



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 881 7808 0416

MINUTES

Members Present:

Katie Mervin	Arica Marshall
Shannon Messerly	Mika Buchanan
Jamie Sanbonmatsu	Michelle Holm
Lauren Handley	Cherie Fields
Melinda Sokolowski	Tara Quinn
Melina Simonds	Katie Hollingsworth

Guests:

Wendy Wendt (First 5)	Alexandra Gomes (Cal Poly Intern)
Kris Roudebush (First 5)	Chris Sears (Lakeshore)
Shana Paulson (CAPSLO)	Patty Clarkson (Cal Poly)

Staff:

Nataly Renteria	Raechelle Bowlay
Allison Biggers	

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 9:02 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 [January 5, 2022 minutes](#) made by Melinda Sokolowski, seconded by Cherie Fields. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Handley, Katie Hollingsworth, Mika Buchanan, Shannon Messerly, Melinda Sokolowski, Arica Marshall, Cherie Fields
NO: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Child Care Programs Supply Distribution
 - Central
 - Saturday, February 5, from 9:30AM – 10:30AM
 - CCRC – 805A Fiero Lane, SLO
 - South County
 - Monday, February 7 from 5:00PM – 6:30PM
 - Arroyo Grande Library – 800 W. Branch, Arroyo Grande
 - North County
 - Wednesday, February 9 from 5:30PM – 6:30PM
 - Marie Bauer Early Learning Center – 1626 Vine Street, Paso Robles
- Received first allocation of COVID-19 at home rapid tests
- Expecting shipment of N95 masks
- Round 2 Family Child Care Business Start-Up Grants in the City of San Luis Obispo. Prospective family child care home business owners in the City of San Luis Obispo can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 to get their business started. Grants are funded by the City of San Luis Obispo to increase access to quality child care options in our community.
 - Applications due February 15, 2022
 - [Click here to Apply](#)
 - [Flyer](#)

Chris Sears, Lakeshore Learning

- 2022 Lakeshore Catalog released

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO Child, Youth, and Family Services Division

- Many services during the month of January had to come to a pause due to COVID-19
- Sheri Wilson has retired from her job as Director of CAPSLO's Child Care Resource Connection Program.
- Currently hiring new staff:
 - [Child Care Resource Connection Director](#)
 - Help Me Grow Coordinator
 - Behavioral Health and Disabilities Manager

Cherie Fields, San Luis Obispo County Public Health

- Public Health Home Visiting Program opened for full service. Program is still in a hybrid system; face-to-face visits are being offered with proper personal protective equipment.
- Field Nursing program is still accepting referrals
- Immunization Clinics open by appointment (Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, & Grover Beach).
 - COVID-19 Vaccines and Booster Shots available by walk in and appointment
- Currently hiring new staff

Melina Simonds, Cuesta College

- Planning a TK Certificate (*pending*)
- Family Child Care Provider Non-Credit Certificate

- Cuesta ECE Advisory Board Meeting
 - Thursday, February 17, 2022 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- Spring 2022 One-Unit Activity Courses
 - [Attachment](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Working with the Child Care Planning Council Association to have a budget ask for additional support/funding for the Child Care Planning Councils.
 - Asking for 10 million dollars across the state for all of the planning councils
 - We are one of four counties starting and leading this process
- [County of Los Angeles Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education Public Policy Updates](#)

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski

- Commission Meeting: January 26, 2022
 - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23 @ 3:00 – 5:30 PM
- Election of 2022 Officers
 - Dr. Brescia to serve as Commission Chair
- Program Contracts Discussed
 - Update to SLOCOE – CSPP/First 5 Early Learning Centers
- [February Hands-On Hero: Morris & Garritano](#)

WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE

- Task Force Meetings:
 - Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force – Friday February 11th @ 10AM
 - Public Awareness Task Force – Thursday February 24th @ 10AM
 - [February Public Comment](#)
 - Power to the Profession Task Force – TBD (*February*)
 - Local Government Engagement – Monday February 28th @ 1:30PM
 - Leadership – Monday February 7th @ 9:30AM

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- February Meetings:
 - CCRC Finance
 - CAPSLO Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Steering Committee
 - Center-Based Teacher Networking
 - School Age Child Care 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
 - Home Visiting Community Advisory Board Meeting
- SLO County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
 - Women’s Wall of Fame – March 19, 2022

- American Association of University Women (AAUW)
 - Possible support for Early Childhood Education CTE Pathway
- Chambers of Commerce Updates
 - DEI Handbook
 - Board Retreat on January 28th
- Partner Webinars:
 - Advancing Diversity in Children’s Books
 - Thursday, February 3, 2022 1:30 PM EST
 - [Register](#)
 - A Training to Help You Navigate Title 5 and Title 22:
 - February 9, 2022 or March 2, 2022 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM each day
 - [Register](#)
 - [The Improving Child Care Compensation Backgrounder](#)
 - [Webinar Recording](#)
 - [Slide Deck](#)
- CDSS Updates – Program Quality Improvement Branch Fiscal Year 2022 Training Schedule Announcement
 - Need and Fees
 - February 3, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - May 2022 TBD
 - Eligibility, Certification, Recertification, and Notice of Action
 - May 2022 TBD
 - New Regulations Overview
 - April 2022 TBD
 - Program Self-Evaluation (PSE)
 - April 2022 TBD
 - Some Program and Quality Contract Requirements Overview
 - May 2022 TBD
- Equity Lens: Anti-Bias Education Screening & Workshop Series
 - Hosted in partnership with Regional Hub (SLO, Santa Barbara, Ventura Counties)
 - Wednesday, March 16, 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](#)
- Mayor’s Meeting on January 21st
 - Follow up to invite all City Council mayors, child care liaisons, etc. at the March 2nd Child Care Planning Council Meeting

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Quality Counts Stipend Program
 - The Quality The Quality Counts Stipend Program application opened on January 1st, 2022. Since opening, Quality Counts has received:
 - 30 center-based stipend applications

- 18 Professional Growth Stipend Applications
- 12 Education Advancement Stipends
- Family Child Care Stipends are being completed and processed by R&R staff
- Applicants have until April 30, 2022 to submit all supplemental materials for their application. For more information on the 2021-2022 stipend program, visit <http://www.sloqualitycounts.org/stipends.html>

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

Motion to approve the San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council serve as the advisory body for the SLO County ARPA Investment and direction of investments as outlined made by Jamie Sanbonmatsu, seconded by Melina Simonds. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None
 YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Lauren Handley, Katie Hollingsworth, Mika Buchanan, Shannon Messerly, Melinda Sokolowski, Arica Marshall, Cherie Fields, Melina Simonds, Michelle Holm, Katie Mervin
 NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 11 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

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

- Working towards an in-person event on Saturday, April 2nd
- Community Planning Meeting held on January 31st
- Proclamation Sign Ups at March Council Meeting
- [Vendor Registration is now open](#)
 - 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

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](#)
- Council Marketing/Outreach
 - Setting up emails through sanluischildcare.org domain
- Next Planning Meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 10:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held on March 2, 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*