



## CHILD CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE



**Minutes:** December 2, 2009  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** LACOE Head Start  
10100 Pioneer Boulevard  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

**Members in Attendance:** (27) Rocio Bach, John Berndt, Holly Reynolds, Karla Pleitez, Nurhan Pirim, Jenny Trickey, Tara Henriquez for Randi Wolfe, Ancelma Sanchez for Lisa Wilkin, Sam Kirk, Bobbie Edwards, Deborah Gatti, Flor Medrano for Pamela Kwok, Carolyn Wong, Moises Roman, JoAnn Shalhoub Mejia, Fiona Stewart, Cynthia Zarate for Ofelia Medina, Kathleen Pompey, Susan McCombs, Linda Atso for Yolanda Bosch, Pat Mendoza, Patti Oblath, Diane Philiposian, Judy Sanchez, Lloyd Kajikawa for Peggy Sisson, Roselle Schafer for Sarah Soriano, and Julie Taren

**Guests and Alternates:** Celeste Salinas, Elvie Matias, Nadia Varela, Pam Schmidt, Ben Phan, John Dempsey, Lou Orr, Susan Savage, Peggy Velasco, Ellen Deker, Melissa Perez, Adrienne Schoen Gunn, Susie Chavez, Patricia Herrera, and Rita Mahajjn

**Staff:** Laura Escobedo

I. Welcome and Introductions

Holly Reynolds, Chair, opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m., welcomed the group, and requested that everyone introduce themselves. The Chair read the opening statement.

II. Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2009 Meeting

**The Chair called for a motion to approve the November minutes with the addition requested by Department of Public Social Services. Bobbie Edwards made the motion and it was seconded by Sam Kirk. The Chair called for the vote. The motion was approved with no abstentions.**

III. Office of Child Care Update: Update on the Temporary Voluntary Transfer of Funds Process

Three agencies offered to release funds from four contracts: three California State Preschool Programs (CSPP), and one General Child Care and Development (CCTR). However, one agency rescinded its offer after reviewing new strategies for using the funds. In total, \$1,050,000 was released (38% CCTR, 62% CSPP). The reasons for releasing the funds included delays in construction and/or licensing. Ten agencies (14 contracts) requested additional funds to serve more children until June 2010. Nearly 72% of the requested funds were for full time/full year center-based or Family Child Care Home Education Networks including the 0 to 3 population; only 28% was for CSPP. The amounts requested ranged from \$25,000 to \$500,000. Amounts awarded ranged from \$25,000 to just over \$100,000.

Having implemented the pilot based on the guidelines approved by the Local Planning Council (LPC) and California Department of Education (CDE), it is now clear that there is an additional factor in prioritizing and allocating funds: *plan for continuity of care for additional children served with temporary funds*. The Child Care Planning Coordinator will begin new orientations after the first of the year for the second round of transfers that will occur in May 2010. These transfers will involve agencies who have over-earned their contracts and are seeking additional funds to compensate. The second opportunity for transfer comes at a time in the year when agencies can project if they will have unearned funds that can be released.

A more complete report with the full year's results will be prepared and shared with the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) after June 2010.

#### IV. 211 LA County Developmental Screening Pilot Project and Follow-Up

Patricia Herrera, First 5 Program Manager/Development Screening Project Director, explained that the Developmental Screening Pilot Project is funded by W.M Keck and the Weingart Foundations and is embedded in the First 5 LA 211 Parent Help Line. The Help Line has been handling calls from pregnant women and parents of children 0-5 since 2005. This fall, the Developmental Screening Pilot Project was launched. This is the first pilot to conduct developmental screenings over the telephone as part of an Information and Referral call center environment. The goals are to provide a venue for universal screening, connect callers to needed services related to the results of the screening, and to collect data on outcomes, service gaps and barriers. By the end of the year they hope to conduct 200 screenings. Parents calling the 211 number who ask questions or raise issues related to their child's development will be invited to have the screening. The screening tool used is the Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS). The results are immediate and provide a guide for the screener and parent in terms of next steps. The family may be referred immediately to an intervention provider, to an entity that can provide more extensive assessments, or to organizations that provide parent support services depending on the results. About 50% of the screens done in a three week test period were referred to intervention services immediately. This is an indication that the population calling 211 for a variety of needs is at high risk. Parents may be invited to have an additional screening (i.e. Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers) if the parent reports concerns with social/emotional development.

Providers are able to refer parents directly who can ask to have the screening. The 211 Parent Call Line Number is 888-First5-LA (347-7855).

#### V. Web Resources for Inclusive Practices.

Julie Taren, Co-chair of the inclusion Work Group, introduced a new section of the Office of Child Care Web site that is a compendium of various resources related to support for children at risk for or with disabilities and other special needs for parents or professionals. The Inclusion Work Group provided the recommendations and resource information; Michele Sartell from the Office of Child Care put it all together for the Web. Next steps will be to link with individual agency Web sites. It was suggested that the 211 LA County Developmental Screening Pilot Project have a more prominent listing.

#### VI. Child Care and Development Facilities Development Opportunities

John Dempsey of the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) spoke about funds that are available for the renovation, building or expansion of child care and development facilities. The Green Opportunity Fund will help retro-fit child care and development centers to be more energy efficient by replacing doors, windows, light fixtures, and air conditioning units. There is \$3,000,000 available for this in Los Angeles County. In addition, there is a construction fund that can be applied for facilities being renovated or built that will be serving at least 20% low-income families. He stated that LIIF may look at how to make these types of funds available to family child care in the future. Visit [www.liifund.org](http://www.liifund.org) for more information.

#### VII. Public Comment and Announcements

- Karla Pleitez invited all to the December 7, 2009 Constructing Connections LA Collaborative Meeting. This group is the Capacity Development Work Group of the Planning Committee. Flyers are available.
- CDE is hosting Webinars on the newly released Desired Results Development Profile-Revised (DRDP-R). There are a few changes related to aligning with the preschool and infant/toddler foundations.

- The California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) is offering many scholarships to early childhood professionals (centers and family child care) who are members of CAEYC. Share this information with any staff or providers who may be interested. Information on the CAEYC Web site at [www.caeyc.org](http://www.caeyc.org).
- Lawndale Unified School District and UCLA are grateful for the opportunity to access additional funds through the Temporary Voluntary Transfer of Funds Process.
- The Access Work Group and the Workforce Work Group will be meeting immediately after the Planning Committee adjourns.

VIII. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.