



MINUTES

Local Planning Council

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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

Zoom Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/87915212423>

Members Present: Tiffany Alva, Penny Andrews, Sandy Avzaradel, Chris Becerra, Kamica Barnes, Delores Barrett, Sue Bierlich, Tom Chiaromonte, Seon Chun-Burbank, Wendi Evans, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Elida Garcia, Fritzi Gragg, Darcie Kass, 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, Julie DeLorenzo, Diane Jasso, Kathleen Leary, Kathleen McFarlin, Amanda Selogie

Guests: Jenn Kinkel (Fullerton College), Lisa Stambolis (Families Forward), Janice Howver (OCDE), Karina Chavez (Hands Together A Center for Children), Mona Green (FVSD), Maria Rodriguez (FCC)

Council Staff Present: Susan Shepardson, Lisa Edwards

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by Fritzi Gragg, Chair at 9:34 am, followed by Pledge of Allegiance
Attendance and Introductions conducted by Valerie Padilla, Vice-Chair, and a quorum was confirmed

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION (A)

Any Council member and any member of the public may request that any item be pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed under Council Business for discussion or postponement to a later date.

No comments made

Adopt Agenda for (A)

Approve [Minutes](#) (A)

Motion to approve and adopt Agenda and Minutes as presented made by Maureen Fitzpatrick

Motion second by Chris Becerra

All approved

Motion carried

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 submitted



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SPOTLIGHT

“New” [Inclusion Pathways](#), presentation by Janice Howver, Darcie Kass, and Traci Stubbler
Darcie Kass introduced Traci Stubbler who gave background on the Inclusion Pathways, the pathways is an online self-study tool, the Inclusion Pathways were started by request of QualityStart OC in 2014 due to site ratings. The Inclusion Pathways document went live in 2016.

The Inclusion Collaborative Committee will be working with Workforce Development Committee to reach out to higher education to share these resources.

Discussion:

- Chris Becerra commented that Orange County is so far ahead of the other counties in this area
- Elida Garcia stated this could be shared on the Friday Focus, and with the higher education community of practice.
- Tiffany Alva of First 5 OC would like to share at their district meetings
- Valerie Padilla of Head Start has a team that works on inclusion, this will be very helpful, they may have Darcie present to the inclusion directors of Head Start.
- Darcie Kass commented, please let us know if you would like a presentation or if you have other resources that you think should be included
- Tiffany Alva requested, that we get an email blurb on who to contact with questions, we would like to send this out
- It was been requested that Lisa Edwards, Council Admin add the Inclusion Pathways to the Council website, replacing the old documents.

COUNCIL BUSINESS ACTION (A)/DISCUSSION (D)

No Council Business this month

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

Member Attendance -

Fritzi Gragg, Council Chair reminded the members that attendance is mandatory to council meetings and committee meetings; members that are up for reappointment will be reviewed for attendance. Fritzi also stated members must be involved in at least one committee.

Reporting Committee Meeting Absences -

Fritzi Gragg, Council Chair reminded the members in the event of a necessary absence from a Council meeting or a committee meeting, please contact Lisa Edwards and Susan Shepardson. Fritzi also noted that Lisa Edwards tracks attendance at all meetings, Council and Committee.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee break-out rooms - Committees had a 20 minute time in virtual break-out rooms.

Committee Reports -

Strategic Planning and Evaluation (G) - Amber Nowak stated the same Priorities Report that was submitted last year will be submitted this year. The committee will be reviewing the Child Care Plan at their next meeting which was last reviewed in June when we added COVID information. The committee will also be looking at new ways to do committee check-ins, to make sure committees are fulfilling their goals.



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Workforce Development (P) - Laura Vidal stated the committee is working on the Family, Friend or Neighbor (FFN) survey. The Outstanding Advocate of the Year announcement is coming in March. Webinar "Helping Child Care Cope with COVID" on February 25th, 2-hour presentation from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm intended audience is child care centers, directors, and teachers; we will have presentations from a health care nurse on regulations and immunizations, OSHA Guidelines by Fritzi Gragg, and Janneth Linnell and Sue Bierlich will be talking about cohorts and how to implement them. Lisa Edwards will be sending out the email invite one more time. A CA Mentor Program subcommittee has been formed to see what a county mentor program would look like and how to financial support, there is a zoom call with community colleges on Friday, February 19th at noon to discuss this option.

Inclusion Collaborative (P) - Traci Stubbler commented that the committee will be working on the launching of the Inclusion Pathways, attending the next Workforce Development meeting to discuss higher education. Then, continuing to push out the UCP survey to providers to get feedback on what they need support in now.

