



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

March 1, 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm

CAPSLO Child Care Resources Connection Board Room
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

MINUTES

Members Present:

Don Norton

Lauren Herrera

Pam Dudley

Gail Comer

Maddy Quaglino

Traci Walker

Lauren Handley

Mika Buchanan

Shana Paulson (Sheri Wilson)

Liaisons:

Carole Bernard (for Kat Lauterback)

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

Kayla Benado

Terri Shearer

Guests:

Sally Rogow (CAPSLO)

Margaret Cuzick (CAPSLO
Board)

Ann Berry Gallegos

Absent:

Adriana Barron

Lee Ann Howard

Tara Quinn

Melinda Sokolowski

Jenn Kreps

Nancy Norton

Meeting called to order by Chair, Don Norton at 2:07 pm with welcome and introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Traci Walker motioned to approve the consent agenda, Carole Bernard seconded and approval was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shana Paulson – CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Regarding affordable access to Immunizations for parents or volunteers in classrooms who are uninsured or underinsured, CHC or Public Health Department will offer immunizations for \$25.00. For people with insurance, CenCal or most pharmacies will offer the immunizations for free.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Maddy Quaglino – Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children’s Center

- Annual Positive Discipline class starting March 7, 2017, and running through April 11, 2017 every Tuesday night from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Flyer in Meeting Materials.

Don Norton – Cuesta College

- Children’s music performance at Cuesta College Children’s Center March 28, 2017 has been postponed because San Luis Obispo City Mayor Heidi Harmon could not attend that night.

Ann Berry Gallegos – Center for Family Strengthening

- On March 10, 2017, the movie *Resilience* will be shown at Cuesta College in room 5401. The show times will be 10:30am and 3:30pm and will be free to students.

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE— Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton (for Melinda Sokolowski)

The Coordinator reported that First 5 SLO is filling the position for the IMPACT administrator. They are currently reviewing the Request for Proposals for the Family Advocate position. Commissioners will attend a Housing Symposium in March.

First 5 SLO County’s next meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 3:00pm.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

The Coordinator presented California AB60, the Child Care Protections for Working Families Bill. Because of outdated income guidelines, many parents who earn the new minimum wage are no longer eligible for affordable child care if they work full-time. AB60 updates guidelines that have been frozen for over a decade, to raise income eligibility for affordable child care, taking into account the new minimum wage and the cost of living in California. Talking points and AB60 Bill included in meeting materials.

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Sally Rogow, CAPSLO Planning Specialist, explained that the CAPSLO Board of Directors is required to do an Action Plan based on a Community Needs Assessment. Sally will be attending meetings through the county and gathering quotes for the Board’s Action Plan. She had some questions for the Council based on a handful of topics included in the Needs Assessment.

Child Care – Trends, Problems, Gaps

- **Maddy Quaglino (Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children’s Center Director)** stated that there is not enough child care for children 0-3 years of age. She has 45 families on the wait list at AGUMCC. She has had to increase tuition in order to increase her salaries to maintain quality staff. She is waiting to see the effect this tuition increase will have on enrollment.
- **Don Norton (Cuesta College Division Chair)** shared Cuesta’s struggles to find quality staff. After students graduate from Cuesta they can’t afford to live in San Luis Obispo County.
- **Lauren Handley (Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Preschool Coordinator)** explained that they have to raise salaries to keep good teachers from leaving, but they can’t be out of ratio, so they can’t include lower income parents in the preschool program.

Income –

- **Maddy Quaglino (Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children’s Center Director)** reflected that the Middle Class is falling into the gap. The children in her program are not getting the special needs assistance that they require because their parents make too much money for the guidelines. Also, many of her students don’t have health care coverage because their parents make too little to afford the premiums but too much to qualify for the health care subsidies. The parents would rather pay the fines, as they cost less than the premiums.
- **Traci Walker (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo County)** stated that income limits for government programs are too low. Many people who truly need the services make too much money with the increase in minimum wage. Income limits don’t increase when the minimum wage goes up. And with the current rent increases locally, housing limits haven’t changed, so many people will be paying much more for rent than the current minimum wage will cover.
- **Lauren Handley (Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Preschool Coordinator)** reminded the Council that many people will be kicked off the Housing, Cal Fresh and Child Care Subsidy programs with the increase in minimum wage.

Health Care-

- **Maddy Quaglino (AG United Methodist Children’s Center Director)** reiterated that her program’s parents would rather pay the penalty for not having healthcare because they can’t afford the monthly premiums.
- **Pam Dudley (SLO County Public Health Department)** stated that since San Luis Obispo County is considered a Rural Area, there are not enough health care providers practicing here. And of these, not a lot accept Covered California. Also, pediatric dentists are very scarce.

Food and Utilities-

- The Council unanimously agreed that food costs are expensive.
- **Mika Buchanan (CAPSLO CCRC Family Resource Manager)** shared that her sewer costs have tripled in the past 2 ½ years.
- **Pam Dudley (SLO County Public Health Department)** reminded the Council that subsidies are available for phone, gas and electricity, but not for water.

Employment-

- **Mika Buchanan (CAPSLO CCRC Family Resource Manager)** stated that local employment is in a big clash with local housing. There is little affordable housing available.
- **Sally Rogow (CAPSLO Planning Specialist)** stated that the vacancy rate for rentals in San Luis Obispo County is at 1%.
- **Carole Bernard (SLO County Department of Social Services)** stated that people are afraid to continue benefits, such as Cal Fresh, because they are concerned that their personal information will be sent to ICE, which may result in their deportation.

Gas, Transportation, Crime-

- The Council agreed that the cost of gasoline has been steadily increasing in the last 3 weeks.
- The public transportation between San Luis Obispo and the North County is inadequate but in the Five Cities area the public transportation is very good.
- The local Police Departments are understaffed as they all have vacancies that they are unable to fill. There is a lack of qualified applicants for the jobs because the more desirable applicants are applying to Police Departments where the cost of living is more in line with salaries.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Coordinator presented the results from the Central Coast Infant Toddler Foundation Network Conference held in February. Total attendance was 96 (82%), with 67 (79%) English speakers and 20 (88%) Spanish speakers. Coordinator shared future conference topic suggestions and additional comments. The CCITFN will meet March 18, 2017 to recap the meeting.

The Asset Development Network will be working on a planning conference possible in the fall. Their next meeting will be March 15, 2017.

Sophia Renteria, CCPC intern, is working on the 5 year Needs Assessment for the Child Care Planning Council. The report is nearly half completed.

MONTH OF THE CHILD UPDATE

Terri Shearer shared the Children's Day in the Plaza information, with 40 vendors registered to date and 11 sponsors signed up. Update included in meeting materials.

The Proclamation update was shared, with all but one of our requested dated being approved as of meeting time. Update included in meeting materials.

Ann Berry Gallegos, Center for Family Strengthening, announced that Wear Blue Day will be Friday, April 7, 2017, to honor Child Abuse Prevention Month.

2017-2018 AB212 STIPEND PROGRAM PLAN

Coordinator presented the recommendation from Council Staff to approve the 2017-2018 AB212 Plan. The Stipend Program Plan is only for teachers who are in state funded programs and effects how we roll out the Infant Block Grant. Background information and AB212 Plan included in meeting materials. Maddy Quaglino motioned to approve and Pam Dudley seconded, with unanimous approval.

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

Coordinator, along with Kayla Benado, shared the Quality Counts update. Power Point included in meeting materials.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm.