



# Child Care Planning Council

San Luis Obispo County

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## Council Meeting

October 7, 2015, 2:00-4:00 PM

CAPSLO Child Care Resource Connection Board Room

805A Fiero Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

### MINUTES

#### Members Present:

Mika Buchanan  
Sheri Wilson  
Maddy Quaglino  
Shannon White Bond  
Traci Walker  
Lisa Fraser

Cindy Cipres  
Melinda Sokolowski  
Don Norton  
Gail Comer  
Adrianna Barron  
Cherie Fields for Pam Dudley

Nicki Fowler for Meghan  
Burger  
Olivia Fernandez for Alicia  
Seibel

#### Absent:

Nancy Norton  
Lee Ann Howard

Asael Picasso  
Tara Quinn

#### Guests:

Shana Paulson  
Megan Larkin

Lisa Hoyt  
Arica Marshall

**Staff:** Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton

Kayla Benado

Meeting called to order at 2:01pm with welcome and introductions – Don Norton for Nancy Norton

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve meeting agenda made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Cherie Fields and passed unanimously. Motion to approve June 3, 2015 meeting minutes made by Mika Buchanan, seconded by Sheri Wilson and passed unanimously.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

##### **Mika Buchanan**

- Mika Buchanan serves as the Manager for subsidized child care at CCRC. The program serves the low income population in SLO County. A flyer is provided that gives a skeletal breakdown of system. Families on the subsidized child care waiting list are served when funds are available or attrition occurs. Those who receive CalWorks Stage 1 or Stage 2 are eligible and may enroll at CCRC. Subsidized funding occurs until their income reaches the 70<sup>th</sup> percent of the State median income. Families work with their case manager during participation with the program. The Subsidized Child Care Program at CCRC received an amendment of \$412,000, the largest she's seen in her employment at the agency. They are looking to enroll at least 80 children from the waiting list. Process has already begun, with 300 children on waiting list currently.

### **Olivia Fernandez**

- Olivia Fernandez is representing SLO YMCA for Alicia Seibel. She provides a brief background on her position and program. She has served Director of Child Care for SLO YMCA for the past 3 months. She is also a parent and advocate for education. Her program provides education and life skills for youth while incorporating Y values.

### **Cherie Fields**

- Cherie Fields is present for Pam Dudley from SLO County Public Health. Cherie serves as a Supervising Health Nurse. The agency provides multiple programs for children and families. Children's Medical Services assists children with severe health issues with doctor referrals, transportation, medications etc. The Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) assists children with MediCal and initial health screenings. There is an upcoming training for nurses and community members on hearing screenings. The Communicable Disease and Immunization department are currently facilitating flu shots for children and adults at the Grover Beach, Paso Robles or San Luis Obispo office. Those interested can call (805) 781-5100 to obtain more information. The departments have also provided and increased amount of children's immunizations this year, primarily to children who are not insured or have MediCal. The Field Nurse Program provides Nurse Family Partnership to low income women who are pregnant with their first child, aiming to serve before 28 weeks pregnant until the child turns 2. There is a curriculum that nurses follow. The Early Support Program serves multiple families with multiple children concerning domestic violence, homelessness, substance abuse, and high-risk pregnancy in particular. Lastly, the Family Planning Program provides STI investigation and testing, birth control, emergency contraception in addition to other services.

### **Melinda Sokolowski**

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The District Attorney Domestic Violence Task Force is hosting the ASK LISTEN and ACT conference, this year's focus is on health care providers dealing with disclosed information. The conference will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-4. Fee of \$25 includes lunch. A federal award was received for fatherhood support. Will have program in SLO for 5 years. Couples communication workshops, 100 families a year. Will help fill in the gap for dads.

### **First 5 Commission Update – Melinda Sokolowski**

There was no Commission Meeting in September. Commissioners are finishing up Strategic Plan. Commission Meetings will resume the end of October, all are encouraged to attend. Base-layer IMPACT funding is here. IMPACT workgroup to be discussed at QRIS Consortium meeting.

