



Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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Council Meeting

October 6, 2021 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection
805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Zoom Meeting ID: 895 9629 8480

MINUTES

Members Present:

Lauren Handley	Shannon Messerly
Katie Mervin	Tara Quinn
Jamie Sanbonmatsu	Michelle Holm
Arica Marshall	Cherie Fields
Melinda Sokolowski	Mika Buchanan
Sheri Wilson	
Lisa Fraser	

Guests:

Chris Sears (Lakeshore)	Wendy Wendt (First 5)
James Brescia (SLOCOE)	Shana Paulson (CCRC)
Elizabeth Steinberg (CAPSLO)	

Staff:

Nataly Renteria	Raechelle Bowlay
Madelyn Chevalier	Britney Ogden
Allison Biggers	

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

- [Council Meeting Presentation](#)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve consent agenda, including adoption of the [agenda](#) and [September 1, 2021 minutes](#), made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Mika Buchanan, made by consensus and approved unanimously.

BROWN ACT UPDATE

- Pending AB 339 Approval through Legislature, Council needs to approve, every 30 days, temporary amendment to allow teleconferencing for meetings.
 - [AB 339 Fact Sheet](#)
- The Brown Act requires all public meetings of local agencies to be publicly noticed in locations where members of the local body will be participating, that such location be open and accessible to the public, and at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body must

participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction; and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, temporarily suspending certain teleconference requirements imposed by the Brown Act; and

- The temporary suspension of Brown Act teleconferencing requirements is set to expire on September 30, 2021 pursuant to the Governor's issuance of Executive Order N-08-21
- ACTION ITEM: On September 15, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), effective immediately, authorizing a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the Brown Act teleconference requirements for public meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency, and such state of emergency still exists.
- Under AB 361, a local agency may hold a teleconferenced meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency upon a determination, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
- Such findings must be made no later than 30 days after the first teleconferenced meeting pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, in order to continue to meet by teleconference under such abbreviated teleconferencing procedures.

Council approves and determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and will continue to hold its meetings by teleconference pursuant to AB 361. Motion to approve Brown Act Update approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shana Paulson, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Working to build care all over the county, targeted recruitment in Grover Beach
- Submitted a proposal to the city of SLO for targeted recruitment
- Looking at building up the Family, Friend, and Neighbor skill set

James Brescia, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- 25 students in the Ticket2Teach Apprenticeship are moving forward in training to become certified early childhood educators
 - [Ticket2Teach](#)

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES

Mika Buchanan, CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection

- Funding for \$600 stipends received
- Currently enrolling off the waiting list

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.
- Currently rebuilding nursing team
- Immunization Clinics open by appointment (Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, & Grover Beach).
 - COVID-19 Vaccines and Booster Shots available by walk in and appointment
- Family Planning Clinic open in Paso Robles
- New Nurse Home Visiting Brochure
 - [Attachment](#)

Lauren Handley, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

- Currently 150 students are receiving services at Marie Bauer
- Looking to hire staff and substitutes

Shannon Pimentel, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

- [Educating English Language Learners Preschool to Kinder – Parts 1 & 2](#)
 - October 6, 2021 at 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
 - October 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
 - [Register](#)
- Responsive Early Ed. for Young Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness
 - October 21, 2021 at 5:30 – 7:00 PM
 - [Register](#)

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Two bills CAAEYC supports and has been following area sitting on the Governor's desk. Many child care and development organizations are supporting these two bills. They provide a great deal of flexibility for providers, ensure the maximum reimbursement rate is paid and eventually will lead to more children being served in high quality environments. Our public policy team urges you to send the Governor a message requesting he sign these bills. You can use the link below to email the Governor's office.
 - [AB 865 Fact Sheet](#)
 - [SB 50 Fact Sheet](#)
 - Governor's Email Link: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>
- Key Takeaways from the State Budget
 - Families who use publicly-funded child care will not have to pay family fees until June 30, 2022.
 - Reimbursement rates will be raised to the 75th percentile of the 2018 RMR survey.
 - 110,000 new families will get affordable child care in the year ahead.
 - For more information, please read our full Analysis of Child Care Funding in [the California State Budget 2021-22 here.](#)

FIRST 5 SLO COMMISSION UPDATE – Melinda Sokolowski

- Commission Meeting: September 30, 2021
- American Rescue Plan Act – Local Proposal for Investment in Children and Families
- San Luis Obispo County Collaborative Child Care Study – Approval to move forward with Fran McIntyre as the contractor for Phase 2
- [Family Friendly Workplace Accelerator Program released](#)
 - A free resource for SLO County businesses to foster a strong local workforce through family-friendly workplace policies
- [October Hands-On Hero: Sharlene Agrusa](#)

WE ARE THE CARE UPDATE

- Task Force Meetings:
 - Cross-Sector Collaboration Task Force - Friday October 15th @ 10AM
 - Public Awareness Task Force - Monday October 25th @ 10AM
 - Power to the Profession Task Force - TBD

- Local Government Engagement - Wednesday October 20th @ 10AM
- Leadership – TBD
- Public Awareness Task Force - Providing public comment at the Board of Supervisors, City Council, and numerous School Board meetings throughout the County.
 - [Public Comment Sign Up](#)
- Social Media Campaign: September 13 - October 8
 - Each week focuses on one of the four task forces
 1. Week 1 (Sept 13-17): Cross-Sector Collaboration
 2. Week 2 (Sept 20-24): Power to the Profession
 3. Week 3 (Sept 28- Oct 1): Public Awareness Campaign
 4. Week 4 (Oct 4-8): Local Government Engagement

