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### Council Meeting

February 8, 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: 994 3024 1466

### MINUTES

#### Members Present:

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| Katie Mervin        | Lauren Thorne    |
| Jamie Sanbonmatsu   | Mika Buchanan    |
| Patty Clarkson      | Melina Simonds   |
| Shana Paulson       | Lauren Handley   |
| Katie Hollingsworth | Shannon Pimentel |
| Melinda Sokolowski  | Michelle Holm    |
| Lisa Fraser         | Tara Quinn       |

#### Liaisons:

Dr. James Brescia  
Wendy Wendt

#### Guests:

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| Molly Myers (SLOCOE)       | Katie Johnson (Embedded Instruction) |
| Mariela Rodriguez (CAPSLO) | Allison Biggers                      |

#### Staff:

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| Raechelle Bowlay | Nataly Renteria |
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Meeting called to order by Council Chair, Jamie Sanbonmatsu at 3:03 PM with welcome and introductions.

- [Council Meeting Presentation](#)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [January 20, 2023 minutes](#) made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Mika Buchanan. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: None  
YES: Lauren Handley, Katie Mervin, Patty Clarkson, Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Shana Paulson, Mika Buchanan, Katie Hollingsworth, Lauren Thorne, Shannon Pimentel  
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 9 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES**

### **Shana Paulson, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County**

- California Resource & Referral Network released its Child Care Portfolio; report presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets.
  - [Family & Child Care Data](#)

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

- Currently mapping what enrollment will look like and anticipating a change happening with TK eligibility. Working with SLO Partners to market for younger 3-year olds and then look at what that looks like internally for the organization.
- Working on refining the enrollment process.
- Increased three programs to have an AM and a PM session; hopeful that will remain.

### **Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Valley View Children's Center**

- Extensive wait list of 2- and 3-year olds; not enough space at the center due to the lack of staff

### **Katie Mervin, Cuesta College/San Luis Obispo County Office of Education**

- Received quite a few of responses from the individuals that attended the Welcome Back Pizza event at Cuesta on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 January 26<sup>th</sup>. Standing workgroup meetings scheduled for the rest of the year.
- Held first TK Classroom Networking meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Dr. James Brescia, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education**

- Received an additional grant from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for classified to certificated which would include ECE. In addition to that, a foundation he sits on has allocated another \$100,000 for next year. Anyone wanting to move forward with education to be certified to serve in our centers there are funds available. Close to a million dollars available in the next two years for upscaling individuals to move in to ECE.

### **Melina Simonds, Cuesta College**

- Cuesta Spring 2023 full semester classes started January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Cuesta College has late start, accelerated 12 & 9 week classes in the Child Development and Family Studies department starting in February and March 2023. Registration for these courses are still available.

- Attachment:
  - [Spring Classes, Child Development and Family Studies \(CDFS\) Department](#)

#### **FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE – Wendy Wendt**

- Commission Meeting: January 25, 2023
  - Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 3:00 – 5:30 PM
    - SLO County Office of Education Board Room
    - 3350 Education Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
- Save the Date: Pediatric Town Hall – Engaging presentations and a resource fair will focus on early identification, support, and referrals for young children with mental health concerns.
  - Courtyard Marriott San Luis Obispo
  - Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:00 – 8:30PM
  - Registration coming in mid-February
  - [Flyer](#)
- Family-Friendly Workplaces Workshop North County – Come face-to-face with organizations that are successfully implementing family-friendly workplace practices in our county!
  - Springhill Suites by Marriott Atascadero
  - Thursday March 30, 2023 3:30 – 5:30PM
  - [Register](#)
- First 5 SLO County’s annual evaluation report has been completed by the Carsel Consulting team.
  - [Annual Evaluation Report July 2021 – June 2022](#)
- On Tuesday, February 21st, as part of their child care advocacy work; First 5 alongside Raechelle Bowlay and Shana Paulson will be doing a formal presentation at the San Luis Obispo City Council meeting on the topic of the roles of local government in child care capacity building.

