



**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

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**LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Council Members Present:** Tiffany Alva, Kamica Barnes, Dolores Barrett, Sue Bierlich, Kate Bono, Seon Chun-Burbank, Tom Chiaromonte, Julie DeLorenzo, Janet Anderson-Deusenberry, Charlotte Deschenes, Wendi Evans, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Fritzi Gragg, Diane Jasso, Darcie Kass, Kathleen Leary, Janneth Linnell, Jennifer Marin, Kathleen McFarlin, Diane Montano, Brian Nguyen, Amber Nowak, Valerie Padilla, Yumi Ramirez, Lisa Sciabica, Traci Stubbler, Debbie Troehler, Laura Vidal, Scarlett vonThenen

**Council Members Absent:** Penny Andrews, Yessika Magdaleno, Lisa Sciabica, Amanda Selogie,

**Guest(s) Present:** Claudia Sarmiento, Child 360; Connie White, WestEd PITCPQ; Laura Sanbrano, UCI; Ann Saneto, CDI; Jennifer Robinson, Buena Park School District

**Local Planning Council Staff Present:**

Lisa Edwards, Susan Shepardson, Shelia Arnold

**CALL TO ORDER**

Fritzi Gragg, Chair convened the meeting at 9:37 a.m. at the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), 200 Kalmus, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Room 1001, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by.

Roll taken by Valerie Padilla, a quorum validated, followed by introduction of each member and guest(s) present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Item #1 and Consent Item #2 were approved together with the correction to the October 16, 2019 Minutes adding Deanna Parga as being in attendance.

Consent Item #1: Adopt agenda for January 15, 2020 meeting and Consent Item #2: Approve Minutes from October 16, 2019 meeting

Motion to approve by Traci Stubbler

Motion to approve seconded by Maureen Fitzpatrick

Abstention: None

Motion passed

**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.*

Connie White, Regional Coordinator for Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) and Partners for Quality (PQ) shared about the countywide 0-3 Program Infant Toddler Care (PITC) Seminars that are available through their program.



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**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ACTION (A)/ DISCUSSION (D)**

A. Child Care Planning Council County Needs Assessment for 2020 (D/A)

Amber Nowak presented by the updated Needs Assessment for discussion to the members before the Council approves the report.

Discussion: It was stated that the AIR (American Institute of Research) information is old data from 2016; AIR was to update that information in December, but due to some changes at AIR that has not been done. Question asked; because this is a census year will we be able to use that data? Amber stated that this report is due before the information from the Census is available. We can update the report each year if we have more accurate data; this report is for 2020 – 2024. Tom Chiaromonte stated the data regarding population is matching what we are seeing at the centers.

Amber shared that Section 9 references 70% SMI (State Median Income); last year July 1 to be eligible for subsidies, it went up to 85%. In AIR, you can choose the 70% or 85% SMI there are two areas that reference this on the report, in one area of the report you choose 70% SMI and one you can choose 85% SMI. We could potentially be missing 15% for services if we go with 70%. It was suggested that we change what we can now and update next year, also add footnotes. We want to show there is an increase in the families eligible and not space to meet the need.

Member, Kathleen McFarlin asked if the Council could make a motion to approve the report with the suggested amendment of keeping numbers the same and footnoting where necessary that 85% SMI was used.

Motion to approve by Traci Stubler

Motion to approve seconded by Valerie Padilla

Abstentions: None

Motion passed

B. Child Care Plan 2019-2024 (D)

The Child Care Plan presented by Kate Bono, who stated that the Strategic Planning Committee created a Child Care Plan last year, we now need to get a better idea of what is already being done throughout the County and what we need to encourage the County to move towards. The members were asked to gather, in groups of 2 to 4, and discuss the items and enter information either on the google document, with the link provided or on the hardcopy document provided; the information will be compiled by Lisa Edwards and submitted to Kate Bono for the Strategic Planning Committee to review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** committees met for 15 minutes to review, discuss, and then share out to the Council.

Strategic Planning and Evaluation – Amber Nowak reminded everyone that the Public Hearing for the Child Care Priorities Report, will be held on February 5, 2020, at Orange County Department of Education, Esplanade - Building 5, Suite 106 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; the notice has been posted and sent out to the community, please invite others to attend and ask questions.

Workforce Development – Laura Vidal reported that the Learning Series are almost complete. The committee will be working on a Spotlight presentation for the March Council meeting about Learning Stories; at the Council meeting on May 20 the Committee will have a Community Forum on Learning Stories, we want to encourage directors to the Community Forum on May 20 and then in the evening we will have the community and teachers attend. We need to begin working on the Outstanding Advocate Nominations for the OCAEYC awards slated for May 1.



