



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL

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Executive Committee Meeting

October 4, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 AM

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: 981 3132 7627

MINUTES

Members Present:

Patty Clarkson	Lauren Handley
Jamie Sanbonmatsu	Shana Paulson
Melina Simonds	Katie Mervin

Members Present via Zoom:

Mika Buchanan

Liaisons:

Michael Specchierla

Guests:

Ashli Ricketts	Pik Stednitz
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Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay	Nataly Renteria
Milan Tolani	Daniela Bernal

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Melina Simonds, at 9:02 AM with welcome and introductions.

- [Executive Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Amendments to the September 6, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes include:

- Council Member Announcement, Shana Paulson – Change October 20th date to October 28th

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [September 6, 2023 minutes](#) with amendments, made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Patty Clarkson. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Patty Clarkson, Lauren Handley, Shana Paulson, Melina Simonds, Katie Mervin

NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT & COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mika Buchanan, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County

- SB 140 – Effective no later than March 1, 2024, “part-time” means preschool services certified for a child for fewer than 25 hours per week and “full-time” means preschool services certified for a child for 25 or more hours per week.
- The hold harmless provision is going to continue; will continue to pay based on slots instead of reverting back to paying based on attendance.
- SB 140 – this bill allocates previously appropriated funds in the Budget Act of 2023 to the State Department of Social Services and State Department of Education to provide specified family child care providers and child care centers with a monthly cost of care plus rate commencing January 1, 2024, and through June 30, 2025.
 - Every provider subsidizing child care for families in their program; will be supplemented with a monthly payment. The amount per child is to be determined based on the family child care provider type and the region in which the family child care provider is located.
 - San Luis Obispo County
 - \$140 for licensed programs
 - \$98 for non-licensed programs
- Transitional Provider Subsidy Payment: one-time payment dependent upon the type of child care provider they are. Will be receiving the funding in the next week or so. Expected to issue payments to providers by November.
 - License-Exempt/Family, Friend, & Neighbor: \$500
 - Small Family Child Care: \$2,500
 - Large Family Child Care/Center: \$3,000
- Third round of Subsidized Child Care ARPA Stipends coming from AB 179;
 - \$275 per subsidized child served during the month of April 2022

Katie Mervin, EDvance College

- California Teaching Credential Permit Workgroup will be meeting virtually on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Public comment allowed at the workgroup meetings; highly encourage Council members to listen in and come with recommendations.

Lauren Handley, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- Joined book study, Principals as Early Learning Leaders written by our Quality Counts Early Childhood Educator Retreat keynote speaker, Julie Nicholson.

BUDGET REVIEW

Department budgets presented by LPC Coordinator, Raechelle Bowlay. Budget presentation included in meeting materials.

- Have all of our contracts for FY 2023-24.

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Pacific Coast Chapter Mixer
 - Thursday, October 12, 2023 5:30 – 7:30PM at Changala Winery, Paso Robles
 - Attachment:
 - [CAAIEYC Pacific Coast Chapter Mixer Save the Date](#)
- Attended CA Child Care Coordinators Association Fall Conference
 - September 20-22, 2023 | Sacramento, CA
 - Themes: Empowering LPCs to Strengthen the Early Childhood Community in Times of Change
- LPC Annual Self-Evaluation
Recommendation: Council Staff recommends approval of the annual self-evaluation report to be approved by Council prior to submission to the California Department of Social Services.

Background: The annual self-evaluation report is due to the California Department of Social Services via survey by November 15, 2023. The self-evaluation report was completed by Council Coordinator pending Executive Committee approval before being submitted to Council for approval at the October 11, 2023 Council Meeting. The self-evaluation report shows that the Child Care Planning Council is in compliance with all state mandates.

Motion to approve the [LPC Annual Self-Evaluation](#) as presented made by Patty Clarkson, seconded by Jamie Sanbonmatsu. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

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

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

- [LPC Annual Report 2022-2023](#)

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Millie Tolani & Molly Myers are joining the team as our new Quality Counts Classified Coordinators.
- 143 Total Retention Stipends processed
- Quality Counts – Quality Improvement Pathways
 - STEM: Participants will explore different resources and avenues of STEM, from hands-on learning materials, exploration local resources and the latest research coming from CA Early Math Initiative and CPIN trainers.
 - October 6 - Community of Practice - Early Math Fall Forum with CAEMI
 - October - Asynchronous Activities
 - November 18 - Seminar - Hands-On Math and Science
 - Inclusion: Participants will learn the latest ways to support and grow inclusion in their communities. Through a series of presentations and the latest information and

resources in the field, educators will learn about social-emotional learning/teaching strategies, how to prevent challenging behaviors in the classroom, and tiered systems of support (CA Inclusion and the Pyramid Model).

- September - Asynchronous Activities
- October 21 - Seminar - Setting the Stage
- November 1 - Community of Practice
- Team Essentials: Participants will engage in the workbook and best practices from renowned author, Elena Aguilar. *Onward* tackles the problem of educator stress, and provides a practical framework for taking the burnout out of teaching.
 - September/October - Team Launches
 - November - *Onward* Chapters 1 & 2 Study
- Infant/Toddler: Participants will explore different renowned infant/toddler philosophies with local leaders in the field, like the Program for Infant Toddler Caregiving (PITC) and Resources for Infant Educators (RIE), while learning to support inclusion with our youngest learners through the CA Inclusion and the Pyramid Model.
 - September 23 - Seminar - Foundations and Philosophy with Haila Hafley-Kluver
 - October 4 - Community of Practice - Reflections and Goal Setting
 - November - Asynchronous Activities
- Raechelle Bowlay, Lauren Handley, Molly Myers, & Melina Simonds attended CAEMI One Day Institute virtually on Friday, September 29th.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **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, Melina Simonds, & Patty Clarkson
 - 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, January 18, 2023 2:15 – 3:15 PM
- ECE Leaders Networking Event was held on Monday, October 2nd.
- CA Early Childhood Mentor Program – first site visit coming up to do an ECERS for one of our applicants.
- Currently working on the WFD Survey.
- **Advocacy Subcommittee:** Engages local government and identifies advocacy opportunities at local, regional, and state level.
 - Committee Chair: Wendy Wendt

- Activities & Highlights
 - May 17, 2023 – Airport Land Use Commission
 - [Developmentally Appropriate Practices \(DAP\) around the Country](#)
 - Met with Paul Sloan, Economic Development Manager
 - Dana Reserve Specific Plan is moving forward, the Planning and Building Department staff gave approximately a 2-3 hour presentation on the proposed project at the County Planning Commission on September 28th. Within their planning phase they have included space for a child care center.
- Next Meeting: TBD
- **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 this week
 - Child Care Expansion Grant Presentation is being translated to Spanish
 - ARPA Technical Assistance Information Sessions are being scheduled
 - 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 October
 - Highlight Community need through storytelling
 - Next Meeting: TBD
- Collaborative Partner Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:00 – 1:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Amendments to the October 11, 2023 Council meeting agenda include:

- Item 4 – Add LPC Annual Report 2022-2023 for Program Highlight

Motion to approve [October 11, 2023 Council meeting agenda](#) with amendment made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Patty Clarkson. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

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

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 6 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday November 1, 2023 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM 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*