Council Meeting

March 4, 2015 2:00 pm

CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection Board Room

805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Maddy Quaglino

Nancy Norton

Alicia Seibel

Gail Comer

Sheri Wilson

Don Norton

Melinda Sokolowski

Tara Quinn

Mika Buchanan

Traci Walker

Cindy Cipres

Lisa Fraser

Lee Ann Howard

**Absent:**

Adriana Barron *(excused)*

Asael Picasso *(excused)*

Pam Dudley *(excused)*

Shannon White Bond *(excused)*

**Guests:**

Nicki Fowler for Meghan Burger

**Staff:** Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm with welcome and introductions – Chair, Maddy Quaglino

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Don Norton, seconded by Melinda Sokolowski and passed unanimously with the following corrections to the February 4, 2015 minutes:

* Paso Robles will be implementing full-day kindergarten at all school and half-day transitional kindergarten at select schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

None

**COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES**

**Gail Comer**

* Mothers for Peace will have a peace walk to shut down Diablo. The walk begins on Wednesday, March 4th at the Santa Barbara courthouse and ends at the gates of Diablo Canyon on Tuesday, March 10th There will also be a vigil at the San Luis Obispo Courthouse on Wednesday, March 11 at the Steynberg Gallery at 7pm. For more information contact Gail Comer.

**Maddy Quaglino**

* The staff of Arroyo Grande United Methodist Children’s Center will be attending the California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) on March 5-7, 2015 in Sacramento, CA.

**First 5 Commission Update – Melinda Sokolowski**

The First 5 School Readiness Initiative was the topic for the February 25, 2015 First 5 Commission Meeting in regards to planning for the upcoming strategic plan. The Commission heard from the 2 First 5 School Readiness sites (Oceano and Georgia Brown), SLOCOE, Early Learning for All, Child Care Resource Connection, and the QRIS work of the Child Care Planning Council. The meeting was poignant and informative. The Commission agreed there would be some tough decisions ahead in the strategic planning process. The next Commission meeting will be held on March 25, 2015 at 4pm to address any issues for children looking at data from the Department of Social Services, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study on toxic stress. The Commission will also take a look at perinatal substance abuse and special needs.

Sheri asked is the First 5 Commission would be willing to go back and elaborate more on the work of quality in child care and the development of a Quality Rating and Improvement System, since there was a limited time for the presentation at the February Commission meeting. Melinda commented that she asked Executive Director, Wendy Wendt for an Ad Hoc committee of commissioners examine the issue of quality child care.

Lisa Fraser asked about the strategic planning timeline of the First 5 Commission. Melinda Sokolowski replied that January through June, the Commission will be holding study session meetings. The Commission will keep the same initiatives, but within the initiatives, they will examine more data and information. After June, the Commission will go back and look at the budgets for a 2016 start date.

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

Coordinator report included in meeting materials.

**2015 LPC PRIORITIES REPORT**

2015 LPC Priorities Report included in meeting materials. Motion to approve 2015 LPC Priorities Report made by Don Norton, seconded by Nancy Norton and passed unanimously.

**RACE TO THE TOP – LOCAL WRIS CONSORTIA UPDATE**

Pilot Site Orientation information included in meeting materials. Consortia meeting will be held after Council meeting and the next meeting on April 1, 2015 at 2:00pm in place of a general Council meeting.

**CHILDREN’S DAY IN THE PLAZA UPDATE**

Children’s Day in the Plaza Update included in meeting materials. As of March 3, 2015, 32 vendors have registered. Sponsorships have also been secured from the following:

* First 5 SLO County ($1000)
* CAPSLO ($2500)
* Sierra Vista ($1000)
* City of san Luis Obispo Grant ($4300)
* County Board of Supervisors ($500)

Draft of the promotional materials is included in meeting materials.

Motion to approve $500 or a Quality Child Care Campaign at Children’s Day in the Plaza made by Lisa Fraser, seconded by Cindy Cipres and passed unanimously. The next Children’s Day in the Plaza Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Coordinator will follow up with Arts Obispo about writing the SLO City PCP Grant application for 2016.

**FIRST 5 COMISSION REPRESENTATION**

Ballot vote for First 5 SLO County Commissioner. Voting record included in council archives and available upon request. Results of ballot vote: Melinda Sokolowski will serve a four year term as the Child Care Planning Council Representative on the First 5 SLO County Commission, ending in July 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm. The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday May 6, 2015.