



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL

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Council Meeting

October 11, 2023 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location (In Person with Zoom Option for Public Attendance):

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Zoom Meeting ID: 935 7701 0133

MINUTES

Members Present:

Jamie Sanbonmatsu

Shana Paulson

Melina Simonds

Patty Clarkson

Michelle Holm

Mika Buchanan

Members Present via Zoom:

Katie Mervin

Lisa Fraser

Lauren Handley

Liaisons:

Wendy Wendt

Guests:

Madelyn Chevalier (Cuesta College)

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay

Daniela Bernal

Milan Tolani

Nataly Renteria

Riley McNulty

Molly Myers

Meeting called to order by Incoming Council Chair, Melina Simonds at 3:03 PM with welcome and introductions.

- [Council Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [September 13, 2023 minutes](#), made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Mika Buchanan. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Patty Clarkson, Shana Paulson, Madelyn Chevalier for Katie Mervin, Michelle Holm, Melina Simonds, Mika Buchanan

NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL

Program Highlight: The San Luis Obispo County Early Care & Education Planning Council presented by Raechelle Bowlay.

- Attachment:
 - [LPC Annual Report 2022-2023](#)

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Katie Mervin, EDvance College

- Attended California Teaching Credential Permit Workgroup meeting on Tuesday, October 10th. Shana Paulson listened in and participated during public comment.
- California Teaching Credential Permit Workgroup is currently going over mixed delivery system and implications for Permit levels.

Shana Paulson, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County

- [Child Care Immunization Reporting](#): All California schools and pre-kindergarten (child care/preschool) facilities are required to assess and annually report the immunization status of their enrollees.
- [New CDPH Guidance: Considerations when a Child has Symptoms of Illness Child Care or School](#)
- Paso Robles Family Resource Center and community partners welcome families and child care providers;
 - Paso Robles Family Resource Center Open House
 - Saturday, October 28, 2023 9:00 – 12:00PM
 - 704 Spring Street, Paso Robles
 - [Flyer](#)
- Trauma Informed Care Parent Cafe's through funding from Service Employee International Union-Education Support Fund (SEIU-ESF).

Mika Buchanan, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County

- SB 140 – this bill allocates previously appropriated funds in the Budget Act of 2023 to the State Department of Social Services and State Department of Education to provide specified family child care providers and child care centers with a monthly cost of care plus rate commencing January 1, 2024, and through June 30, 2025.
- Every provider subsidizing child care for families in their program; will be supplemented with a monthly payment. The amount per child is to be determined based on the family child care provider type and the region in which the family child care provider is located.
 - San Luis Obispo County
 - \$140 for licensed programs
 - \$98 for non-licensed programs

- Transitional Provider Subsidy Payment: one-time payment dependent upon the type of child care provider they are. Will be receiving the funding in the next week or so. Expected to issue payments to providers by November.
 - License-Exempt/Family, Friend, & Neighbor: \$500
 - Small Family Child Care: \$2,500
 - Large Family Child Care/Center: \$3,000
- Third round of Subsidized Child Care ARPA Stipends that come from AB 179;
 - \$275 per subsidized child served during the month of April 2022

Melina Simonds, Cuesta College

- Launched at a public event on October 5, 2023, UnitED Central Coast is a collaborative effort between Allan Hancock College and Cuesta College to share information about how the colleges will meet local workforce needs with two four-year degrees (one at each college) to be offered under the California Community College baccalaureate program.
 - [Send a letter of support by November 15th.](#)
 - Attachments & Links:
 - [Power Point](#)
 - [Website](#)

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 3:00 – 5:30 PM
 - SLO County Office of Education Board Room
 - 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
- Proposed Mission Statement Update: First 5 San Luis Obispo County funds and advocates for quality programs and services, to support children prenatal to five years old and their families, so that every child is healthy, learning and developing to their optimal potential, and ready to succeed in school and life.
- An ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee was established consisting of Commissioners Watt, Belch, and Ventura, First 5 staff and member of the Carsel Consulting evaluation team. The committee met three times over the summer to further shape the Strategic Plan. They updated drafts of the Strategic Plan Table of Contents, First 5 Mission Statement, and the First 5 Values and Guiding Principles.
- Reflecting on the Discovery and early Prioritization work to identify needs of the county's prenatal-five-year-olds and their families, the Committee scaffolded draft First 5 Priority Issue Areas into High, Medium and Light Touch categories. They then grounded themselves in the First 5 Theory of Change to propose goals and outcomes for each category, and began to consider potential strategies to address these needs.
- Strategic Planning Steps
 - Gather and synthesize data (*complete*)
 - Prioritize issue areas (*complete*)
 - Identify goals/outcomes and priority strategies for each issue area (*in progress*)
 - Determine where to invest funds and staff time (*next up*)
- Proposed Priorities
 - High Priority
 - Early Learning & Child Care

- Early Health Foundations
 - Parent Engagement, Connection, & Education
- Medium Priority
 - Basic Needs
 - Early Literacy
- Light Touch
 - Nutrition & Physical Activity
 - Safety & Healing
 - Substance Use Prevention & Treatment
 - Plus, additional early childhood issues as needed

COUNCIL STAFF – Raechelle Bowlay

- Highlights from CA Child Care Coordinators Association
 - Fall Conference: September 20-22, 2023 | Sacramento, CA
 - Themes: Empowering LPCs to Strengthen the Early Childhood Community in Times of Change
 - Attachment:
 - [Build Up CA – Handout; Addressing Childcare Facilities Needs through Housing Elements](#)
 - How LPCs can Support Planning & Implementation of UPK
 - Panel Presenters
 - Dr. Matilda Soria, Senior Director of FCSS-ECE (Moderator/Presenter) - Oversees ECE Department, which administers QCC, LPC, Early Math Initiative, IMPACT Hub Data and Coaching, etc.
 - Dr. Cathy Yun - Learning Policy Institute (Presenter)
 - Wendy Hernandez, P-3 Alignment Content Coordinator (Presenter) - Leads support for LEAs on UPK; Leads P-3 efforts, including B-3 Initiative
 - Andrea Cervantes-Woods, ECE Program Specialist (Presenter) - Serves as LPC Coordinator; Manages QCC Workforce Pathways Grant
- Diversity Coalition San Luis Obispo County
 - BIPOC Board Leadership Training: Join our Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Board Leadership Training Program and gain the skills and knowledge needed to serve on nonprofit boards. This immersive program covers essential areas of Governance, Nonprofit Finance, Fundraising/Networking, and Strategic Leadership.
 - Training Dates & Location
 - Thursday, November 9, 2023 8:00AM – 5:00PM
 - Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:30AM – 5:00PM
 - Location: University of California Cooperative Extension of SLO
 - Instructors & Modules
 - Mariam Shah, *Fundraising & Networking*
 - Raechelle Bowlay, *Nonprofit Finance*
 - Chenda Lor, *Board Governance*
 - Dr. Leola Dublin Macmillan, *Strategic Leadership*

- Enrollment is now open! Register today for the 2023 Inaugural Class.
 - Cost: \$500
 - Includes:
 - Two Full-Days of Comprehensive Board Leadership Training
 - Light breakfast and lunch included
 - Expert-Led Training Modules
 - Certificate of Completion
 - Access to Private Nonprofit Board Matching & Placement Mixers
 - Alumni Access to Future Events
 - Application Dates & Deadlines
 - Applications open: October 3, 2023
 - Deadline for applications: November 6, 2023
- SLO County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
 - Please join us in fighting period poverty by donating period & incontinence products to any SLO County Library location.
 - October 9-14, 2023
- CA Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC)
 - Annual Conference & Expo: April 19-21, 2023 | Pasadena, CA
- Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
 - The Atascadero Chamber of Commerce partnered up with Atascadero American Association of University Women (AAUW) to launch a brand new program – Women of Influence North County (wiNC). This prestigious program highlights remarkable women in business who are making a difference in their industries and communities.
 - wiNC Luncheon was held on Thursday, September 28th at Springhill Suites Atascadero.
 - 2023 Women of Influence is Wendy Lewis, the CEO and executive director of El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO). ECHO creates change in the community by providing services, shelter, and food to our unhoused population in San Luis Obispo County.
 - 2023 Women of Influence Finalists
 - Jennifer Adams, who is CEO of Lumina Alliance. The organization supports survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault in the community.
 - Lisa Majors, the president and founder of Resilient Souls, which is a nonprofit that supports people who have been impacted by trauma and abuse.
 - Jessica Steely, the owner of Semmes & Company, Inc. The building company has pioneered sustainable building in SLO County.
- LPC Annual Self-Evaluation

Recommendation: Council Staff recommends approval of the annual self-evaluation report to be approved by Council prior to submission to the California Department of Social Services.

Background: The annual self-evaluation report is due to the California Department of Social Services via survey by November 15, 2023. The self-evaluation report was completed by Council Coordinator approved by Executive Committee on October 4, 2023 and pending Council

approval. The self-evaluation report shows that the Child Care Planning Council is in compliance with all state mandates.

