



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

January 6, 2021 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Zoom Meeting ID: 827 9528 8087

MINUTES

Members Present:

Mika Buchanan	Arica Marshall
Katie Mervin	Adriana Barron
Jamie Sanbonmatsu	Melinda Sokolowski
Lisa Fraser	Michelle Holm
Sheri Wilson	Lauren Handley
Lauren Thorne	Shannon Messerly
Cherie Fields	Tara Quinn

Guests:

Shana Paulson (CCRC)	Chris Sears (Lakeshore)	Jill LeMieux
Kris Roudebush (First 5)	Heather Newsom	

Staff:

Nataly Renteria	Raechelle Bowlay
Allison Biggers	

Meeting called to order by Chair, Katie Mervin at 9:02 AM with welcome and introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [December 2, 2020 minutes](#), made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Katie Mervin, made by consensus and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Sears, Lakeshore

- 2021 Lakeshore Catalog just released. Should arrive late January or early February.

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- New project focusing on targeted recruitment in the community of Grover Beach, working in partnership with the Five Cities Coalition.
- The EVC, in collaboration with First 5 SLO County, Child Care Planning Council SLO County, and the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO), is establishing a COVID-19 relief supply drive now until January 27, 2021. This supply drive will benefit more than 290

local child care programs, licensed to serve over 6000 children, that are experiencing devastating losses and mounting costs due to the pandemic.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO Family Support Services

- Officially accepted new position as CFS Division Director. Will be recruiting for her old position soon.
- Centers have switched to distance learning at this time. Evaluating on a week-by-week basis, hope to open back up after January 18.

Katie Mervin, Cuesta College Children's Center

- Hoping new building will be finished in time to start the spring semester in North County.
- Recruiting student employees.

Cherie Fields, San Luis Obispo County Public Health

- New posting in the field nursing division for a program manager.
- [Public Health Home Visiting Program](#) continues to be open for full service. Keeping up with home visiting via Telehealth visits and Face-to-face visits with proper personal protective equipment.
- Nursing division still has a number of staff reassigned to emergency services (COVID testing, swabbing and contract tracing)
- COVID-19 vaccines started a few weeks ago.
- Public Health has their flu shots in and are doing immunizations at all of the public health departments by appointment in Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Paso Robles.
- [Family Planning Clinic](#) open in Paso Robles.

Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Valley View Children's Center and CQEL

- Valley View Children's Center closed during the winter break.

Lauren Handley, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

- Center had a couple of COVID cases within the staff right before the winter break, center was closed out of caution.
- Center will open back up on January 11.
- New building on the way, should be opening up in March.
- Working with Chris Sears from Lakeshore.

ADVOCACY UPDATE – Jamie Sanbonmatsu

- Legislative hearings for early child care education starting tomorrow.
- There is a lot more conversation going around at the state level about the Master Plan.
- [Master Plan for Early Learning and Care: Making California For All Kids](#)
 - Every child in California deserves a shot at opportunity. By investing in the development and learning needs of our kids, with a focus on racial and economic equity, we are investing in the future of our state. The Master Plan for Early Learning and Care translates our aspirations into an actionable roadmap – one that centers on the success of our youngest Californians, their families and the communities and caregivers that lift them up.

FIRST 5 COMMISSION UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski

- Commission Update:
 - Met in early December
 - Next meeting: Thursday, January 28 11:30-2:00 PM
 - Equity as an Element of the Strategic Plan Advocacy Agenda
 - COVID Response Family Resiliency Contracts
 - Pregnancy and Parenting Support of SLO County (PPSSLO)
 - South County Youth Coalition (SCYC)
 - CAPSLO
- ACTION for Healthy Communities
 - New Chair – Jason Wells
 - Central Coast Voices
 - Health Equity Metric – Dr. Penny E. Borenstein
 - Cal Poly Health Resource – Dr. Alison Ventura
- [January Hands-On Hero: Brooke Griffiths Bergquist](#)

WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Virtual Meeting on January 21, details will be sent out soon.
- Family Friendly Workplace Tool Kit launched on Monday, November 30, 2020.
 - This novel initiative is designed to help employers assess their current business practices, explore the many benefits of family-friendly workplace policies, and identify opportunities for change. The site offers a wide array of information and research on best practices, including but not limited to:
 - Child Care
 - Accommodations & Support
 - Flexible Work & Scheduling
 - Health Benefits & Spending Accounts
 - Paid & Unpaid Leave
 - For more information and to view the toolkit, please visit <https://www.slofamilyfriendlywork.org/>
- Public Awareness Campaign
 - Child Care is Essential
 - for children (November 10-23)
 - for families (November 24 – December 7)
 - for businesses (December 8 – December 21)
 - for providers/professionals (December 23 – January 4)
 - for SLO County (January 5 – January 21)
- Task Forces
 - Public Awareness
 - Local Government Engagement
 - Cross Sector Collaboration
 - ***New: Workforce/Sustainability***

DHCC COVID-19 VACCINE TASK FORCE

- There is a vaccine task force being put together by public health in terms of looking at the roll out of who gets the vaccine. We have been invited to the table to have this conversation, but we wanted to have this conversation here at the Child Care Planning Council in terms of what

your feel is around the vaccine and where you would like to see any advocacy happening in terms of that.

- DHCC COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force Meeting: January 6, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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 Leadership
 - CAEMI Community of Practice
 - 360/365 Strategic Alliance: Advisory Group
- Collaborative Child Care Study
 - Received the Collaborative Child Care Study draft last night.
- SLO County Asset Development Network
 - In response to a need uncovered through School Age Child Care Networking Group, CCPC and CCRC will continue to support the work of AND through possible:
 - eNewsletters
 - Virtual Workshops
 - Care Packages of materials
 - Social Media Campaign
- Recruitment
 - Cal Poly Interns start today
 - Projects:
 - Kindergarten Readiness Guide
 - City General Plans & Land Use
 - Legislative Tracking
 - Social Media
 - Month of the Child Campaign
 - Asset Development
- Social Media
 - Facebook
 - 790 Total Page Followers
 - 723 Total Page Likes
 - Instagram
 - 187 Total Page Followers

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Quality Counts Enrollment
 - Total Participants: 93
 - Active Center-Based Programs: 54
 - *10 Private Centers*

- 14 Head Start / Early Head Start / Migrant Seasonal Head Start
 - 9 State-Funded Preschools
 - 3 Higher-Education Child Care Centers
 - 5 School District Operated Programs
 - 13 Alternative Programs (Special Education, Parent Participation, etc).
- Active Family Child Care: 39
 - Note: - 9 from last reporting period
- Quality Counts Coaching Activity
 - Quality Counts participants continue to overwhelmingly report that, although they are committed to Quality, their focus has had to shift to learning and using new technology. Some providers are beginning to ask for more content-based coaching rather than technical support and we expect these numbers to stabilize in Spring of 2021. A large majority of participants continue to take advantage of the free professional development opportunities.
- Attachment:
 - [Quality Counts Update](#)

ESSENTIALISM

Looking for ways to support our Child Care Planning Council members.

- Attachment:
 - [Essentialism 21-Day Challenge](#)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held on February 3, 2021 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*