



Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council
Appointed by Orange County Board of Supervisors and Orange County Superintendent of Schools
200 Kalmus Drive, PO Box 9050, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-9050

**LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar**

Council Members Present: Tiffany Alva, Penny Andrews, Dolores Barrett, Chris Becerra, Sue Bierlich, Kate bono, tom Chiaromonte, Seon Chun-Burbank, Julie DeLorenzo, Wendi Evans, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Fritzi Gragg, Diane Jasso, Darcie Kass, Kathleen Leary, Janneth Linnell, Yessika Magdaleno, Jennifer Marin, Kathleen McFarlin, Diane Montano, Bryan Nguyen, Amber Nowak, Valerie Padilla, Deanna Parga, Yumi Ramirez, Lisa Sciabica, Amanda Selogie, Traci Stubbler, Debbie Troehler, Laura Vidal, Scarlett vonThenen

Council Members Absent: Janet Anderson-Deusenberry, Kamica Barnes, Charlotte Deschenes,

Guests Present (via Zoom):

Andrea Gosselin, University Synagogue Pre-School - Assistant Director
Ascencion Hernandez, ABC family day care - Provider
Belinda Pereira, In Home Daycare - Owner
Christine Birkner, St. Bonaventure Catholic School – Health /Attendance Manager
Claudia Sarmiento, Child360 - Regional Account Manager
Connie White, PITC Regional Support Network - Regional Coordinator
Cyndi Romero, CDI CDC - Teacher/Admin
Diana Torres, Children’s Home Society of California
Esperanza Hernández, Owner
Faranak Zarafrooz, Happy Play Home - Manager
Georgette Shamieh, Child Care Owner
Gloria Ortiz, Provider
Haleh Manesh, Family Day Care Provider
Jennifer Hollandsworth, Los Alamitos Child Development Center - Child Development Program Technician
Jennifer McClellan, Pierside Preschool - Office Admin
Jessica Ornelas, Jessica's Spot For Tots - Owner
Joana Lafuente, Think Together - Early Learning Specialist
John Zeimantz, Regional Center of Orange County -Early Start Supervisor
Josh Hilliger, Lakeshore Learning
Kandis Aceves, Los Alamitos Unified Child Development Center - ELS
Kourtney Jones, OCC EC Lab School - Lab School Coordinator
Lee Lombardo, YMCA of Orange County - Associate Executive Director, YMCA Community Services
Leslie Steinhaus, Calvary Chapel Preschool - Director
Maria Mercado, Angel Jesus Daycare - Provider
Mary Wolfenbarger, Abiding Savior - Director
Pamela Kowalski, YMCA of Orange County - Senior Program Director
Patricia Barragan, The Best Family Child Care - Owner
Seema Choudhary, Director
Sheryl Grobelch, Light of Christ Preschool - Director
Sonia Semana, Fullerton College - Lab School - Director
Susan McClintic, First 5 OC Commissioner
Tina Johnson, OCSBA Christian Preschools - Director
Wanda Soekias, Orange County Department of Education – Early Learning Liaison
Wenli Lin, UCI Early Childhood Education Center - Director
Ziggy McBride, Library Media Tech



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Presenters: Melissa Wheelahan, Orange County Department of Education - EECIP Program

Local Planning Council Staff Present: Susan Shepardson, Lisa Edwards

CALL TO ORDER

Fritzi Gragg, Chair convened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. through teleconferencing zoom webinar platform, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was taken by Valerie Padilla, Vice Chair with introductions conducted during roll and a quorum was validated.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Item #1 and Consent Item #2 were approved by all members.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to three (3) minutes per person.)

Any member of the public may address the Council on any item of interest within the Council's subject matter jurisdiction; however, no action may be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda. Please fill out the form on the back table and hand it to the Council Staff.

No Public Comments addressed.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

ACTION (A)/ DISCUSSION (D)

1. Call for nominations from the floor for Council Officer, Vice Chair by Membership Committee Co-Chair Tiffany Alva. No nominations from the floor received.
2. Vote on Council Officer, Valerie Padilla as Vice Chair conducted by individual roll call by Tiffany Alva, Membership Committee Co-Chair. Nomination confirmed by the members, Valerie Padilla will move forward as Council, Vice Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workforce Development –

- EECIP 2019-2020 Program Year Update presented by Melissa Wheelahan. 202 participants stipends totaling \$336,987 with 22 new early childhood permits, 11 AA/AS degree recipients, 5 BA/BS degree recipients, 659 course work units and 4494 hours of professional learning completed by track 6 participants. The program for 2020-2021 is currently on hold until program guidelines are released by CDE.
- Learning Stories presented by Laura Vidal, Workforce Development Co-Chair, virtual presentation being held this afternoon with 281 participants registered.
- Laura Vidal shared that the Workforce Development Committee will be discussing what the professional learning will be for next year.
- Outstanding Advocate of the Year Presentation presented by Lisa Sciabica. Kate Bono is this year's Advocate of the Year, Tom Chiaromonte shared a little about why Kate was selected as the advocate of the year.

