



# Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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## Council Meeting

November 4, 2020 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection  
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 7139 6310

## MINUTES

### Members Present:

Michelle Holm	Arica Marshall
Katie Mervin	Jamie Sanbonmatsu
Mika Buchanan	Melinda Sokolowski
Sheri Wilson	
Lauren Thorne	
Cherie Fields	

### Guests:

Shannon Messerly	Emily Landis (DSS)	Jill LeMieux (Economic Vitality Corporation)
Chris Sears (Lakeshore)		

### Staff:

Nataly Renteria	Raechelle Bowlay
Allison Biggers	

Meeting called to order by Chair, Katie Mervin at 9:03 AM with welcome and introductions.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [October 7, 2020 minutes](#), made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Katie Mervin, and approved unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Peer Support:
  - Center Director AM & PM
  - FCC English & Spanish
  - School-Age Programs
  - Center-based Teacher
- FCC Licensing:
  - 28 licensed FY 2019-2020
  - 29 licensed FY 2018-2019

- Resource Distribution:
  - Masks from Bank of America
  - Supplies from CA Dept. of Social Services
  - First 5 Application for Stipends

**Becca Carsel, Health Access Project**

- SLO County Health Access Project
  - Information and articles from the newsletters are housed on the San Luis Obispo County Health Access website. The website is updated frequently and is intended as a resource for professionals working with children ages 0-5 and their families.
    - <https://www.slohealthaccess.org/>

**COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES**

**Lauren Thorne, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education**

- Reopened all of our Early Learning Centers with hybrid model
- Serving 90 students total
- Coordinator position is currently in hiring process, will be announced soon
- Hired Bilingual Administrative Assistant

**Katie Mervin, Cuesta College Children’s Center**

- Position open for a Lead Teacher in North County
- Position open for an Assistant Teacher in San Luis Obispo

**Arica Marshall, Head Start/Early Head Start**

- Struggling with work/home balance
- Waiting to make the transition back to school

**Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection - [Alternative Payment Program](#)**

- Given a chunk of money that will help provide Stipend for the Child Care Providers that service our families; those who provided their services during the month of July
- Anticipate getting the stipend out to the providers by the end of November

**Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Valley View Children’s Center and CQEL**

- Valley View Children’s Center continues to be open.
- Enrollment has continued to stay steady and will not be adding on with the new Cohort Guidance
- CQEL will be hosting a teleconference next week, November 10-11, with lots of valuable information
- Attachment:
  - [CQEL Fall Conference 2020 Flyer](#)

**Cherie Fields, San Luis Obispo County Public Health**

- Public Health Home Visiting Program opened for full service. Face-to-face visits are being offered with proper personal protective equipment.

- Public Health continues to do immunizations for children and adults at all of the public health clinics by appointment in Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Paso Robles.
- Family Planning Clinic open in Paso Robles; teen pregnancy referrals have increased
- Recently had the Free Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic in Atascadero and Arroyo Grande; did about 1,200 Flu Shots for the general public

**Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO Family Support Services**

- Head Start sites have been open and continue to be open
- Continue to enroll in certain areas and certain service options that they offer
- Migrant Head Start programs are wrapping up
- Family Child Care Providers continued to stay open this entire time
- Family Support Services continue to remain very busy

**Lisa Fraser, [Center for Family Strengthening](#)**

- CFS is honored to be the recipient of a COVID-19 rapid response grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Disaster Support Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County. We are proud to share the \$20,000 award (\$10,000 each) with our partners at CAPSLO so together we improve our capacities to provide ongoing timely and impactful support for families in need.
- Child Advocacy Center is gaining momentum; recently hired a new Family Advocate
  - CAC Purpose: To have a comprehensive, coordinated response where the professionals work together to minimize trauma to the child by limiting the number of interviews and to connect the child and family with needed services.

**ADVOCACY UPDATE – Jamie Sanbonmatsu**

- New legislation for the new year will start to show at the end of November/December

**FIRST 5 COMMISSION UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski**

- Commission Meeting: October 30, 2020
- COVID Response Program Funding:
  - Child Care (\$200,000)
    - CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection
    - Little Wings Preschool
  - Family Resiliency (\$500,000)
    - South County Youth Coalition
    - CAPSLO
    - The Link
    - MP Health
    - Pregnancy and Parent Support of SLO County
- First 5 CA Association Summit
- Next Meeting is December 3, 2020 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
- November Hands-On Hero: Celebrating our Business Community

**WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski**

- Formation of Child Care Liaisons

- Engagement through Housing Elements
- Creation of a Family Friendly Workplace Toolkit
- Child Care is Essential Social Media Campaign and re-engagement of WATC work
- Town Hall – January 21, 2021
- Additional Taskforce: Child Care Sustainability & Resilience

#### **COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay**

- Presented Child Care Planning Council outreach presentation
- Presentations where the Child Care Planning Council was represented:
  - Cuesta College Teacher Pathways Student Virtual Conference (Allison) – September 25, 2020
  - CCRC Advisory Board – October 8, 2020
  - Interagency Meeting – October 15, 2020
  - CAPPA/R&R Network Joint Annual Conference – October 22-23, 2020
- October Meetings:
  - CCRC Finance
  - Pacific Coast Association for the Education of Young Children (PCAIEYC) Board Meeting
  - CAPSLO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Steering Committee.
  - We Are The Care Leadership
  - 360/365 Strategic Alliance: Advisory Group
  - School Age Networking
  - SLO Quality Counts Consortium
- November Meetings:
  - CCRC Finance
  - CAPSLO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Steering Committee
  - Center-Based Teacher Networking
  - We Are The Care Leadership
  - 360/365 Strategic Alliance: Advisory Group
  - Help Me Grow Steering Committee
- School-Age Child Care Networking Opportunity met on Monday, October 26, 2020
  - Discussed:
    - Integrity of cohorts with in-person and distance learning students
    - Regard for the child care field vs. teachers
  - Follow up meeting to be scheduled for November
- Center-Based Teacher Networking Opportunity scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2020
- Social Media
  - Facebook
    - 715 Total Page Followers
    - 702 Total Page Likes
    - 368 Page Views at 8:00 PM
  - Instagram
    - 168 Total Page Followers
- Hosting Lunch with Lakeshore this Friday, November 6 at 12:30 PM
- Currently Recruiting:
  - Early Care & Education Specialist (QC Coach) – Interviews in Process
- Cal Poly Interns will start January
  - Projects:

- Kindergarten Readiness Guide
- City General Plans & Land Use
- Legislative Tracking
- Social Media
- Month of the Child Campaign

**QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay**

- CA ECE Workforce Registry
  - Collects demographic, education, training and employment data about ECE Workforce
  - Professionals can create resumes, search job boards and training calendar
  - Program Administrators can create professional development plans, track staff progress and build reports for funders
  - Local Launch with QC Partners, QC Employers & Staff
- Professional Development:
  - Technical Assistance
  - CA-CSEFEL Module #3
  - Intro to ASQ
  - Mind in the Making
  - Intro to Toddler CLASS
  - Anti-Bias Education Workshop #2
  - Outdoor Learning Experiences
- SLO Quality Counts Consortium Meeting
  - October 30, 2020
  - New format for Quarterly Milestone Reports

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Executive Committee recommends approval of new member applicant, Shannon Messerly, for membership January 2021 through December 2023.

- Attachment:
  - Membership Application

Motion to approve new member application made by Cherie Fields, seconded by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, and approved unanimously. Council Staff has confirmed the acceptance of new council member, Shannon Messerly, by consensus. ([Poll Results](#))

**BY-LAWS UPDATE**

Amendments to the [San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council By-Laws](#):

- Aligned duties with Ed Code
- Combined Executive Committee, Personnel and Membership Committees
- Allowance of virtual attendance
- Updated language of standing committees

Motion to approve amendments to the San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council By-Laws made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Katie Mervin, and approved unanimously. Will be presented to Board of Supervisors & Superintendent of Schools for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 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*