Motion to approve the [LPC Annual Self-Evaluation](#) as presented made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Patty Clarkson. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Patty Clarkson, Shana Paulson, Madelyn Chevalier for Katie Mervin, Michelle Holm, Melina Simonds, Mika Buchanan
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Millie Tolani & Molly Myers are joining the team as our new Quality Counts Classified Coordinators.
- 143 Total Retention Stipends processed
- Quality Counts – Quality Improvement Pathways
 - STEM: Participants will explore different resources and avenues of STEM, from hands-on learning materials, exploration local resources and the latest research coming from CA Early Math Initiative and CPIN trainers.
 - October 6 - Community of Practice - Early Math Fall Forum with CAEMI
 - October - Asynchronous Activities
 - November 18 - Seminar - Hands-On Math and Science
 - Inclusion: Participants will learn the latest ways to support and grow inclusion in their communities. Through a series of presentations and the latest information and resources in the field, educators will learn about social-emotional learning/teaching strategies, how to prevent challenging behaviors in the classroom, and tiered systems of support (CA Inclusion and the Pyramid Model).
 - September - Asynchronous Activities
 - October 21 - Seminar - Setting the Stage
 - November 1 - Community of Practice
 - Team Essentials: Participants will engage in the workbook and best practices from renowned author, Elena Aguilar. *Onward* tackles the problem of educator stress, and provides a practical framework for taking the burnout out of teaching.
 - September/October - Team Launches
 - November - *Onward* Chapters 1 & 2 Study
 - Infant/Toddler: Participants will explore different renowned infant/toddler philosophies with local leaders in the field, like the Program for Infant Toddler Caregiving (PITC) and Resources for Infant Educators (RIE), while learning to support inclusion with our youngest learners through the CA Inclusion and the Pyramid Model.
 - September 23 - Seminar - Foundations and Philosophy with Haila Hafley-Kliver
 - October 4 - Community of Practice - Reflections and Goal Setting
 - November - Asynchronous Activities

- Raechelle Bowlay, Lauren Handley, Molly Myers, & Melina Simonds attended CAEMI One Day Institute virtually on Friday, September 29th.

COMMITTEES UPDATES

- **Workforce Development Subcommittee:** Supporting issues that affect the early care and education workforce including talent pipeline, professional development and career pathways.
 - Committee Co-Chairs: Katie Mervin, Melina Simonds, & Patty Clarkson
 - Priorities:
 - Mentor Selection Committee
 - Professional Growth System Update
 - Activities & Highlights
 - Moving forward with Mentor Program
 - Selection Committee
 - Mentor Applications
 - Professional Growth Advisor Cadre
 - Continued alignment of programs/initiatives
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2023 2:15 – 3:15 PM
- ECE Leaders Networking Event was held on Monday, October 2nd.
- CA Early Childhood Mentor Program – first site visit coming up to do an ECERS for one of our applicants.
- Currently working on the WFD Survey; going through past questions in order to decide what can be used in this county to provide to providers and find out what their needs are.
- **Advocacy Subcommittee:** Engages local government and identifies advocacy opportunities at local, regional, and state level.
 - Committee Chair: Wendy Wendt
 - Activities & Highlights
 - [May 9, 2023 – Atascadero City General Plan Input](#)
 - May 17, 2023 – Airport Land Use Commission
 - [Developmentally Appropriate Practices \(DAP\) around the Country](#)
 - Next Meeting: TBD
- The Resilience Roadmap is designed as a community-catalyzing project, with implementation by multiple organizations and multiple partnerships across the two-county region over the next five years.
 - A united San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara County economic strategy is close to fruition, with a draft now available for public comment.
 - Go [here](#) to review the draft, read FAQs, see what's ahead and [submit comment by October 12th](#). The draft is also available in [Spanish](#).
 - Dive into the accompanying data in the [Economic Explorer](#) and [Workforce Analysis](#).
- **Economic Development Subcommittee:** Develops strategies that support early care and education as an essential part of local economy from the lens of providers as small businesses/employers and as a recruitment and retention strategy for businesses/employers.
 - Committee Chair: Shana Paulson
 - Priorities:
 - SLO City Pilot Project
 - Shared Services Alliance
 - ARPA Expansion Grant Application Process
 - Activities & Highlights:

- Exploring ARPA Expansion Grant Application Process
- ARPA Child Care Business Expansion Grant Application released on Friday, October 6th.
 - Grant applicants are encouraged to attend a Technical Assistance Session prior to submitting an application. This session will include support on how to complete the application and how to showcase your child care expansion proposal for the grant review committee.
 - Technical Assistance Sessions:
 - October 16, 2023 1:00 – 2:00 PM
 - October 18, 2023 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 - October 26, 2023 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 - [Apply Here](#)
- Next Meeting: TBD
- **Community Needs Subcommittee:** Identifies needs of the early care and education field as well as needs of families, employers and partner organizations to support the local mixed delivery system.
 - Committee Chair: Mika Buchanan
 - Priorities:
 - 5 Year Needs Assessment
 - Activities & Highlights:
 - Assessing: How has the need for childcare changed? What will mixed delivery system look like for families/providers?
 - Create a survey for community members to assess needs city by city; survey to be released October
 - Highlight Community need through storytelling
 - Next Meeting: TBA
- Collaborative Partner Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:00 – 1:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on November 8, 2023 from 3:00-5:00 PM at San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nataly Renteria, Administrative Assistant
SLO County Early Care & Education Planning Council*