Strategic Planning and Evaluation – Kate Bono, committee co-chair shared that the committee will be focusing on the child care plan over the next few months and working on new priorities and strategies given the impact that COVID-19 has had on child care. Amber Nowak, committee co-chair shared the Needs Assessment and Priorities Report were approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2020 and they have been submitted to CDE on May 19, 2020 by



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Susan Shepardson, LPC Coordinator.

Inclusion Collaborative – Traci Stubler, committee co-chair shared that the last committee meeting in April was used as an opportunity to touch-base with committee members and see what services they are providing, many service providers shared what they are doing virtually for clients. Inclusion Committee is postponing the next meeting until the licensing guidelines are out. Planning for the H.E.L.P. Conference has been put on hold as we settle into a new normal and what providers may need with the new guidelines.

Nominations/Membership – Deanna Parga, committee co-chair shared that the committee is working on filling the vacancies in membership, the call for new membership applications will end on Friday, May 22, 2020. We are working on finding out how members who have not been sworn in can get that done. Working on revising the new membership orientation for the fall. For new members we are looking outside the norm of early learning to bring some new people with a different thought process to the Council and help us get more involved in the broader community.

APPOINTED AGENCY REPORT

County of Orange Board of Supervisors – Amber Nowak shared that the home visiting program for CalWORKs clients is continuing to provide home visits through zoom or teleconferencing, providing materials and having them shipped to the families including educational items. CalWORKs clients have had some changes in regulations helps increase the number of people eligible. Expanded the opportunity for diversion, or limited amount of lump sum financial assistance, as long as their income is 200% below the federal poverty level. Stage one and sub providers continue to be paid, big outreach to CalWORKs clients to see if they qualify for Cal Fresh.

Superintendent of Orange County Schools – Debbie Troehler shared that the budgets are not ready but will be shared at June meeting, the office is working hard to support districts, providers, parents and children, especially with child care for families and providers, providing assist as centers reopen, also reassuring families that they will not lose their services, and they can return to child care when they are comfortable. Governor’s budget that recently came out, provided some funding to support essential workers, they do not have to qualify by income, subsidies provided through June 30, 2020. Budget cuts are drastic to K-12 field and to our state preschool and center programs. Alternative payment where parents can pick their own provider has been untouched.

COUNCIL CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT

- A. Public Policy/legislation Liaison Report – Diane Montano shared the May 14, 2020 Governor’s 20-21 revised budget.
- B. Retreat July 17, 2020 – Chair, Fritzi Gragg shared that due to the current protocols set forth due to social distancing, we postponing the July Retreat, we will look at possibly using the September Council meeting as the Annual Retreat, more information to come.
- C. Management Bulletin 20-07 – Fritzi Gragg shared that CDE instructed local R&R (CHS) and Local Planning Council’s (LPC) to work together to come up with emergency plans during this pandemic.
- D. Quality Counts CA (QRIS) was submitted to CDE by Quality Start OC. The Council is to collaborate with them, as we are listed as a partner.
- E. June 17, 2020 Council Meeting – Fritzi Gragg announced that we will be having a June Council meeting to make up for the March meeting being cancelled due to the social distancing order set forth in March.



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COORDINATOR REPORT

- A. Professional Development Grant (PDG) Report - Susan Shepardson shared that the PDG report explaining how the funds received to complete this task were used, has been completed and submitted.
- B. Emergency Child Care Task Force – Susan Shepardson shared what the Task Force is and why it was formed. The task force is documenting what they are doing so we can reflect back and see what worked and how we need to change things for future emergency situations.
- C. Emergency Response Plan – Susan Shepardson with the help of Amber Nowak, submitted an emergency response plan to CDE on behalf of the Council.
- D. COVID-19 Child Care Resource Link & Informational Webinar – held on May 14, 2020, every member of the task force had a time to share during the webinar. 359 people attended the webinar. The power point presentation from the webinar is on the council website, it has many links to access information. We are doing a follow up with Q&A document. We realize that with the webinar we could tell that providers are needing information, we will continue to provide more webinars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Council Members, time permitting)

Community Announcements

Deanna Parga with Help Me Grow shared about Connect Café being held virtually, update on the census 0-5 populations will be provided, and a presenter for working with families and children.

QualityStart has some funding that was set aside for ratings, however with rating not able to move forward, that money will be re-utilized for stipends to child care providers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

View the Committee Meeting Matrix online at

<http://occhildcarecouncil.org/Pages/Council-Committees.aspx>

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