



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

March 2, 2022 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Zoom Meeting ID: 814 1478 9246

MINUTES

Members Present:

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| Katie Mervin | Shannon Pimentel |
| Shannon Messerly | Mika Buchanan |
| Jamie Sanbonmatsu | Michelle Holm |
| Lauren Handley | Katie Hollingsworth |
| Melinda Sokolowski | |
| Adriana Barron | |

Guests:

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| Elizabeth “Biz” Steinberg (CAPSLO) | Lan George (Arroyo Grande City Council) |
| Kris Roudebush (First 5) | Jen Ford (Morro Bay City Council) |
| Shana Paulson (CAPSLO) | Patty Clarkson (Cal Poly) |
| Andria Gibson (SLOCOE) | |

Staff:

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| Nataly Renteria | Raechelle Bowlay |
| Allison Biggers | |

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 9:03 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 February 2, 2022 minutes made by Melinda Sokolowski, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Shannon Pimentel, Katie Mervin, Adriana Barron, Katie Hollingsworth, Melinda Sokolowski, Mika Buchanan, Shannon Messerly, Michelle Holm, Lauren Handley
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 10 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Sent out a special note from the County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department to Child Care Providers.
- [Updated Covid Exposure Guidance and Documentation](#)
- Updated [Guidance for Child Care Providers and Programs](#) published February 18, 2022
- The County of San Luis Obispo, Public Health Department is providing additional rapid home antigen tests for distribution to child care programs county-wide
 - 3,050 rapid home antigen tests were provided for distribution to child care programs county-wide
 - Rapid Home Antigen Test Distributions – 7 total distributions by next week

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Melina Simonds, Cuesta College

- We are meeting the needs of the professional community by introducing a menu of courses for credentialed teachers interested in earning ECE/CD units for teaching TK. Including accelerated 9-week courses, activity courses, and a work-study option to debut in Fall 2022.
- Look out for our new department name: In the Fall 2022 semester, the Cuesta Early Childhood Education department will be transitioning to our new name, Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS). We will continue to offer courses on Early Childhood Education and Child Development!
- Opportunities for Credentialed Teachers to Earn Units for Teaching Transitional Kindergarten
 - [Flyer](#)

Shannon Pimentel, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- Pyjama Drama Virtual Professional Development Training
 - Imaginative Group Time for Toddlers
 - March 17th and March 24th 5:30 – 7:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - Imaginative Play to Foster Resilience
 - March 31st and April 7th 5:30 – 7:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- Virtual Training for Providers
 - Trauma-Informed Practices in the Early Childhood Classroom
 - April 5, 2022 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Still enrolling off waiting list
- 218 children enrolled this fiscal year

Lauren Handley, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

- Continue to facilitate meetings for IEEEP PD Grant Committee
- Considering summer school programing, getting feedback from teams

- Attending UPK planning discussions

Adriana Barron, CAPSLO Head Start, Early Head Start and State Child Development

- New Area Manager for San Luis Obispo County, Bobbie Sesena

CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL PRESENTATION & ROUND TABLE

- About Child Care Planning Council and Quality Counts
- Round Table Discussion
 - Where do you see your connection to the Child Care Planning Council and how can more partnerships be created to support early care and education in SLO County?
 - What more would you like to learn?
 - Round Table Discussion Jamboard

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Bill List
 - AB 92 (Reyes) - Preschool and childcare and development services: family fees. FACT SHEET
 - AB 321 (Valladares) - Childcare services: enrollment priority.
 - *AB 1649 (Quirk-Silva) - Childcare services: alternative payment programs. (EXTENDS THE HOLD HARMLESS)
 - AB 2042 (Villapudua) - Anaphylaxis prevention in daycares
 - AB 2131 (Mullin) - Child daycare facilities
 - AB 2501 (Carrillo & McCarty) - After school programs
 - AB 2507 (McCarty & Carrillo) - Pupil instruction: the Universal Afterschool Program
 - SB 246 (Leyva) - Early childhood education: reimbursement rates.
 - SB 976 (Leyva) - Universal Preschool (Press Release)
- Budget Committees to Hear Child Care and Early Learning Issues
 - Legislative Budget Committees have begun hearing child care and early learning issues
 - Hearings are scheduled for March 1 & 8
 - EveryChild California’s Budget Investment Paper
- 18th Annual California Afterschool & Summer Challenge
 - March 15-16, 2022
 - The annual statewide California Afterschool & Summer Challenge educates and empowers professionals, youth, and families to engage in grassroots advocacy. In addition to helping advance the out-of-school time field, this advocacy experience helps show young people and emerging leaders how to speak out and use their voices to create change.
 - This year’s Challenge will be fully virtual, with opportunities to connect with professionals, youth, and parents across the state, build civic engagement knowledge and skills, and meet with legislators.
 - Deadline to register: March 4

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski

- Commission Meeting: January 26, 2022
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 3:00 – 5:30 PM
- Help Me Grow Steering Committee met on February 28
- March Hands-On Hero: RRM Design Group

- New Youth and Family Programs Director - Millie Tolani, funded by First 5 SLO. As the garden grows into its planned 150-acre space, the youth and family programs have the opportunity to expand along with it. One of Millie's goals in this position is to build deep-rooted connection with those who serve our children and families in SLO County, and to provide resources in outdoor and nature education in whichever format the community might need. She also hopes to develop youth programs so that the garden can grow into a flourishing space for outdoor learning and is considered a community hub for children and families to learn about and enjoy nature.
 - Free Day At The Garden!
 - Saturday, March 26, 2022 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden
 - Join us at the SLOBG on Saturday, March 26th, 2022, for our FREE admission day from 10am-5pm! Bring the whole family and make a day of nature & exploration! There will be activities for the whole family, and a special rock-painting project outside the education center! We look forward to seeing you soon!

WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE

- Task Force Meetings:
 - Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force – Friday March 11th @ 10AM
 - Public Awareness Task Force – TBD (*Late March*)
 - March/April Public Comment
 - Power to the Profession Task Force – Monday March 14th @ 3PM
 - Local Government Engagement – Monday March 14th @ 1:30PM
 - Leadership – Thursday March 24th @ 9:30AM

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- March Meetings:
 - CCRC Finance
 - CAPSLO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Steering Committee
 - AM Center Director Networking
 - PM Center Director 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
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 - Women's Wall of Fame – March 19, 2022
- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
 - Scholarship Applications Now Open
 - The AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. In support of this mission, the Atascadero Branch of AAUW awards scholarships annually to women who have completed one year or more of college at an accredited institution and who live in or attended High School in the North County. In the past few years awards have ranged from \$500 – \$2,000.
- Atascadero Chambers of Commerce Updates

- [Diversity Council](#)
- [DEI Handbook](#)
- [DEI Pledge Program](#)
- Early Educator Focus Group
 - The Education Trust–West wants to hear from the current early learning and care workforce to help inform our advocacy. If you are an early learning and care provider, please register for a focus group on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:30-7:30 PM to share your current hopes, challenges, equity concerns, and ideas about how the state can support the early learning workforce to best serve California’s children of color and children from low-income households. Participants will receive a \$30 gift card for their participation.
 - [Please click here to register.](#)
- Partner Webinars:
 - Part 1 – Partnering with Families to Affirm Children’s Languages, Cultures & Identities
 - Wednesday, March 2, 2022 4:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - Part 2 – Supporting Multilingual Learners’ Oral Language Development
 - Thursday, April 21, 2022 4:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - Part 3 – Supporting Multilingual Learners’ Home Language Development
 - Thursday, May 12, 2022 4:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - Early Education Division Webinar
 - Friday, March 4, 2022 10:00 AM
 - [Register](#)
 - Updates on the following topics:
 - Policy and Budget Updates
 - Program Quality Implementation Updates
 - Fiscal Updates
 - Ventura County Office of Education Equity Conference
 - Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:00 – 5:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - Building Strong CA Teacher Residency Programs
 - Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:00 – 2:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
- [CDC Developmental Milestones Updates](#)
- CDSS Updates – Infrastructure Grant Programs
 - CDSS is asking LPCs to be available to provide technical assistance and answer questions about the program from the field. LPC contact information has been added to the IGP webpage.
 - CDSS IGP Website (Informational Webinars available) : <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-and-development/infrastructure-grant-program>
 - Facilities email box: CDSS CCDD FACILITIES CCDDFacilities@dss.ca.gov
 - [Minor Renovations and Repairs RFA](#)
 - [Application link to Child Care Centers ONLY](#)
 - [Application link to Child Care Home Providers ONLY](#)
 - [Application link to Child Care Home Providers ONLY- Spanish](#)

- [Child Care Bulletin \(CCB\) 22-05: Changes to Governing Statutory Authority for LPCs from Education Code to Welfare and Institutions Code \(WIC\)](#)
- CDE Updates – California State Preschool Program Expansion Funds Request for Applications
 - Due: Thursday, April 7, 2022
 - The California Department of Education (CDE), Early Education Division (EED) announces a Request for Applications (RFA) for the availability of \$130 million to expand California State Preschool Program (CSPP) services statewide. These funds are available to local education agency (LEA) applicants to provide full-day/full-year and/or part-day/part-year CSPP services beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. Funding will be allocated by county, and within each county by the Local Planning Council (LPC) priority area.
 - [All accompanying documents can be accessed on the RFA webpage.](#)
- [Resources from UPK Webinar on February 24, 2022](#)
- Universal PreK + Early Learning Community of Practice
 - The Power of Partnerships
 - 2/15, 3/24, 4/26, 5/24 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - [Flyer](#)
- Equity Lens: Anti-Bias Education Screening
 - Hosted in partnership with Regional Hub (SLO, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties)
 - Wednesday, March 16, 2022 3:30 – 5:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - [Flyer](#)
- Equity Lens: Anti-Bias Education Workshop Series
 - Hosted in partnership with Regional Hub (SLO, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties)
 - 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18 3:30 – 5:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - [Flyer](#)
- COVID Vaccine Task Force - Upcoming Mobile Clinics
 - Tuesday, March 1, 3:00PM - 6:30PM, [SLO Noor Clinic](#), 1428 Phillips Ln. (#203) in San Luis Obispo
 - Wednesday, March 2, 3:00PM - 7:00PM, [Grover Beach Elementary School](#), 365 S 10th St, Grover Beach
 - Thursday, March 3, 5:00PM - 7:00PM, [Flamson Boys & Girls Club](#), 600 26th St, Paso Robles
 - Friday, March 4 , 3:30PM - 7:00PM, [Nipomo Elementary School](#), 190 E. Price St, Nipomo (Room G)
 - Tuesday, March 8, 3:15PM - 6:30PM, [Templeton High School](#), 1200 S Main Street in Templeton
 - Thursday, March 10, 5:00PM - 7:00PM, [Flamson Boys & Girls Club](#), 600 26th Street in Paso Robles
 - Friday, March 11 from 3:00PM - 6:30PM, [Atascadero Middle School](#), 6501 Lewis Ave in Atascadero

