



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

January 5, 2022 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 1611 7954

MINUTES

Members Present:

Katie Mervin	Adriana Barron
Shannon Messerly	Mika Buchanan
Jamie Sanbonmatsu	Michelle Holm
Lisa Fraser	Cherie Fields
Melinda Sokolowski	Tara Quinn
Melina Simonds	

Guests:

Wendy Wendt (First 5)	Alexandra Gomes (Cal Poly Intern)
Kris Roudebush (First 5)	Cameron Bartlett (Cal Poly Intern)
Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg (CAPSLO)	

Staff:

Nataly Renteria	Raechelle Bowlay
Allison Biggers	Madelyn Chevalier

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 9:04 AM with welcome and introductions.

- [Council Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including [Brown Act AB 361](#), adoption of the [agenda](#) and [December 1, 2021 minutes](#) made by Cherie Fields, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: Lisa Fraser
YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Cherie Fields, Michelle Holm, Adriana Barron, Melinda Sokolowski, Shannon Messerly, Melina Simonds, Mika Buchanan, Katie Mervin
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 9 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth “Biz” Steinberg, CAPSLO

- CAPSLO Head Start taskforce will be meeting today at 11:00 AM with Dr. Howard, Director of Office of Community Services and Dr. Futrell, Director of the Office of Head Start.
- Will be getting clarification to see if enrollment can be extended to January of 2023

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Referral Data
 - [Moderate Referral Increase \(16%\) between 2020 and 2021](#)
 - [Proportion of Referral Requests by Age](#)
- Prospective family child care home business owners in the City of San Luis Obispo can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to get their business started. Grants are funded by the City of San Luis Obispo to increase access to quality child care options in our community.
 - [Click here to Apply](#)
 - [Flyer](#)

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Cherie Fields, San Luis Obispo County Public Health

- New Director of Nursing for our Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Program
- Field Nursing program is still accepting referrals
- Recently did a KSBY segment that aired on Christmas Eve
- Immunization Clinics open by appointment (Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, & Grover Beach).
 - COVID-19 Vaccines and Booster Shots available by walk in and appointment

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Working with the Child Care Planning Council Association to have a budget ask for additional support/funding for the Child Care Planning Councils.
 - Asking for 10 million dollars across the state for all of the planning councils
 - We are one of four counties starting and leading this process

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski

- Commission Meeting: December 2, 2021
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 26 @ 3:00PM
- Approved a contract with SLO Botanical Garden
- Home Visiting Program
- San Luis Obispo County Collaborative Child Care Study – Approval to move forward with Fran McIntyre as the contractor for Phase 2
- [Family Friendly Workplace Accelerator Program](#)
 - A free resource for SLO County businesses to foster a strong local workforce through family-friendly workplace policies
 - About 10 SLO County businesses have reached out to inquire about the program; program getting momentum
- [January Hands-On Hero: Christina Lefevre Latner](#)

WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE

- Task Force Meetings:
 - Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force – Friday January 14th @ 10AM

- Public Awareness Task Force – Thursday January 20th @ 10AM
- Power to the Profession Task Force – Monday January 24th @ 3PM
- Local Government Engagement – Monday January 24th @ 1:00PM
- Leadership – TBD
- We Are the Care Snack & Chat Potluck
 - Friday, January 7th @ 12:30PM
 - Cuesta Park – Arroyo Picnic Area
 - [Flyer](#)

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- January Meetings:
 - CCRC Finance
 - CAPSLO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Steering Committee
 - Center-Based Teacher Networking
 - School Age Child Care Networking
 - We Are The Care
 - Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
 - Monthly Mixer
 - Board of Directors
 - Membership Committee
 - Diversity Council & Women in Business
 - SLO County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
 - Home Visiting Community Advisory Board Meeting
 - SLO REACH Advisory Committee
- Strengthening Partnerships Between School Districts and Community-Based Early Childhood Providers
 - Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- Aligning State Child Care Subsidy Systems with the True Cost of Quality
 - Tuesday, February 1, 2022 2:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- Child Care Law Center
 - Child Care Communications Conference – Movement Building for Racial Equity
 - Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 2:00 - 4:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
- CDE Updates
 - Building the Early Childhood Education and Transitional Kindergarten Workforce Through Teacher Residencies
 - [Recording](#)
 - Overview of the Universal Prekindergarten Planning Template
 - Thursday, January 13, 2022 3:00 - 5:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - [Universal Prekindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program – Planning Template](#)
 - Save the Date!
 - ELO Program Planning Workshop
 - Wednesday, January 19, 2022 9:00 - 11:00 AM

- CDSS Updates
 - Child Care & Development Quarterly Stakeholder Call
 - Thursday, January 6, 2022 1:00 - 2:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - [Child Care Transition Quarterly Report](#)
- Universal PreK + Early Learning Community of Practice
 - The Power of Partnerships
 - Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - [Flyer](#)

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Quality Counts Stipend Program updated for 2022
 - [Stipend Handout](#)
 - [Stipend Handout with FAQs](#)
- The Early Education Teacher Development Grant Application
 - The CDE is pleased to announce the Early Education Teacher Development Grant Program. The purpose of the grant program is to increase the number of early educators available to serve CSPPs and TK programs by supporting the attainment of 24 early childhood education credits, an associate degree in Child Development, or an early education multiple subject teaching credential; and to increase specific competencies for early educators within the CSPP, TK, or kindergarten program.
 - Eligibility is limited to LEAs. LEAs include county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools. An LEA may apply for funding to conduct grant activities that serve multiple LEAs and non-LEA early education providers, including CSPPs and Head Start programs operated by community-based organizations, as a part of a consortium. An LEA may include in their consortium institutions of higher education or other California Commission on Teacher Credentialing-approved institutions offering preparation programs.
 - Letter of Intent for San Luis Obispo County to be submitted by SLOCOE.

MONTH OF THE CHILD/CHILDREN'S DAY IN THE PLAZA

- Possibility of an in-person event on Saturday April 2, 2022
 - [Quick survey of past vendors](#)
 - Ask public to wear masks and have available at each of the entry points
 - Additional fundraising opportunity/sponsorships
 - Develop a timeline and coordinate community planning meeting by end of January 2022

SLO COUNTY ARPA PROPOSAL

- American Rescue Plan Act Proposal
 - Approximately \$85 million in funding coming to the County and cities
 - Collaborative Letter from First 5 SLO, Child Care Planning Council, Quality Counts, CAPSO Child Care Resource Connection, Help Me Grow, etc.
 - Proposed Strategies:

1. Access to Child Care through Vouchers
 2. Business Grants for Child Care Programs
 3. Strengthening Local Child Care System Infrastructure
 4. Workforce Pipeline for Child Care Professionals
 5. Child Care Facility Development and Improvement
 6. Mental and Behavioral Health Support for Children & Families
 7. Eviction Protection for Families
 8. Family Resource Centers
- SLO County Board of Supervisors is exploring setting aside dedicated funds towards child care. County partners are working together to define how this will be allocated, but initial outlines include:
 - The San Luis Obispo Office of Education will serve as fiscal lead.
 - The San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council (the County’s existing dedicated advisory body on child care need for children 0-12) will provide governance and program oversight, and will serve as program lead on quality improvement as part of its Quality Counts initiative.
 - Proposed areas of indirect investment into the child care sector:
 - 0-12 year old child care sector program relief & stabilization
 - Program expansion (new slots) and quality improvement
 - Reinvigoration of the child care workforce

Motion to approve the San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council serve as the advisory body for the County ARPA funding as we move forward made by Melinda Sokolowski, seconded by Adriana Barron. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Cherie Fields, Michelle Holm, Adriana Barron, Melinda Sokolowski, Shannon Messerly, Melina Simonds, Mika Buchanan, Katie Mervin

NO: None

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

COUNCIL FISCAL AGENCY TRANSITION PLAN

[Fiscal Agent Proposal](#) – The proposal for Council vote, is to shift fiscal agency of SLO County Child Care Planning Council from CAPSLO to SLOCOE with the offer for SLOCOE to fund the Council Infrastructure from the general fund.

- Agreement of Transition Timeline – July 1, 2022
- [Fiscal Agency Transition Timeline](#)
- Next Planning Meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2022 at 10:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held on February 2, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM at CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection, 805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

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