



# MINUTES

## Local Planning Council

Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Link: <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/81530539165>

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**Members Present:** Tiffany Alva, Janet Anderson-Deusenberry, Penny Andres, Sandy Avzaradel, Chris Becerra, Dolores Barrett, Sue Bierlich, Tom Chiaromonte, Seon Chun-Burbank, Julie DeLorenzo, Wendi Evans, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Fritzi Gragg, Diane Jasso, Darcie Kass, Lee Lombardo, Kathleen Leary, Janneth Linnell, Yessika Magdaleno, Diane Montano, Amber Nowak, Valerie Padilla, Deanna Parga, Megan Pritchard, Yumi Ramirez, Amanda Selogie, Traci Stubbler, Laura Vidal, Scarlett vonThenen

**Guests:** Christine Olmstead (OCDE), Elida Garcia (OCDE), Anabel Garcia-Chak (Ready Play Learn Childcare), Catalina Sanchez (OCDE GLAD), Connie White (WestEd Regional Support Network), Samantha Hour (Boys and Girls Club of HuntingtonValley), John Zeimantz (Early Start Regional Center of OC), Josh Hilliger (Lakeshore Learning), Maritza Perez (Think Together), Bianca Rangel (Bianca's Family Childcare), Jennifer Shepard (First 5 OC Consultant), Anne Herzog, Elysse James, Rebecca Alvarez (First 5 OC)

**Council Staff Present:** Susan Shepardson, Lisa Edwards

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Call to order by Fritzi Gragg, Chair at 9:32 a.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance and Introductions conducted by Valerie Padilla, Vice Chair and a quorum was confirmed.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*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.*

Adopt Agenda for (A)

Approve Minutes (A)

Motion to approved and adopt Agenda and Minutes combined by Maureen Fitzpatrick

Motion Second by Traci Stubbler

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.*



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No public comments submitted

**SPOTLIGHT**

Child Care Landscape Presentation, First 5 OC presented by Rebecca Alvarez, introduction by Tiffany Alva. The landscape is focusing on infant and toddler care in Orange County.

Discussion:

Rebecca Alvarez stated, they are looking for ideas on who to share this information with, second you can share this information on social media which can be downloaded from First 5 OC website and shared on your social media sites. Phase 2 of this landscape will be to develop a survey, one for employers and one for parents. Finally let us know if you want to be a “champion” or help move this information forward and collectively work together.

Q) How many hours a day is considered full day?

A) 6 plus hours a day

Q) Do you have the ability to differentiate within ages 0 - 2?

A) that information is something we can better follow up on

Q) Where is the data coming from?

A) demographic data is coming from the census, supply data is coming from several places i.e., Needs Assessment, CHS, etc.

Q) Parent survey results, will you be differentiating between COVID and non-COVID?

A) the interview protocol for both employers and parents is to ask questions on both, the surveys are not finalized yet.

Q) For FCC, can licensing reduce the age for the infant to 0-18 so we have the chance to serve infants, we receive calls to serve infants more than toddlers.

A) ratio and funding make a difference

Q) For parents who need Sunday care and are having issues finding it, can subsidized care be split between 2 providers

A) yes, they do have that option if they are eligible for care on that day

Comment) as we look at building capacity and adding more slots for care, the support and professional development, we need to be sure that the teachers and providers are given the outlets to gain the skills

Comment) there needs to be an understanding of the cost to provide high quality care in a center, we are consistently being asked to bring our cost per child down. Policy makers need to understand this information, there is a high cost to deliver the care

Comment) high quality care costs, but we need to address the pay of our providers also

Comment) this is the time to collective support each other and bring to our legislatures

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Standing Rules Revision Approval (A)

A document with proposed changes to the current Standing Rules was provided prior to the council meeting, it was reviewed again during the meeting, a time for comment was provided, no comments were received.

Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Standing Rules as presented made by Sandy Avzaradel.



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Deanna Parga second the motion  
All approved  
Motion carried

LPC Programs Summary of Self-Evaluation Findings (A)

The Summary of Self Evaluation Findings report was provided to the council members prior to the meeting for review, it was reviewed during the meeting, a time for comment was provided, no comments were received.

