



Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee
Minutes: September 1, 2010
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Arcadia Park Senior Center
405 Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, California 91006

Members in Attendance: (34) Rocio Bach, Lisa Wilkin, Sam Kirk, Kathleen Pompey, Susan McCombs, Diane Philibosian, Mary Helen Vasquez, Ofelia Medina, Fiona Stewart, John Berndt, Sarah Soriano, Bobbie Edwards, Deborah Gatti, Karla Pleitez, Ofelia Aguilar, Andrea Joseph, Kate Anderson, Mickie Allen, Norma Amezcua, Rachele Pastor Arizmendi, Grace Castro, Richard Cohen, Deborah Colman, Leticia Colchado, Adriana DeLaRosa, Diane Hackett, Gay Macdonald, Jeanette Magee, Ann Oshiro, Araceli Sandoval, Adrienne Schoen Gunn, Catherine Scott, JoAnn Shalhoub Mejia, and Audrey Stephens

Guests and Alternates: Peter Huffaker, Nurhan Pirim, Ancelma Sanchez, Edilma Serna, Lou Orr, Ritu Mahajan, Kathy Schreiner, Marion Siemon Burgeson, Emily Aguilar, Beth Hodges, Brittany Estrada, Roselle Schafer, Vanessa Mendez, Pamela Kwok, Ree Harris, Lupe Granados, Kelly King, Puv Needham, Madonna Cardenas, Susana Hernandez, Barb Holtwick, Elaine Waldman, and Diana Pinto

Staff: Laura Escobedo

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bobbie Edwards, Chair, opened the meeting 12:14 p.m. She welcomed the group and asked everyone to introduce themselves by stating their representation and sharing one fun thing each attendee did during the summer. The Chair read the opening statement.

II. Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2010 Meeting

The Chair called for a motion to approve the June 2, 2010 minutes. Dianne Philibosian moved to approve; Rocio Bach seconded the motion. Members pointed out two errors. Dianne Philibosian accepted the corrections as an amendment to her motion, which was seconded again by Rocio Bach. The Chair called for the vote. The motion as amended was approved with no abstentions.

III. Review of Proposed Changes to the Child Care and Development Portion of the County's Legislative Agenda

Laura Escobedo presented the two-page document containing the current legislative agenda with the proposed language changes highlighted. She explained that the second page was a fuller explanation of the intention of the agenda statements and served as a platform for the legislative agenda. This provides greater flexibility in directing the County Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs staff in responding to legislative or policy proposals. During the review and discussion, only one recommendation was made: to include language in the request for approval that refers to the platform so that it is acknowledged as a part of the legislative agenda.

IV. The Child Care Strategic Plan: Success through Collaboration

Laura Escobedo presented a list of collaborative efforts involving many organizations and government departments that contributed toward meeting the objectives and goals of the Child Care and Development Strategic Plan for Los Angeles County. The five outcome areas are Quality, Workforce, Capacity Development, Access and Affordability, and Customer Friendly Infrastructure. Achieving the stated goals under these Outcome Areas is not the sole responsibility of the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) whose vision the Plan is. They can only be achieved through collaboration.

V. Let's SEE

As a way of introducing Planning Committee members to one another and bringing the idea of collaboration closer to the membership, Dianne Philibosian led an exercise called **Speed Engagement Exercise**. Modeled on speed dating, members and participants moved to assigned tables every 20 minutes to meet new people and find out what their organizations do, what resources they have or need, and how some of the organizations represented on the Planning Committee may connect with one another.

VI. Overview of Planning Committee Materials

Ancelma Sanchez, Co-Chair of the Membership and Policies Work Group, reviewed the materials provided in the new member folders. Included was the roster of members, the Funding Streams Chart, the Work Group list, the Strategic Plan, and a table of contents for all the other materials used by or available through the Planning Committee on the Office of Child Care Web site at www.childcare.lacounty.gov. Ancelma explained that in past years each member would receive a large binder with all of the materials, but the Membership and Policies Work Group thought a more streamlined approach, using available technology, made more sense. The Web site includes data reports, model compensation scales, resource guides, and more that have been developed by the Planning Committee or the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and provides links to other important resources related to child care and development.

VII. Planning Committee Work Group Update

Bobbie Edwards stated that it is expected that all members of the Planning Committee participate in at least one Work Group. She asked past Chairs to give a brief overview of their Work Groups and the usual meeting schedule for each. Laura Escobedo stated that a schedule of all Work Group meetings would be sent to the membership next week.

VIII. Announcements and Public Comment

- Laura Escobedo announced that there would be another round of the Temporary, Voluntary Transfer of Funds for California Department of Education (CDE) contractors beginning _____ in October 2010. A request form is available on the table and any agency may call her to discuss.
- Elaine Waldman from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) re-introduced the *fotonovella* developed by the department to use in child development centers and with families to warn against having turtles and other reptiles as pets. Translations of the fotonovella were done through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and are available on the DPH Web site at www.ph.lacounty.gov/acd. Barb Holtwick displayed the Germ Busters handbook for older children and the Pertussis prevention flyers that were sent to all members.
- Nurhan Pirim wanted to make the group aware that the DPSS has mailed out information to all families with young children receiving services through DPSS about Head Start enrollment. Leticia Colchado stated that contrary to some reports, DPSS is paying for child care through CalWORKs Stage 1.
- The State Legislature passed a bill to ban the importation of any jewelry containing cadmium.

- California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA) will hold a meeting in January that is a video conference with CDE staff about the newly release Governor's Budget. They are seeking a site that allows video-conferencing for a large group. Please contact Lisa Wilkin for more information.
- Cycle 12 of the Investing in Early Educators - Stipend Program has launched. All materials are on the Office of Child Care Web at www.childcare.lacounty.gov .