



Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee  
Minutes: February 6, 2013  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: The California Endowment  
1000 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA

**Members in Attendance:** (26) Lisa Wilkin, Andrea Joseph, Sandra Parvis, Beth Hodges, Kathy Schreiner, Rosemary Melendez, Patricia Moreno, Gregory Uba, Nurhan Pirim, Kathleen Pompey, Marinana Arrellano Renteria for Jennifer Barraza, Ana Campos, Atalaya Sergi, Joann Mejia Shalhoub, Nikki Zomorodi, Ofelia Medina, Norma Amezcua, Dianne Philibosian, Diana Pinto, Leora Riley, Ofelia Aguilar, Darlene Cabrera, Terri Hess, Jennifer Kuida, Sarah Soriano, and Fiona Stewart

**Guests and Alternates:** Ancelma Sanchez, Daisy Ramirez, Vanessa Mendez, Yulsi Fernandez Montero, Susan Savage, Lindsey Hanlon, Evelyn Kwan, Veronica Miele, Marilyn Burgess, Cyndi McCauley, Nora Garcia Rosalez, John Harris, and Cynthia Mc Clain

**Staff:** Laura Escobedo

I. Welcome and Introductions

Andrea Joseph, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. She read the opening statement and then asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

II. Report from the Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable)

Andrea Joseph reported that the Roundtable was still considering a name change and discussions were continuing. The Roundtable has invited Kim Belshé, new Executive Director of First 5 LA, to present at its next meeting scheduled for February 13, 2013.

III. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2013

**The Vice Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes for January 9, 2013. The motion was made by Dianne Philibosian and seconded by Mariana Renteria. The motion passed with no abstentions.**

IV. Update from the Office of Child Care

Laura Escobedo reported that the ad hoc Strategic Planning Work Group discussed the period for the newly developed Strategic Plan and determined that a five year plan made more sense given the changing economic and political climate. The group is recommending that the Planning Committee approve the five year period with a review of the plan during the third year of implementation.

**Lisa Wilkin moved to accept the Strategic Plan Work Group's recommendation; it was seconded by Sarah Soriano. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed with no abstentions.**

Laura Escobedo reported that the final draft version of the Strategic Plan would be ready for the Planning Committee's approval at the March meeting. She also shared that the third annual survey of subsidized center-based providers was being distributed this week. This survey would provide a clear picture of the ultimate effects of budget cuts from last year.

V. Report from the Joint Committee on Legislation

In Kathleen Pompey's absence, Lisa Wilkin from the Joint Committee highlighted some of the items in the Governor's budget. She noted the elimination of Cal-SAFE (California School Age Families Education) as a categorical program and the potential that school districts would not choose to

continue these programs without special set-aside funding. The only cut to child development programs was a .05 percent negative growth factor. There will be a cut of about \$1.5 million to the quality fund, but California Department of Education (CDE) staff have indicated that neither the Local Planning Council (LPC) budget nor the teacher stipend program would be reduced. While the Governor did not specifically build into his budget the realignment of child development programs, he did charge the California Department of Social Services with convening two groups: one would look at streamlining and making the current system more effective; the other group would help design the administration of Medi-Cal expansion, which may involve the switching out of state and county responsibilities and funding. Child care has been mentioned in this regard. The progress of these two stakeholder groups will need to be monitored.

#### VI. Presentation: Save My Seat

Susan Savage of the Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) and one of the team members working with the new Los Angeles Children's Data Partnership introduced the group to a new advocacy tool developed by the Advancement Project with the advice of and data from the Office of Child Care and the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles. A key piece of the data used was the result of the survey of subsidized centers conducted by the Early Care and Education Data Collaboration, which includes the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Head Start, Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) and the Office of Child Care. The site provides a picture of the loss of child care due to the recession and budget cuts. It presents the data by various geographies including zip code, assembly district, etc. and by the number of spaces available per each 100 children. Visit [www.savemyseatla.org](http://www.savemyseatla.org).

#### VII. Presentation: ECE WORKS!

Cynthia McClain and John Harris from Strategic Counsel presented on the Career Development Policy Project, ECE Works!, an initiative of the First 5 LA Commission targeting policy that impacts the qualifications and compensation of the early care and education workforce. Strategic Counsel is managing the initiative in collaboration with LACOE. ECE Works! hopes to create long term, sustainable change in training, compensation and retention within the early childhood education workforce. A policy/advocacy campaign focused on strategic communications has begun. This will highlight early care and education as an important workforce sector for Los Angeles. They are working toward specific policy proposals in the next legislative session and have spoken to several legislators who may be interested. Working with the Andersen School of Business at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), they have developed an economic forecast and are developing a Human Capital Index (HCI) that looks at educational attainment in Los Angeles County compared to other regions. Currently, Los Angeles is fourth from the bottom. This is an indication of economic competitiveness and workforce readiness, which can be positively impacted through greater investments in early care and education. They have created a website to promote the importance of early care and education at [www.eceworks.org](http://www.eceworks.org), which displays all of the information, data, articles and info-graphics they have gathered and developed. Anyone is free to use the items on the website in their own advocacy efforts and to contribute items to be displayed.

#### VIII. Announcements and Public Comment

- Sarah Soriano announced the last Kindergarten Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2013 in Long Beach. Anyone wanting to see how to organize this type of event is welcome.
- Leora Riley shared that as part of Black History month, there will be an "Eating Healthy" event at the Angelus Mesa Library in collaboration with the American Heart Association on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

- Ana Campos shared that LACOE is leading an effort to stage an event focused on male parental involvement in early care and education at a to-be-determined site in April 2013.
- Ancelma Sanchez announced the Southern California Association for Young Children's Dia De Los Niños scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at Belvedere Park.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen Pompey and seconded by Ofelia Medina. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.