Motion to approve the Summary of Self Evaluation Findings as presented by Traci Stubbler  
Diane Montano second the motion  
All approved  
Motion carried

**COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT**

Committee Timelines -

Fritzi Gragg shared that each committee is now charged with helping to develop a timeline for each respective committee and submit to Steering by the deadline of February 3, 2021; a complete LPC Timeline will be developed from each of the committee timelines submitted.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning and Evaluation - Amber Nowak stated that the next committee meeting is in November, they will be looking at priorities report and the committee timeline.

Workforce Development - Laura Vidal shared the committee worked on the new Workforce Pathways grant and the requirements of the committee in relation to the work of the grant. Moving forward they will be reviewing professional development and discussing how to Family Friend & Neighbors by developing a survey.

Inclusion Collaborative - Traci Stubbler shared that the committee has worked on updating their 20-21 work plan, their next meet is in January.

Membership - Deanna Parga shared that the committee reviewed the New Member Orientation conducted in September.

Emergency Child Care Task Force (AdHoc) - Fritzi Gragg shared that the committee has decided to keep the Emergency Child Care Plan development under the Emergency Child Care Task Force at this time. They have changed their meeting schedule, the first Thursday of each month is for committee business and the third Thursday of each month is for developing the Emergency Child Care Plan. There was also discussion on moving the database and resources website from Early Childhood OC to Children's Home Society, this will be discussed further at their next meeting.



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## **APPOINTED AGENCY REPORTS**

County of Orange Board of Supervisors, Social Services Administration (SSA)

Amber Nowak shared that the County of Orange is hosting free mobile flu vaccines, there are also flu pop up clinics also opening. Social Services is still utilizing the MyBenefits link to limit the traffic in the lobby, the Santa Ana office on Grand has a drive thru service by appointment only on Saturdays. Social Services Administration in part with Public Authority looking for donations of cloth face covering and surgical masks for home care providers, also WOW Wifi on Wheels free wifi available, the flyers will be shared after the meeting.

Superintendent of Orange County Schools, OCDE - Elida Garcia shared that OCDE received the notification award letter for the Workforce Pathways Grant. OCDE is continuing to offer professional learning virtually.

## **SECOND VICE-CHAIR REPORT**

Diane Montano - shared that the governor signed the Education Finance bill. Also, signatures on attendance records, providers now only need to show they have attempted to get the signature

If any members hear of legislation that they feel we should be supporting as a council, please share with the steering committee or Diane Montano

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

*The report may be in verbal or written form.*

Council Spotlights/Community Forums 2020-2021 Draft was shared, the document is still fluid and may have changes as there is more discussion.

Workforce Pathways Grant - Professional Learning, Susan will be conducting meetings to discuss the professional learning mandates under the grant and develop a plan for the Workforce Development Committee can move forward with professional learning required in the areas of dual language learner, inclusion, and trauma informed care.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Announcements may be in verbal or written form.*

Community Announcements

Sandy Avzaradel shared that the Board of Supervisors approved \$5 Million for OC Child Care Providers <https://charitableventuresoc.org/county-of-orange-covid19-childcare-resilience-program/>

County of Orange COVID-19 Child Care Resilience Program CARES Act funding, applications accepted Friday 10/30 9am and closes 11/9 5pm. There are eligibility requirements and restrictions on use of funds. Money must be spent by December 30, 2020 and receipts submitted by January 15, 2021. More information will be sent out on applying.



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Valerie Padilla shared that OC Head Start is still enrolling for birth to 5 years old full day and support services and distancing learning are available also.

Janet Anderson-Deusenberry shared that the OCAEYC Conference will be March 6, it will be a virtual conference, the save-the-date will be out soon.

Lee Lombardo shared a flyer for Active Play Workgroup Series

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- Steering (Special Meeting - Timeline) Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Membership - Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Strategic Planning & Evaluation - Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Inclusion Collaborative - Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Workforce Development - Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Emergency Child Care Task Force - Thursday, November 5, 2020, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Emergency Child Care Plan - Thursday, November 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chris Becerra made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.