### **Coordinator Report**

Coordinator and staff have attended multiple trainings over the past month. Coordinator attended the Toddler CLASS Affiliate Trainer Training on September 15-17 in Walnut Creek, CA and the Infant CLASS Observer Training on September 30-October 1 in Los Angeles, CA. Coordinator also completed Toddler CLASS Calibration on September 18. Council Staff, Kayla Benado completed the SEFEL Early Learners Educator Institute on September 15, 22 and 29. Kayla has also been participating in the RTT-ELC: ASQ Communities of Practice (COP) on August 31 and September 22. For the October 27 Community of Practice, Council Coordinator will be presenting on SLO County's ASQ Protocol. Council Staff are participating as Room Monitors for the Inclusion Collaborative. On September 30, Kayla attended a mandatory meeting for room monitors. See Coordinator Report for upcoming events, trainings and meetings. Coordinator distributes a flyer for a DRDP Partner Rating Study, there is a stipend available

and participation date is determined by site. A rewarding opportunity for your program if you are using DRDP.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Don Norton, Membership Committee Chair, reports that Council members must attend minimum of 50% of Council meetings per year and refers to the Council Attendance Log for 2014-2015, included in Meeting Materials. Maddy Quaglino is recognized for perfect attendance. On the back of the log is a list of those who have turned in their Membership Agreements. Members are advised to turn in their agreements if they have not yet done so. On the topic of new Council member recruitment, Nicki Fowler from SLO City Parks and Recreation has been approved to take the place of Meghan Burger. Lisa Hoyt is on the list to be approved. Olivia Fernandez will be replacing Alicia Seibel. Flyers are available to assist in spreading the word on Council recruitment, currently 3 vacancies. We ask that prospective members sit it on a meeting to see what Council is all about. Member certification is due by January, however it is preferred to be done by November for signatures.

### **Hands-On Heroes Sponsorship**

The Council is asked to approve an increase in sponsorship for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hands-On Heroes event from \$500 to \$700 to come from the Council Reserves. The Council has historically sponsored the Hands-On Heroes Awards, hosted by First 5 San Luis Obispo County and Early Learning for All. A continued sponsorship would serve to recognize leaders in the early learning and support field. Shannon White Bond shares that we do have additional sponsors, but the idea is that the event is free of charge to attend. It is very costly to run. Melinda Sokolowski motions to approve the \$700 sponsorship, Traci Walker seconds. Discussion presented by Maddy Quaglino wishes to support the continued \$500. Opposition vote by Maddy Quaglino, abstention by Sheri Wilson, motion passed.

### **Annual Self-Evaluation**

Council Staff recommends approval of the annual self-evaluation report to be approved by Council and then submitted to the California Department of Education. The annual self-evaluation is due by November 15, 2015. It was completed by the Council Coordinator and approved by Executive Committee on September 28, 2015. The self-evaluation report shows that the Child Care Planning Council is in compliance with all state mandates. Discussion presented by Melinda Sokolowski, asking how parents are involved in the Local Priority Setting Process. Coordinator confirms that parents are involved through parent representation on the Council. In other counties, Parent Voices is another way for parents to participate in this process, however, our County does not have this program currently. Motion to approve the annual self-evaluation made by Maddy Quaglino, Cindy Cipres seconds and approved unanimously.

### **Raising of America**

All Council Members are encouraged to attend the session of their choosing for The Raising of America film screenings across the county. The remaining sessions include October 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm at Nipomo Library, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm at Atascadero Library, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Paso Robles Library, and November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm at San Luis Obispo Library.

### **Collective Impact**

Presentation by Lisa Fraser on funding the next generation and collective impact. Presentation included in the meeting materials. Collective Impact and the role of Local Planning Councils graphic created by

Coordinator. Discussion on how the Child Care Planning Council is a collective voice. Council Staff will compile created by Council Coordinator and included in the meeting materials. Discussion notes to be presented at the November meeting.

**Council Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm