



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

MINUTES

Local Planning Council

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/87925694944>

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tiffany Alva, Penny Andrews, Sandy Avzaradel, Chris Becerra, Kamica Barnes, Dolores Barrett, Sue Bierlich, Tom Chiaromonte, Julie DeLorenzo, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Fritzi Gragg, Diane Jasso, Lee Lombardo, Janneth Linnell, Yessika Magdaleno, Diane Montano, Bryan Nguyen, Amber Nowak, Valerie Padilla, Deanna Parga, Megan Pritchard, Yumi Ramirez, Lisa Sciabica, Traci Stubbler, Laura Vidal, Scarlett vonThenen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janet Anderson-Deusenberry, Seon Chun-Burbank, Darcie Kass, Kathleen Leary, Kathleen McFarlin, Amanda Selogie

Special Guests Present: Christine Olmstead, OCDE Associate Superintendent Educational Services

Guests Present: Connie White, WestEd; Joana Lafuente, Think Together; John Zeimantz, Regional Center of OC; Josh Hilliger, Lakeshore; Rosa Rico, Social Services Agency

Local Planning Council Staff Present: Susan Shepardson, OCDE LPC Coordinator; Lisa Edwards, OCDE Council Admin.

Minutes Transcribed by Lisa Edwards, Council Admin

CALL TO ORDER

Fritzi Gragg, Chair convened the meeting at 9:32 a.m., through teleconferencing zoom meeting platform, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was taken by Valerie Padilla, Vice-Chair with introductions conducted during attendance, a quorum was validated.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to accept Consent item #1 and Consent item #2

Traci Stubbler motioned to accept both the Minutes from June 17, 2020, and the Agenda for September 16, 2020.

Diane Montano second the motion

Members confirmed



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PUBLIC COMMENT

Members 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 entry table and hand it to Council Staff. An additional ten minutes may be allotted to the agenda if time is needed during the Public Comment section.

No Public Comments addressed

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Welcome New Members -

Fritzi Gragg as Council Chair welcomed the three new council members; Sandy Avzaradel, Lee Lombardo, and Megan Pritchard.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee Check-In -

Check-in time was not conducted due to the break-out room feature not working during the meeting.

Committee Reports :

Workforce Development -

Laura Vidal, as co-chair shared that the committee reviewed and made recommendations to the Standing Rules, and received a presentation from Melissa Wheelahan on the Workforce Pathways Stipend Program. In the next meeting they will be working on goals, timelines, and reviewing the Scope of Work for the Workforce Pathways Grant; if they grant award letter is received by the date of the meeting.

Strategic Planning and Evaluation -

Amber Nowak, as co-chair shared that the committee has a new co-chair with Kate Bono leaving, Valerie Padilla has volunteered to co-chair along with Amber. The committee reviewed and made recommendations on the Standing Rules, they also worked on making revisions to the Child Care Plan. The Child Care Plan is a 5-year plan for the county, the committee will be making some revisions to the plan to cover the impact of COVID and what others have identified as barriers due to the COVID.

Inclusion Collaborative -

Traci Stubbler, as co-chair shared that she canceled the last two meetings, they will be meeting this month and will be reviewing and making recommendations to the Standing Rules, they will also be working on goals previously made and see what needs to change due to the impact of COVID. Darcie Kass will be sharing the new Inclusion Pathways with the committee. Over the last few months, we have spent a great deal of time working on providing support to providers.

Membership -

Deanna Parga, as co-chair shared that on September 15, 2020, the committee conducted a New Member Orientation with the three new members, which included Fritzi Gragg shared her journey to and with Council. At their next meeting, they will be focusing on refining and updating membership processes and information.



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APPOINTED AGENCY REPORTS

County of Orange Board of Supervisors, SSA -

Amber Nowak, as the liaison for the Board of Supervisors, shared the new protocols from the Clerk of the Board regarding swearing-in, per the Clerk, reappointments do not need to complete the oath again. The Clerk will no longer be coming in-person to meetings to give the oath, new members will need to visit the Hall of Administration or have their oath notarized. Amber also shared, that the Social Services lobby will now be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, individuals are encouraged to apply online or call the help center, further, the Cypress and South offices are currently closed.

Superintendent of Orange County Schools, OCDE

Christine Olmstead, as the interim liaison for the Superintendent of Schools, shared that OCDE has been helping schools with in-person instruction and providing support to families with continuing driveby lunches and in some areas, breakfast and dinner as well. Los Alamitos Unified School District applied for the waiver to open and some Kindergarten through fifth-grade classes are open with a hybrid format. Many districts are proposed to open late October. OCDE is currently working on hiring an Administration for Early Learning.

Fiscal Year Budgets -

Christine Olmstead shared the closing of the 2019-2020 budgets for Local Planning Council and AB212 and the new Fiscal Budget of Local Planning Council 2020-2021, the new budget for the Workforce Pathways Grant will be shared once the official award letter has been received.

