



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, June 17, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Webinar**

Council Members Present: Tiffany Alva, Janet Anderson-Deusenberry, Penny Andrews, Kamica Barnes, Dolores Barrett, Chris Becerra, Sue Bierlich, Kate Bono, Tom Chiaromonte, Seon Chun-Burbank, Charlotte Deschenes, 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: Chris Becerra, Julie DeLorenzo

Community Guests Present: April Aguilar, OCDE – Project Liaison; Mike Anderson, First 5 OC – Senior Program Manager; Sarah Cerda, Magnolia School District – Family Services Specialist; Hanaa El-Ansary, New Horizon Lower School Irvine; Stefani Ernst, Fullerton Free Preschool – Director; Carmen H; Jonathan Navarrete, Even Start Preschool, Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach – Preschool Director; Ann Saneto, Child Development Centers – Sr. Program Director; Claudia Sarmiento, Child 360 – Regional Account Manager; Griselda Ventura, Teacher Assistant Preschool

Special Guests Present: Sandy Avzaradel, Early Childhood OC - Recommended New Member; Megan Pritchard, Parent/Consumer - Recommended New Member, Lee Lombardo, YMCA OC - Recommended New Member, Melissa Wheelahan, Orange County Department of Education

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 9:34 a.m. through teleconferencing zoom webinar platform, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, sound provided by 1SoundFX - Preschool Students saying Pledge of Allegiance.

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



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COUNCIL BUSINESS

ACTION (A)/ DISCUSSION (D)

1. Vote on approved recommendations for 2020-2022 New Council Membership Categories Appointments as presented by Steering Committee (A)
Deanna Parga presented the three recommended new members to the Council membership. Sandy Avzaradel as BOS Community Representative, Lee Lombardo as SOS Community Representative, and Megan Pritchard as SOS Consumer.
Traci Stubbler motioned to accept the new members as slated
Maureen Fitzpatrick second the motion
Members confirmed
Motion carried
2. Vote on approved recommendations for 2020-2022 Council Membership Reappointments as presented by Steering Committee (A)
Deanna Parga presented the 13 recommended reappointments to the Council membership.
BOS: Penny Andrews – Consumer, Darcie Kass – Child Care Provider, Lisa Sciabica – Child Care Provider, Scarlett vonThenen – Public Agency Representative, Amber Nowak – Public Agency Representative, Laura Vidal – Community Representative, Wendi Evans – Community Representative and Seon Chun-Burbank – Discretionary
SOS: Yumi Ramirez – Child Care Provider, Yessika Magdaleno – Child Care Provider, Dolores Barrett – Community Representative, Valerie Padilla – Community Representative and Susan “Sue” Bierlich - Discretionary
Traci Stubbler motioned to accept the reappointments as slated
Diane Montano second the motion
Members confirmed
Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Workforce Development –

Laura Vidal shared that Learning Stories Presentation was held virtually on May 20, there were 173 attendees, we are discussing plans to have an in-person event in 2021.

The next Workforce Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020. We will be discussing the Learning Series for 2020-2021.

Workforce Pathways Grant – Susan Shepardson and Melissa Wheelahan introduced the Workforce Pathways Grant, the formerly AB212. The grant provides \$467,000, the deadline to apply for the grant is June 29, 2020, and the announcement of acceptance will be July 3, 2020. The grant was prepared by Laura Strachan, Susan Shepardson, Amber Nowak, and Melissa Wheelahan. The grant requires 3 areas of concentration; advising, higher education, and professional development around dual language learners, trauma-informed care, and inclusion. Grant information will be shared with the Workforce Development Committee next week at their committee meeting. This grant unlike AB212 will be for all teaching staff in programs that accept vouchers. The focus with the grant is degree attainment, the goals of EECIP will change to focus on degree attainment instead of professional development, the grant focuses on FFN Family Friends and Neighbors to help them become licensed also Family Child Care Providers in the area of child care health and safety training. There is more required with the Workforce Pathways Grant with less grant money than our previous program.



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Susan Shepardson would like to thank the following partners for providing signatures on the grant: Fritzi Gragg as Council Chair, Tiffany Alva from First 5, Diane Jasso with Child Home Society, Tom Chiaromonte with Higher Ed, Amber Nowak with Social Services and Kamica Barnes with SELPA.

The goal for participants is 400 compared to 200 from AB212 for 2019-2020.

Council Discussion:

Tom Chiaromonte asked if this grant includes faith-based centers. Answer: Yes, they must accept vouchers, or CalWORKs Stages 1, 2, and 3, they must be on the list from CHS that they will accept these, not necessarily have them in their program currently.

Tom Chiaromonte asked if this is a local program or statewide. Answer: this is a statewide grant, \$11M from CDE, each county is given a different grant amount, LPC has first right of refusal.

Tiffany Alva asked if there is a way to help and support the programs that say they will accept vouchers but do not have any children with vouchers. Answer: if a program wants to be part of the program CHS sends out a form to the provider and the provider must send back the form.

The target date to send out the flyer to register for the program is July 14, 2020 priority will be given to AA Degree attainment and permits.

Strategic Planning and Evaluation –

Kate Bono shared, the committee met last week and started going through the Child Care Plan, discussing strategies that might be relevant due to COVID-19, the plan is revisited in the fall and then present to the Council to get feedback. Amber Nowak stated they want to incorporate new strategies, remembering that this is not our (LPC) plan it is the County plan, what should the County be doing. We also would like to place a focus on school-age children and distance learning and how that will impact capacity and afterschool programs.

Inclusion Collaborative –

Traci Stubbler shared that the next committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 23 they plan to check in with members on what services are being provided, and what is needed, what resources are needed for providers.

H.E.L.P. Conference has been placed on hold to focus on COVID-19, there has been some discussion on changing to a virtual event.

Inclusion Pathways is currently being updated by Darcie Kass and Janice Howver, they are working on updating links and adding inclusive behavior resources.

Nominations/Membership –

Tiffany Alva shared that the team has been meeting monthly. New members and reappointments will be receiving information about procedures for swearing-in, which must take place between August 5 and September 11. New members will receive an orientation invite to go over the history of LPC and the requirements of a member.

APPOINTED AGENCY REPORT

County of Orange Board of Supervisors –

Amber Nowak shared appointments and reappointments applications are scheduled to go to the board of supervisors on July 28, 2020. Clerk of the board will no longer be coming out to our meetings in person for swearing-in.

Social Services CalWORKs department giving stipends of \$375 to \$575, this is a one-time stipend for school-age children to participant in distance learning, they will be serving approximately 13,000 Orange County families, just under \$5.5M issued in total, this stipend is intended for the purchase of internet, computer software, headsets, computers, items necessary for distancing learning.

Discussion: How can someone get that information? Answer: this is an automatic payment being issued for all CalWORKs families afterward they will be getting a flyer to explain what the money is for. Our role in the community is to provide support on what to purchase and what they may need.

What age group was this considered for? Answer – ages 3 and up, preschool age and up



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Superintendent of Orange County Schools –

Debbie Troehler shared, we are starting to end this fiscal year and prepare for the next new fiscal year. Budgets for the 2019-2020 fiscal year were shared. In the fall we will have new budgets.

During COVID-19 an executive order was issued for Alternative Payment and subsidized payments for essential workers through June 30, this has been extended to July 30, waiting to hear from CDE on guidance on this executive order.

COUNCIL CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR REPORT

Council chair report, Fritzi Gragg share that the Steering Committee will be updating the Standing Rules so we can have a review and vote in September with the general membership. Discussion is being done regarding moving forward with Retreat in some sort of Virtual format, which could include the community.

Public Policy Report – Diane Montano shared the updates on the governor’s budget.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Emergency Child Care Task Force Update

Susan Shepardson shared that the Task Force with LPC as the lead will be providing several webinars and providing a community practice focusing on reopening and helping providers with the guidance that is issued from Licensing and CDE. The next webinar is tentatively scheduled for July 9 with a panel of providers with expertise, and Cinda Muckinthal providing best practices and health and safety procedures. We will utilize OMS Registration system and post questions for those registering to get an idea of what providers are needing, then we will drill down on those topics, then we will provide a community of practice for Family Child Care sites and center-based sites

Annual Summary of Activities Report – Susan Shepardson shared that she will be working on this report which is due July 19, with the assistance of Fritzi Gragg and Amber Nowak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Council Members, time permitting)

Community Announcements

Tiffany Alva - moving forward with COVID 19 and budget cuts, we must think about our policy outcome.

Kathleen Leary – could you steer me in the direction of school districts that are exploring child care with a 50% model, for school-age children. Susan Shepardson will connect her with the team at OCDE.

Penny Andrews – stated her district is going to start a task force in their district for re-opening she can share information.

Deanna Parga shared that Help Me Grow will be conducting another virtual Connect Café, the last one was a great success, the next one will have a speaker from Child 360 focusing on engaging children and parents in a virtual world.

ADJOURNMENT

Tiffany Alva made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Deanna Parga second the motion

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Predicting this will be a virtual platform

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