Membership (G) - Deanna Parga stated that the committee is looking at attendance and continuing to review, they will be looking at what needs to be updated for policy. Members up for reappointment have received Notice of Intent (NOI) forms, if your membership is approved for reappointment you will also be asked to submit a reappointment application and updated resume, be sure to submit quickly. We will continue to provide networking time before council meetings.

Emergency Child Care Task Force (AdHoc) - Tiffany Alva discussed the infographic one-pager for the bi-annual campaign to encourage providers to update information with CHS, licensing, and the local database. The task force is working on vaccines and the priority for child care, we had a consultant from First 5 at our last meeting, who discussed what is happening around the state. We are working on the back-in to assist OCHCA and get the information out to our programs especially with family child care providers. We had a subcommittee that met to talk through vaccines after a request from the OCDE Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Christine Olmstead reached out to get input on a survey for child care providers.

Nominating Committee (AdHoc) - Deanna Parga stated that the subcommittee had their first meeting for introductions and to layout the process for nominations. The subcommittee consists of Deanna Parga, Megan Pritchard, and Diane Montano. If you would like to be considered for Chair or 2nd Vice-Chair, please reach out to Deanna.

COLLABORATIVE AGENCY REPORTS

First 5 Orange County - Tiffany Alva commented that First 5 OC just opened commission recruitment resumes and applications they have openings for 1 in health and 2 for education, applications are sent to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval in March. Wrapping up the 2nd part of the Child Landscape we had over 1000 parents that have completed the survey, we will wrap up and present to the commissioners in June and then launching a new website.

Discussion: What are the qualifications for a commission position? Qualifications for the commission are you need a background in early education and live in the County of Orange.

Children's Home Society (CHS) - no report given, Diane Jasso was not in attendance



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APPOINTED AGENCY REPORTS

County of Orange Board of Supervisors, SSA, Amber Nowak, BOS - Lobbies are open as of February 1st, locations open to the public are Anaheim, Laguna Hills, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana, you will have to go through a precheck process, we are encouraging people to apply online, all other SSA offices will remain closed until further notice. Members should have received notification of the E-700 Form, the deadline to submit your form is April 1st. The county has put on their website and made available OC Board of Supervisors in partnership with the OC Workforce a mobile workforce solution for businesses or educational assessments, and access to support services; businesses can use this for pre-employment screening, also a training room for the general public on safety. A flyer will be sent out by Lisa Edwards after the meeting <https://www.oconestop.com/mobile-unit>

Superintendent of Orange County Schools, OCDE, Dr. Elida Garcia, SOS - OCDE is working with the OCHCA to coordinate vaccines for the education sector. Currently, the county is in phase 1A for 65+ targeting educators who are 65+, they are encouraged to register on Othena and they will receive a message when they can obtain the vaccine. The number of 65+ is only at 50% so they are currently the priority.

SECOND VICE-CHAIR REPORT

Diane Montano presented [2020-2021 Child Care Budget Proposal](#), [Legislative Tracking Sheet](#), and [Fact Sheets](#)

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The report may be in verbal or written form.

Workforce Pathways Grant - Family, Friend & Neighbor Update - Workforce Pathways Grant has a few deliverables involving family friend and neighbor (FFN), one is to recruit five FFN to help them become licensed, the information about this was distributed through OCDE Alternative Payment, CHS Alternative Payment. There is a total of 900 FFN currently through OCDE Alternative Payment, CHS Alternative Payment, and CalWORKS many of them do not have email addresses so we had to distribute a hardcopy flyer, we had 4 people interested to-date. Reimbursement will be made to the provider for fees/costs related to becoming licensed.

OC CCTR Funds Update - this is state-contracted dollars in our county, centers who are over or under-earning can work together to help keep those dollars in the county. We had an infant/toddler contract that someone relinquished in the county, Traci Stubbler on behalf of the Irvine Child Care Project applied for the funding, \$383k went to the Irvine Child Care Project and to subcontracted Catalyst Families, the funds went to school-aged, we, however, did lose the subsidy and space for infant/toddler. Given centers are doing distance learning, having the funds for school-aged children is a good use of the funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements may be in verbal or written form.

Community Announcements - No announcements given

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 *Networking 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Council Meeting 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*



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Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- Steering - *Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*
- Membership - *Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*
Zoom Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/83759310603>
- Strategic Planning & Evaluation - *Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.*
Zoom Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/84537511818>
- Inclusion Collaborative - *Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.*
Zoom Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/82908031873>
- Workforce Development - *Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.*
Zoom Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/87148153894>
- Emergency Child Care Task Force - *Thursday, March 4, 2021, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.*
Zoom Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/86205783153>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Tiffany Alva to adjourn the meeting, Traci Stubler made the second, meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Meeting Attachments:

Meetings, January 20, 2021
Legislative Tracking
Fact Sheets

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