Cuesta College/San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- Ticket2Teach ECE Apprenticeship Program; scheduling information sessions on the first Wednesday of each month
- Recruiting new employees

ANNUAL FISCAL PLAN

Every year the Council is responsible for sending the Council budget to the Department of Social Services. This year LPC contracts will be restored back to the 2011 contract amounts. The fiscal plan presented today will have to be redone once the LPC Contracts restoration is finalized. Annual Fiscal Plan included in meeting materials.

- Attachment Included:
 - [San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council Annual Fiscal Plan](#)

Motion to approve Annual Fiscal Plan as presented, made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Adriana Barron. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Katie Hollingsworth, Shannon Pimentel, Melina Simonds, Cherie Fields, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Handley, Mika Buchanan, Adriana Barron, Michelle Holm
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bringing this forward to the Council as something that is in the works. The look moving forward especially with as additional funding is coming down is looking at how we can get in front of that communication so that we are telling the story that we would like about child care and how we are doing ahead of time. This is a shift in how we have been doing things and what that might look like. That might look like being able contract with a public relations firm. County Office of Education has a firm that they work with; so if we look forward to when we have more funding being able to allocate some of those resources.

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE

- Commission Meeting: June 22, 2022
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 3:00 – 5:30 PM
 - Agenda and location to be posted September 21st
 - Meeting are now back in-person
 - Possible zoom option for members of the public who can't appear in person
- [September Hands-On Hero: iFixit](#)
- Planning to host a second Pediatric Town Hall; early in 2023
- Investing in the Economics of Human Development
 - Reflect and learn more about ensuring a strong economic future for our community with Nobel Prize winner Professor James Heckman.
 - Friday, October 7, 2022 8:30 – 10:30 AM
 - Monterey Conference Center

WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE

- Task Force Meetings:
 - Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force - Friday October 14th @ 10AM
 - Continues to operate largely as an advisory to the SLO Chamber of Commerce Family-Friendly Workplace Program
 - We Are The Care - All Hands Meeting
 - Monday, October 3, 2022
 - 6:00 PM via Zoom
 - [Register Here](#)

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- **Early Care & Education Sector:**
 - Center-Based Teacher Networking
 - School Age Child Care Networking
 - We Are The Care
 - Home Visiting Community Advisory Board Meeting

- Help Me Grow Steering Committee
- Pacific Coast Association for the Education of Young Children
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- **Economic Development:**
 - Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
 - Monthly Mixer
 - Board of Directors
 - Membership Committee
 - Diversity Council & Women in Business
 - Cal Poly Local Economic Development Committee (9.26.2022)
- **Advocacy:**
 - SLO County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
 - American Association of University Women
 - Regional Equity Roundtable (9.29.2022)
 - Public Safety SLO (10.27.2022)
- San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
 - Meets on the first Tuesdays of the month 5:30 – 6:30 PM
 - Women’s Recovery Grant
- Targeted outreach to child care programs who would like to become a chamber member.
 - Atascadero Chamber of Commerce and SLO County Child Care Planning Council would like to offer complimentary membership to Professional Child Care Providers, for the first year, to explore or experience the value of Chamber membership.
- County ARPA Implementation
 - MOU with Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO) Child Care Resource Connection (CCRC) to provide technical assistance
 - Launched phase 1 non-competitive business grants on Thursday, August 4th.
 - We have received 107 program applications (as of 9.14.2022)
 - 41 Small FCC
 - 48 Large FCC
 - 17 Preschool Centers
 - 1 Infant Center
 - Project Funding: \$345,750
 - 83 program awards in processing
- Evening of Hope
 - Hosted by Trust Automation and Bright Life Playschool
 - Thursday, September 15, 2022 5:30 – 7:30PM
- The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education in partnership with Cuesta College, Hancock College, UMass Global, and Cal Poly is offering financial support to complete coursework, degrees, credentials, or training.
 - Information sessions on 9/19, 10/17 or 11/14 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM online.
 - [Zoom Link](#)
 - [Flyer](#)

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Quality Counts Consortium met on Monday, August 29th
- Hiring; Quality Counts positions to be released soon
- Quality Counts Kick Off
 - Theme: Power of Play
 - Saturday, October 1, 2022
 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - SLO Children’s Museum
 - [Flyer](#)
 - [Register Here](#)
- 2022-2023 Quality Counts Stipend Program to be released October 1st.

COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

- As we move forward we are looking for leadership for each one of the subcommittees:
 - Workforce Development (*Advancement*)
 - Advocacy
 - Economic Development (*Advancement*)
 - Community Needs (*Analysis*)

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Review Current Membership Certification – time of year when we start talking about Council Membership. Membership Certification is due in January to the state. Opportunity as Council members to invite someone and help come be a part of this table as we are branching out and figuring out how this looks like.

- Attachment:
 - [Child Care Planning Council Postcard](#)

Consumers

Arica Marshall
Katie Hollingworth
Lauren Thorne
Shannon Messerly

Public Agency Representatives

Cherie Fields
Melina Simonds
Shannon Pimentel
Tara Quinn/Lauren Handley

Discretionary Appointees

Katie Mervin
Mika Buchanan
Patty Clarkson
Vacant

Child Care Providers

Adriana Barron
Jamie Sanbonmatsu
Michelle Holm
Vacant

Community Representatives

Lisa Fraser
Melinda Sokolowski
Vacant
Vacant

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on October 12, 2022 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*