Question from Laura Vidal, co-chair of the Workforce Development Committee, "Do we approve the Workforce Pathways Grant?" Answer: Fritzi Gragg shared that the Steering Committee will approve the Scope of Work, then present to the Council members for review. Christine Olmstead also added that she has asked Melissa Wheelahan to prepare a document that shows the differences between AB212/EECIP and Workforce Pathways to help everyone understand the differences.

COUNCIL CHAIR

Standing Rules Revisions -

Fritzi Gragg, Council Chair shared that each committee has been charged by Steering Committee to review and make recommended changes to the Standing Rules for their respective committees.

Committee Timelines -

The Steering Committee is preparing a Master Timeline document for all Council work, they are asking each committee to prepare a timeline during their next committee meeting and share that with Steering to help develop this master document.

Emergency Child Care Plan -



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The Local Planning Council is tasked through mandates to prepare an Emergency Child Care Plan, this will be an AdHoc committee under the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee, we are looking for co-chairs and members to join the committee to help develop the plan to be presented to the Council and for approval by the Board of Supervisors and OC Superintendent of Schools. Tiffany Alva and Sue Bierlich volunteered to be the co-chairs of the AdHoc committee, any members that would like to join the AdHoc please email Fritzi or Susan.

Emergency Child Care Task Force -

The Emergency Child Care Task Force was housed under the Early Childhood OC, after some discussion with the committee, it was decided that this work should fall under the LPC. Steering Committee has formed an AdHoc Emergency Child Care Task Force with co-chairs Tiffany Alva and Fritzi Gragg, anyone is welcome to join the committee, we currently have members from Licensing, Help Me Grow, OCDE, CHS, First 5 OC and Early Childhood OC.

Questions: Amber Nowak asked if the Emergency Child Care Task Force and the Emergency Child Care Plan are two separate things and will be housed with separate committees. Answer: Fritzi shared that they are two different things, the Plan will be housed under Strategic Planning and after the AdHoc committee has completed their work the committee will go away and Strategic Planning will make any necessary changes to the Plan. Question: Valerie Padilla asked would the Plan include establishing the Task Force in the event of an emergency? Answer: The Task Force will probably move from an AdHoc to a committee, with a possible name change and change in responsibilities.

VICE CHAIR REPORTS

Public Policy/Legislation Liaison Report -

Diane Montano Second Vice-Chair shared two documents one on Public Policy and on Legislation, she stated that these documents would be provided before every council meeting. Special interest was placed on two PINS 20-02 DOVID Guidance for Child Care Settings and 20-20 Guidance and FAQ document focusing on waivers and cohort mandates.

LPC COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Small Business Administration (SBA) Webinar -

In collaboration with First 5 OC, OCAEYC, and the Small Business Administration we conducted our first webinar on September 15, we had 15 participants, we will be conducting a Spanish version of the webinar tonight., we are looking to have some additional cohorts to continue assisting the providers who don't see themselves as small businesses.



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Annual Summary of Activities Report -

July 17, 2020, our Annual Summary of Activities Report was due to CDE, along with the assistance of Amber Nowak and Fritzi Gragg, we submitted the following information. Three major activities completed by the council, closing of AB212/EEClp, Preschool Development Grant (PDG) activities with two focus groups one being parents and child care, and the second being LEA's on kindergarten transition. The third area reported was the completion of the Needs Assessment and Priorities Report. Also as part of the report, we needed to state what area we had problems with, we stated that in completing the Needs Assessment and Priorities Report the data from AIR was not updated. The last area to complete on the report was a collaboration, we sighted that we had a collaboration with Anaheim Elementary School District for the parent focus group, First 5 OC, Help Me Grow, the Mentor Group with the Learning Stories presentation, and Early Childhood OC with the Task Force.

Council Spotlights/Community Forums 2020-2021 -

Each year the council has several 20-minute spotlights and 1-hour community forums, we are looking for ideas and suggestions on what those might be this year. The spotlights are usually during a council meeting and the community forums are held after a council meeting.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valerie Padilla - OC Head Start will open in-person Tuesday, September 22, 2020, with a combination of virtual and onsite, we are currently enrolling.

Tom Chiaramonte - Fullerton Lab School opened Monday with 8 children, 2 staff, and 1 director. We will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deanna Parga - Help Me Grow will be having ASQ and ASQ-SE tools training.

Traci Stubbler - The City of Irvine as of September 14, 2020, has 35 centers open, 48 licensed infant/toddler, preschools open, 104 licensed child care providers open. The city in June distributed 950 cloth face coverings to 52 providers and in August 21,000 disposable face coverings to 210 licensed providers.

Scarlett vonThenen - the Council on Developmental Disabilities as PPE and face masks available to disabled persons and to sites that have children with disabilities.

Tiffany Alva - First 5 OC has completed the Child Care Landscape Analysis, the commission will be presenting it at the October Commission Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Maureen Fitzpatrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Tiffany Alva second the motion

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



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