



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL

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Council Meeting

August 9, 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: 935 7701 0133

MINUTES

Members Present:

Katie Mervin	Patty Clarkson
Shana Paulson	Lauren Handley
Michelle Holm	Melina Simonds
Katie Hollingsworth	

Members Present via Zoom:

Jamie Sanbonmatsu	Lisa Fraser
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Liaisons:

Michael Specchierla	Wendy Wendt
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Guests:

Madelyn Chevalier (Cuesta College)

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay	Nataly Renteria
Daniela Bernal	Riley McNulty

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 [May 10, 2023 minutes](#), made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Michelle Holm. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Shana Paulson, Katie Mervin, Patty Clarkson, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Michelle Holm, Melina Simonds, Lauren Handley
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

- Cuesta College semester is beginning next week – Monday, August 14th
- Cuesta College will be offering late start classes; flyer to follow
- Summer classes went well; had many TK Teachers doing their units to meet deadline to continue teaching TK

Katie Mervin, EDvance College

- Appointed to be on the California Teaching Credential Permit Workgroup
 - Revising Child Development Permit

Shana Paulson, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County

- Family fees requirements have changed. In the past, families started to absorb a share of cost of child care which has been significantly revamped.
 - Normally 391 families would have been billed but with the new fee schedule only 38 families will be experiencing family fees.

Lauren Handley, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- Preschool/TK Learning Foundations and Desired Results Developmental Profile
 - The official name of the new Preschool Learning Foundations will be the “Preschool/TK Learning Foundations” (PTKLF) – a title recommended by the State Board of Education to be clear that these foundations apply to TK as well as preschool center and home-based programs serving 3-5 ½ year old children.
 - Updates Include:
 - A new domain of Approaches to Learning to highlight children’s executive functioning, perseverance, and problem-solving skills.
 - More culturally and linguistically affirming examples so teachers see the diversity of children and families they work with reflected in each learning domain.
 - More inclusive of the experiences of children with a range of disabilities.
 - Two foundation levels with overlapping age bands (Early Foundation – Age 3-4 ½, Later Foundation – Age 4-5 ½) because we know not every child will develop at the same pace.
 - The Later Foundation is more inclusive of the knowledge and skills expected in TK, and serves as more seamless stepping stone to the Kindergarten standards.
 - The timeline for the publication has pushed to early 2024.
- Attended UPK Coordinator State meeting

Patty Clarkson, California Polytechnic State University

- Cal Poly Department of Education has been awarded a Pre-Planning Grant for the P-3 Credential in conjunction with the Child Development Department. Cuesta College and Hancock College are on board to develop a plan for a credential that would include 2 community college years and 2 state college years. Leadership team is just getting off the ground and starting to plan.

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE – Wendy Wendt

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 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, Ventura and Watt. They helped staff to develop timelines and core activities for the strategic planning process over the coming year.
- First 5 SLO welcomes Patty Clarkson as an upcoming Commissioner representing the Early Care and Education Planning Council
- Will be recruiting in the fall for a Special Projects Coordinator as Kris Roudebush is no longer with First 5 SLO
- Fiscal lead agent for IMPACT Legacy

COUNCIL STAFF – Raechelle Bowlay

- Received 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)
- Staffing Update
 - Nataly Renteria has recently moved; will continue to support the Early Care and Education Planning Council remotely until replacement is found
 - The Early Care and Education Planning Council welcomes Daniela Bernal & Riley McNulty as part of our admin support team
 - Currently recruiting for a 1.5 FTE Quality Counts Coordinator
 - Lauren Handley's position will be split between UPK Planning & Implementation and UPK Mixed Delivery
- Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

- Got to advocate for Lumina Alliance; they received a state-wide grant through their recovery dollars to support the child care that's offered when people are receiving services at Lumina Alliance
- CA Association for the Education of Young Children – Pacific Coast Chapter
 - Will be hosting two mixers this year
 - SLO County – October
 - Santa Barbara County – February
- Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
 - The Atascadero Chamber of Commerce is partnering up with Atascadero American Association of University Women (AAUW) to launch a brand new program – Women of Influence North County (wINC). This prestigious program highlights remarkable women in business who are making a difference in their industries and communities.
 - Please submit all nominations by August 15th
 - [Nomination Form](#)

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Recruiting for a 1.5 FTE Quality Counts Coordinator
- Save the Date: Early Childhood Educator Retreat
 - August 26, 2023 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Cal Poly University – Swanson Center of Effort Conference Hall
 - Keynote Speaker – Julie Nicholson
 - [Register Here](#)
 - [Flyer](#)

COMMITTEES UPDATE

- **Workforce Development Subcommittee:** Supporting issues that affect the early care and education workforce including talent pipeline, professional development and career pathways.
 - Committee Co-Chairs: Katie Mervin & Melina Simonds
 - 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, August 17, 2023 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- 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.
 - Monday, October 2, 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: TBD
 - 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: TBD
 - 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
 - ARPA Child Care Business Expansion Grant Application to be released late August
 - Next Meeting: TBD
- **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; survey to be released late August
 - Highlight Community need through storytelling

- Next Meeting: TBA
- We Are the Care Town Hall
 - Tentatively scheduled for January 2024
 - Council Committee Updates
 - Advocacy
 - Economic Development – ARPA Child Care Expansion Grants
 - Community Needs – Needs Assessment
 - Workforce Development
 - Family Friendly Workplace Practices
 - Looking Ahead

2023-2024 MEETING CALENDAR

Motion to approve [2023-2024 Meeting Calendar](#) as presented made by Melina Simonds, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
 YES: Shana Paulson, Katie Mervin, Patty Clarkson, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Michelle Holm, Melina Simonds, Lauren Handley, Katie Hollingsworth
 NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 8 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2024-2026 COUNCIL CHAIR

Nominations were May 10, 2023 through May 24, 2019. Nominations were submitted at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting or via email to nreneria@slocoe.org by May 31, 2023. Council staff has confirmed the acceptance of the new 2024-2026 Council Chair, Melina Simonds, by consensus.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on September 13, 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*