



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PLANNING COUNCIL

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Executive Committee Meeting

March 1, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 AM

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: 970 6557 0097

MINUTES

Members Present:

Jamie Sanbonmatsu
Katie Mervin

Lauren Handley
Lauren Thorne

Members Present via Zoom:

Mika Buchanan

Shana Paulson

Liaisons:

Michael Specchierla

Guests:

Pik Stednitz (SLOCOE)

Kris Roudebush (First 5 SLO)

Staff:

Raechelle Bowlay
Nataly Renteria

Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, at 9:05 AM with welcome and introductions.

- [Executive Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [February 1, 2023 minutes](#), made by Lauren Thorne, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None

YES: Katie Mervin, Lauren Handley, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Thorne

NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 4 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT & COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shana Paulson, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County

- Got more clarification on what is expected in terms of collecting and sending dues payments to the union. Received list yesterday and it looks like there is about 60 child care providers that opted to join the union.
- Heard from two licensed child care centers that they will have to close temporarily due to staffing.

Lauren Handley, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- Attended the UPK Mixed Delivery Quality and Access Workgroup meeting that was held at the state on February 23rd. Standing workgroup meetings scheduled for the rest of the year.
 - [UPK Mixed Delivery Quality and Access Workgroup](#)
- Met with teachers yesterday for local TK Classroom Networking; opportunity to network, learn from one another in breakout groups, and get more ideas on Developmentally Appropriate Practices for 4-5 year olds.

Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Valley View Children’s Center

- Waitlist over 100 children.
- Waiting for minimum wage to be increased to \$17.00 approval.

BUDGET REVIEW

Department budgets presented by LPC Coordinator, Raechelle Bowlay. Budget presentation included in meeting materials.

- Attachment Included:
 - [CCPC Budgets 2022 – 2023](#)

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- Early Care & Education Sector:
 - Center-Based Teacher Networking
 - School Age Child Care Networking
 - We Are The Care
 - Home Visiting Community Advisory Board Meeting
 - Help Me Grow Steering Committee
 - CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection Advisory Board
 - Association for the Education of Young Children
 - National (NAEYC)
 - State (CAEYC)
 - Regional – Pacific Coast Chapter
- ARPA Presentations:
 - First 5 SLO County – December 7th
 - [SLOCOE Board of Trustees – December 15th](#)
 - BOS – January
- Additional Staff/Interns:
 - Tetiana Brown (SLOCOE) – Advocacy Subcommittee.
 - Daniela Bernal (Cal Poly) – Children’s Day in the Plaza efforts.
 - Deja Knight (Cal State East Bay University) – supporting with a couple of other projects.

- 2023 CAAEYC Annual Conference & Expo: Quality Counts will extend support for Quality Counts Consortium partners and participating agencies by funding registration to attend the 2023 CAAEYC Conference.
- CCCCA UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Meeting
 - Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:00 – 4:00PM
- Pediatric Town Hall
 - Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:00 – 8:30PM
 - Courtyard Marriott
 - [Register Here](#)
 - [Flyer](#)

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- CAEMI Phase 2: The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) and partners is excited to partner with our agency in this new phase (Phase Two) of the California Statewide Early Math Initiative, or CAEMI. The focus of CAEMI Phase Two is dissemination and expanding our reach to more Californian educators and families. To support participation during the two years of the project, our agency will receive \$200,000. Funds can be used for personnel, professional development/coaching costs, materials/supplies, administrative expenses, and/or any costs associated with participation in the activities.
 - February 2023 to June 2025
 - Next Steps:
 - Finalize contract with Fresco COE
 - Identify Team of Partners
 - Virtual Community of Practice: March 30th 1:30 – 4:30PM
- Professional Growth Advisor Cadre Training
 - Friday, March 10, 2023 10:00AM – 12:00PM
- Stipend information and “Wellness Boxes” will be making their way to Quality Counts Partner Sites, as a way of saying “THANK YOU” to the dedication and commitment our programs have to families and students every day.
- March Professional Development 2022 – 2023 registrations open:
 - Group Time Favorites and Opportunities to Extend Language (*In-Person Class*)
 - Saturday, March 4, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 AM
 - [Register](#)
 - Inclusion: Supporting Positive Social Emotional Development (*Online Class*)
 - Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:30 – 7:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - DAP & the 9 Principles of Child Development and Learning (*Self-Paced*)
 - [Register](#)
 - Teaching Toddlers Good Food Habits (*In-Person Class*)
 - Wednesday, March 22, 2023 5:00 – 7:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - Community of Practice: Applying NAEYC Self-Paced Course (*Online Class*)
 - Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
- Cuesta College partners presenting at the 2023 CAAEYC Annual Conference & Expo
 - Loose Parts: Inspirations in the Early Learning Environment
 - Laurinda Wagner, Madelyn Chevalier & Sara Madgett - Cuesta College