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Inclusion Collaborative – Traci Stubbler reported that the last committee meeting in October was a full debrief of the H.E.L.P. Conference, the next meeting will be a planning meeting to begin preparing for the next H.E.L.P. Conference in November and also to work on committee goals.

Nominating/Membership – Deanna Parga reported that the committee is growing by number and in task, we have some new items to begin working on and updating, the committee will also begin having committee meetings on an ongoing basis.

**APPOINTED AGENCY REPORT**

County of Orange, Board of Supervisors (BOS) – Amber Nowak reported October 1 new implementation of 12-months of CalWORKs Stage 1 has been fully implemented as of November 15 and it has been a smooth implementation, now any applicant will be immediately authorized 12-months of care regardless of what happens during that 12-months. She and Susan Shepardson attended the CCCCA meeting, there is a proposal for a new Department of Childhood Development proposed by the governor, to be created under Health and Human Services, everything under CDE except for CSPP would be moving to Health and Human Services, we are not sure what this will mean just yet.

Superintendent of Orange County Schools (SOS) – Debbie Troehler will be attending a meeting at CDE this week to get more info on the Department of Childhood Development proposal. The new budget came out; there will be a meeting with Every Child California on January 23 where they will have more information on the budget. We are waiting for information on the Impact dollars, which ends in June; we will be getting more funds for three more years. Child Care program subsidies for OCDE and CHS funds have tripled in the past year, we are serving more families, we have had a huge push to get more families on the wait list and begin to process those families. Alternative payment has doubled staffing and added an additional suite to get all the new families enrolled. At the next Council meeting, Debbie will be sharing more about the funds for professional learning and about the second quarter budgets.

**COUNCIL CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT**

A. Public Policy/Legislation Liaison Report

Diane Montano reported that the budget of 2020-2021 is out for your reading, she will be reporting more next month.

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

A. CDE Preschool Development Grant Update

Reported by Susan Shepardson, that the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) is a federal one-time grant to look at all of California and the landscape of early learning and care. Each LPC (Local Planning Council) was charged with conducting focus groups. On November 15, we had a Kindergarten Transition focus group, the questions were preset we gave a self-care package to attendees. November 21 we had a Parent Focus Group, a huge thank you to Bryan Nguyen and Kathleen McFarlin for helping get parents; hosted at Anaheim Elementary School District, we had a great diversity of parents with two dads, parents with infant care, special education, foster parents and ethnic diversity. The OCDE Evaluation and Assessment Coordinator transcribed the notes from these meetings. Bryan Nguyen stated that the Parent Focus Group was very successful and the parents really enjoyed it. We would like to have the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee utilize the reports from these focus groups and see what we can do with the information. The PDG grant will continue for three more years under Health and Human Services.



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- B. LPC Composition of Membership Categories Report – reported by Susan Shepardson, the Categories report is due to today, the three representatives from the Council signed the report at the Steering Committee last week. The report shows that we as a Council are being diligent to keep our Membership Categories equal and shows that we have ethnic diversity within the Council.
- C. Spotlights and Community Forums – Reported by Susan Shepardson the schedule is confirmed for this Council year, all members received a copy of the schedule.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Council Members, time permitting)**

Community Announcements –

Dolores Barrett with the Community Action Partnership of Orange County, distributed flyers for a Diaper Bank they are starting, they are looking for a distribution plan, and they currently have three distribution locations. They have seed money for the next two years; however, donations are accepted.

Tom Chiaromonte of Fullerton College shared that Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Duncan from Ohio Environments will be speaking at Fullerton College from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

Scarlett vonThenen with State Council on Developmental Disabilities shared that on January 31, they are hosting a Disability Rights Workshop, Neal Kelly will be the keynote speaker, the purpose of the workshop is regarding voting and the census for persons with disabilities – this is a free event, with lunch provided. Flyers were distributed.

Dolores Barrett shared that this year for voting, centers will be open for more than one day.

Tiffany Alva from First 5 OC is looking to fill three new positions for two Program Managers and a Data Analyst for home visitation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

**ACTION**

Motion to approve by Traci Stubbler

Motion to approve seconded by Laura Vidal

Abstentions: None

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa CA 92626

Building D, Room 1001

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

View the Committee Meeting Matrix online at <http://occhildcarecouncil.org/Pages/Council-Committees.aspx>

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