#### **COMMITTEES UPDATE**

- Attended Board of Supervisors meeting on February 7, 2023 for approval of updated bylaws and the Council’s name change from San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council to Early Care and Education Planning Council, and the 2023 Membership Certification for the Council.
- **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
    - Thursday, February 16, 2023 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- **Advocacy Subcommittee:** Engages local government and identifies advocacy opportunities at local, regional, and state level.
  - City of Atascadero: We have a great opportunity to engage with the Atascadero City Council and Staff as they host a two-part Goal Setting workshop. Upon reviewing the event [Agenda](#), it seems Child Care public comments would be best served during the Saturday workshop. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to attend on Saturday to give public comments. You do not have to live/work in Atascadero, but that certainly is a bonus!
  - City of San Luis Obispo: 2023 Community Forum - Send your ideas on how you think that the City should implement the Major City Goals to [CommunityForum@slocity.org](mailto:CommunityForum@slocity.org). There will also be virtual feedback opportunities during the Forum for viewers watching the live stream on the [City’s YouTube channel](#). You can also attend the Goal Setting Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

- Committee Chair: Kris Roudebush
  - Wednesday, February 15, 2023 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- **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
    - Wednesday, February 22, 2023 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- **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
    - Monday, February 27, 2023 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- [Sign Up Here: Council Subcommittees Membership](#)

### **COUNCIL STAFF – Raechelle Bowlay**

- Early Care & Education Sector:
  - Center-Based Teacher Networking
  - School Age Child Care Networking
  - Home Visiting Community Advisory Board Meeting
  - Help Me Grow Steering Committee
  - Pacific Coast Association for the Education of Young Children
  - National Association for the Education of Young Children
  - Every Child CA
- Advocacy:
  - Women’s March
  - Legislative visit with Senator John Laird and Assemblyperson Dawn Addis:
    - Early Care & Education Planning Council
    - SLO County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
    - Atascadero Chamber of Commerce
- Council Retreat/Kickoff – Igniting Innovation in Early Care and Education took place on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 3:00PM at Avila Lighthouse Suites.
  - Topics:
    - Partners in Innovation – Guest Speakers
      - County Superintendent of School, Dr. James Brescia
      - Former State Superintendent of Instruction, Jack O’Connell
      - Vice President, School Services of California, Dr. Patti Herrera
    - Overview of LPC and launch of new name: Early Care & Education Planning Council
    - Leadership Development
    - Community Partners (i.e. Chambers, City Liaisons, City Managers, BOS, SOS, etc.)
    - UPK Mixed Delivery Grant – Workgroup
    - We Are the Care
    - Intro to Council Subcommittees and Committee Goals
      - Establish recommendations for membership

- Identify existing initiatives, activities and/or programs that are a good match
- Working with Dr. Patti Herrera to set up a visit/tour of the program with Alum Rock Union Elementary School District and Kidango in order to see how they were able to blend all of those different funding streams to create one unified program.

### **QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE**

- Launched on demand trainings followed by a community of practice.
- Applications for 2022 – 2023 Quality Counts Incentives Program to be released this month, February 2023, and due by June 1, 2023.
- February Professional Development 2022 – 2023 registrations open:
  - DAP & the 9 Principles of Child Development and Learning (*Self-Paced*)
    - [Register](#)
  - Group Time Favorites and Opportunities to Extend Language (*In-Person Class*)
    - Saturday, February 25, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 AM
    - [Register](#)
  - Community of Practice: Applying NAEYC Self-Paced Course (*Online Class*)
    - Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:30 – 6:30 PM
    - [Register](#)

### **COUNCIL POSITIONS NOMINATIONS OPEN**

**Special Election Nomination for 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 will be open and may be submitted at the February 8, 2023 Council meeting or via email to [nrenteria@slocoe.org](mailto:nrenteria@slocoe.org) by February 22, 2023.

Council staff will then confirm acceptance with nominees and present 2023-2024 Chair Nominations 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. Council members may cast ballot vote in person at the meeting or via email. Email ballots must be submitted to [nrenteria@slocoe.org](mailto:nrenteria@slocoe.org) by 5:00pm on Tuesday March 7, 2023. All ballot votes (in person and electronic) will be counted at the March 8, 2023 Council meeting.

Council Members Eligible for Nomination:

- Adriana Barron
- Jamie Sanbonmatsu
- Katie Mervin
- Lauren Thorne

- Lisa Fraser
- Melinda Sokolowski
- Mika Buchanan

**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.

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

- Children’s Day in the Plaza registration launching this month. Registration and payment will go through Eventbrite.
  - Save the Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023
- Hosting a Month of the Child Partner Planning Meeting
  - Friday, February 17, 2023 10:00 – 11:00 AM
  - [Zoom Meeting Link](#)
- Planning Council will be sponsoring the Jr. CEO program.
  - Jr. CEO is a six-week digital business education course that teaches kids the basics of starting their own business and is being offered by the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce.
  - [Enroll Here](#)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

The next Council meeting will be held on March 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*