- Group Time Favorites and Opportunities to Extend Language
 - Lea Waterbury, Cheri Ferguson & Laurinda Wagner - Cuesta College
- Teaching Toddlers Good Food Habits
 - Lucia Aguirre, Micaela Padgett & Keith Holland - Cuesta College
- Professional Goal Development Systems: Building and Applying to Career and Leadership Development
 - Katie Mervin
- Ticket 2 Teach Early Care and Education Apprenticeship Program: An Overview from Multiple Perspectives
 - Katie Mervin & Ethan Glover

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Workforce Development Subcommittee:** Supporting issues that affect the early care and education workforce including talent pipeline, professional development and career pathways.
 - Committee Chair: Katie Mervin
 - Priorities:
 - Mentor Selection Committee
 - Professional Growth System Update
 - Meeting Highlights – February 16, 2023
 - Moving forward with Mentor Program
 - Selection Committee
 - Mentor Applications
 - Professional Growth Advisor Cadre
 - Continued alignment of programs/initiatives
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023
- **Advocacy Subcommittee:** Engages local government and identifies advocacy opportunities at local, regional, and state level.
 - Committee Chair: Kris Roudebush
 - Priorities:
 - Build Up Group
 - Track Budget City Goals
 - Liaison Relationships
 - Bring Back Public Comment
 - Activities & Highlights
 - February 11th – Atascadero City Strategic Planning Session
 - February 21st – SLO City Council Presentation on Child Care
 - Next Meeting: mid April TBA
- **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

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023
- **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
 - Highlight Community need through storytelling
 - Next Meeting: TBA

MONTH OF THE CHILD

- Join us on Saturday, April 8th for the Annual Children's Day in the Plaza celebrating April as Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event aims to connect children and families with resources throughout SLO County while embracing creativity, diversity, and individuality.
 - [Vendor & Performance registration is now open!](#)
- Month of the Child Proclamations schedule to come; confirming dates.
- Maggie Payne will be assisting the Child Care Planning Council in writing the Month of the Child Proclamation recipient script.
- Month of the Child & Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Events:
 - March 24 – Coastal Family Resource Fair
 - April 1 – Nipomo Kids Day
 - April 2 – Family Fun Day at Botanical Garden
 - April 4 – Board of Supervisors Proclamation
 - April 4 – Laguna Middle School Resource Fair
 - April 4 – Car Seat Safety Check – Twin Cities Hospital
 - April 8 – Children’s Day in the Plaza
 - April 12 – Latino Health Coalition/SLO Food Bank
 - April 28 – Virtual Raising of the Children’s Memorial Flag
 - May 11 – Resource Fair at Bauer Speck
 - May 13 – Spotted Whale and Resource Fair at Madonna Expo

COUNCIL POSITIONS BALLOT

2023-2024 Council Chair: Executive Committee has approved a special election for the 2023-2024 Chair position due to a conflict of interest with the Incoming Chair. This term chair will begin July 1, 2023 and will not have a year serving as Incoming Chair. Executive Committee has approved an additional candidate requirement since this term will not include a full year as Incoming Chair. Eligibility requirements:

- Must have one (1) year active Council participation
- Have served as a past chair are eligible (*additional requirement for this special election*)

Nominations for this position opened and were submitted at the February 8, 2023 Council meeting. Council staff confirmed acceptance with nominee, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, and presented 2023-2024 Chair Nomination at the March 1, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Election for the 2023-2024 Council Chair will be held at the March 8, 2023 Council meeting.

First 5 Commissioner Representative: Specific to First 5 San Luis Obispo County, the Planning Council has a designated representative that serves on the First 5 Commission. Since 2010, Melinda Sokolowski, has served in this role. Prior to that, the position was filled by Council Staff.

The term for the First 5 - Planning Council representative will be reappointed serving a term beginning July 1, 2023.

Nominations for this position opened and were submitted at the February 8, 2023 Council meeting. Council staff confirmed acceptance with nominees, Patty Clarkson and Raechelle Bowlay, and presented First 5 Commissioner Nominations at the March 1, 2023 Executive Committee meeting. Election for the First 5 Commissioner Representative will be held at the March 8, 2023 Council meeting.

Motion to approve Council Positions Ballots as presented for the 2023-2024 Council Chair and First 5 Commissioner Representative made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Lauren Handley. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Katie Mervin, Lauren Handley, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Thorne
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 4 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve [March 8, 2023 Council meeting agenda](#) as presented made by Lauren Thorne, seconded by Katie Mervin. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Katie Mervin, Lauren Handley, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Thorne
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 4 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday May 3, 2023 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM 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*