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Quality Counts Upcoming Trainings

- Quality Counts staff continues to provide training to the community of providers participating in Quality Counts. Loose Parts Trainings for the month of March include:
 - March 3 - Loose Parts Teacher Talk "Loose Parts & Learning Stories"
 - March 10, 17 & 31 - Loose Parts Teacher Talks
 - March 24 - When Concerns Arise
- Quality Counts Stipend Program
 - The Quality Counts Stipend Program application opened on January 1st, 2022. Quality Counts Stipend awards are as follows:
 - *PROFESSIONAL GROWTH STIPEND*
 - Amount: \$500
 - Description: Individuals completing 21 hours of professional development between May 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022 may be eligible to receive this award
 - *EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT STIPEND*
 - Amount: \$700 for 3 units \$1200 for 6 units
 - Description: Individuals completing 3-6 units of education towards obtaining a degree or Child Development Permit between May 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022 may be eligible to receive this award
 - Since opening, Quality Counts has received:
 - *CENTER-BASED* - 54 Total Stipend Applications
 - Professional Development Stipend: 31 applicants
 - 15 applicants from Private Sites, 9 Head Start Sites, 7 CSPP Sites
 - Education Stipends: 23 applicants
 - Tier 1 Ed (3 units): 5 applicants
 - 4 applicants from Private Sites, 1 Head Start Site
 - Tier 2 Ed (6 units): 18 applicants
 - 6 applicants from Private Sites, 5 Head Start Sites, 4 CSPP Sites, 3 Alternative Sites (SLCUSD)
 - *FAMILY CHILD CARE* - Family Child Care Stipends are being completed and processed by R&R staff. More data to come.
 - Applicants have until April 30, 2022 to submit all supplemental materials for their application. For more information on the 2021-2022 stipend program, visit www.sloqualitycounts.org/stipends.html
- SLO Quality Counts Workshop Presentations:
 - Care for Caregivers: How to Integrate Relationship Building and Regard within Educational Support Services (*Britney Ogden*)
 - Outdoor Classroom Environments: More Than Taking a Desk Outside (*Allison Biggers*)
 - Civic Engagement In Early Childhood Education (*Raechelle Bowlay*)
 - Rough and Tumble Play: Big Movements with the Body in Mind (*Maddy Chevalier*)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Member Application

Executive Committee recommends approval of new member applicant, Patty Clarkson, for membership January 2022 through December 2024.

- Attachment:
 - Membership Application

Motion to approve new member application made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Lauren Handley. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Shannon Pimentel, Katie Mervin, Adriana Barron, Katie Hollingsworth, Melinda Sokolowski, Mika Buchanan, Shannon Messerly, Michelle Holm, Lauren Handley
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 10 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

SLO COUNTY ARPA PROPOSAL

- 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:
 - Child care sector program relief & stabilization
 - Program expansion and quality improvement
 - Reinvigoration of the child care workforce
- On Board of Supervisors Agenda for March 15th

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

- Save the Date: Saturday, April 2, 2022
- Vendor Registration is open
 - 25 Registrations
 - As current pandemic conditions are constantly changing, we will NOT be accepting payments with registration at this time. Vendor registration fees will be invoiced after March 1, 2022. Submission of this application is sufficient to reserve your participation.
- SLO City Cultural Grants-In-Aid Application submitted 1/31/2022 and approved 2/12/2022
- Proclamation Language
- Proclamation Schedule & Sign Up

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

- Child Care Planning Council Transition Planning team including CAPSLO, SLOCOE, and Council met on February 18th.
- MOU SLOCOE and CCPC 2022 – Approval of Council to authorize Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu to sign on behalf of the Council.

Motion to approve Council to authorize Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, to sign MOU SLOCOE and CCPC 2022 on behalf of the Council made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Michelle Holm. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: Jamie Sanbonmatsu
YES: Shannon Pimentel, Katie Mervin, Katie Hollingsworth, Melinda Sokolowski, Mika Buchanan, Shannon Messerly, Michelle Holm, Lauren Handley
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 8 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held on May 4, 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*