COORDINATOR UPDATE – Raechelle Bowlay

- October 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
 - Women in Business
 - Diversity Council
 - SLO County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
 - CA Child Care Coordinators Association Fall Conference
 - Advocacy with CDSS on LPC Status/Funding
 - Strategic Positioning of LPCs to support the field
- The State of Child Care Part II in January 2022
 - Tentative Theme: The Future of ECE through Partnerships
- CAAEYC – California Association for the Education of Young Children
 - Call for Presentations – QC Staff submitted 6 proposals
 - Registration Now Live
 - Working on a Quality Counts – PCAEYC Partnership to support memberships for Quality Counts Participants
- National Prenatal-to-3 Research to Policy Summit
 - State Investments Impacting the Earliest Years
 - Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Central Time
 - [Register](#)
- EveryChild California Webinar
 - Strategies for Staff Motivation, Retention and Engagement Addressing Burnout
 - Friday, October 8, 2021 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - [Register](#)
- ZERO TO THREE Virtual Annual Conference 2021

- Annual Conference will feature an extensive array of research-informed, competency-based sessions to support your professional development goals
- October 25-29, 2021
- [Register](#)
- American Rescue Plan Act Proposal
 - Approximately \$85 million in funding coming to the County and cities
 - Collaborative Letter from First 5 SLO, Child Care Planning Council, Quality Counts, CAPSO Child Care Resource Connection, Help Me Grow, etc.
 - Proposed Strategies:
 1. Access to Child Care through Vouchers
 2. Business Grants for Child Care Programs
 3. Strengthening Local Child Care System Infrastructure
 4. Workforce Pipeline for Child Care Professionals
 5. Child Care Facility Development and Improvement
 6. Mental and Behavioral Health Support for Children & Families
 7. Eviction Protection for Families
 8. Family Resource Centers
- State-Level Stipends for Licensed and Subsidized Providers
 - [Attachment](#)
- COVID Vaccine Task Force
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force PPT](#)
 - [County Announces New Guidance for SLO County Youth Activities, Large Gatherings and Performing Arts](#)
 - [San Luis Obispo County Health Officials Report COVID-19 Deaths](#)
 - [San Luis Obispo County Preparing for COVID-19 Booster Shots While Awaiting Further Guidance from State and Federal Authorities](#)
 - [COVID-19 Key Messages & Talking Points](#)
 - [New No-Cost COVID-19 Testing Site Opening in Morro Bay](#)
 - [Flyer: COVID-19 Community Testing Sites](#)

QUALITY COUNTS UPDATE

- Allison Biggers and Madelyn Chevalier attended Too Small To Fail 4th Annual Summit
- A lot of innovative partnerships that could serve as models for Quality Counts and the future of supporting ECE through partnerships
- Annual Kick-Off & Resource Fair hosted on September 25th
 - About 80 attendees
 - [Quality Counts Training Calendar Released](#)
 - [NEW – Quality Counts Training Menu](#)

CUESTA COLLEGE ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

- Cuesta College Economic Impact Report released
 - [Attachment](#)

CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

[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.

- Initial Presentation: September 1, 2021
- Questions and Comments open from September 1 to September 21, 2021
 - Questions answered by Staff and Executive Committee
 - Comments were compiled and shared with all Council Members according to Brown Act
- Public Comment/ Questions Submitted by Elizabeth Steinberg:
 - Will the audit to meet state guidelines continue with CAPSLO as fiscal agent? Previous presentation indicated this. [Questions and Answers Page 4](#)
 - Will there be 2 sets of books for this overlapping period? Or will SLOCOE begin officially next July 1, 2022? [Questions and Answers Page 5](#)
 - Please clarify what is meant by "draw down State funding to support SLO County mixed delivery system"? [Questions and Answers Page 4](#)
 - When will the Council review SLOCOE's budget proposal for Council including funding sources, indirect, salary schedules before a decision is made to transition to SLOCOE? What are the operational costs like rent, indirect, etc. [Questions and Answers Page 2](#)
 - How will SLOCOE fund infrastructure for Council? What will the State funding for Council be used for? [Questions and Answers Page 4](#)
 - When the ARPA funding arrives, the "We are the Care" continues, I think we also need to look potentially at a countywide Office of Child Care housed in the County. We will have the results of the Child Care Study, funding for child care is on the BOS docket...this would be separate from Council being housed at SLOCOE. Another discussion for the future.

Motion to move forward and 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 made by Katie Mervin, seconded by Cherie Fields. Upon putting the motion to a roll call vote, the results were:

ABSTAINED: Mika Buchanan, Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg, Melinda Sokolowski, Shana Paulson for Sheri Wilson
YES: Jamie Sanbonmatsu, Katie Mervin, Arica Marshall, Lauren Handley/Tara Quinn, Shannon Messerly, Cherie Fields, Michelle Holm, Lisa Fraser
NO: None

Motion carried, results of the vote being: 8 yes, 0 no, and 4 abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

The next Council meeting will be held on November 3, 2021 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*