



Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee
Minutes: December 7, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Los Angeles County Child Support Services
5500 South Eastern Avenue
Commerce, CA 90040

Members in Attendance: (31) Lisa Wilkin, Eileen Friscia, Kathleen Pompey, Lloyd Kajikawa for Peggy Sisson, Dianne Philibosian, Norma Amezcua, Karla Pleitez Howell, Judy Sanchez, Tara Henriquez, Rachelle Pastor Arizmendi, Amy Bigelow for Patrice Wong, Peter Huffaker, Roselle Schafer, Andrea Joseph, Angela Williams for Sandra Parvis, Kathy Schreiner, John Berndt, Joanne Shalhoub Mejia, Jenny Trickey, Leticia Colchado, Deborah Colman, Ofelia Medina, Ann Oshiro, Atalaya Sergi, Erin McAvoy for Patti Oblath, Philip Chaio, Deborah Gatti, Pat Mendoza, Aileen Valino-Camcam for Adrienne Schoen Gunn, Julie Taren, and Vanessa Mendez for Mary Helen Vasquez

Guests and Alternates: Gay Macdonald, Ancelma Sanchez, Melinda Felice, Elaine Waldman, Alan Wu, Lou Orr, Jeremy Fisher, Patricia Salgado, Deborah Reff, Florence Nelson, Laura Coelho, and Susan Savage

Staff: Laura Escobedo

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2011

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes for November 2, 2011. The motion was made by Jenny Trickey and seconded by Pat Mendoza. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. Update from the Office of Child Care: Request to Approve the 2011 Needs Assessment Results and the New Priorities for Subsidized Child Care and Development Services.

Last month, Laura Escobedo presented the results of the Needs Assessment and the new zip code priority designations for full-day subsidized child care and development and for half-day preschool. She asked the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) to vote to approve both the needs assessment results and findings and the new priority designations. The draft findings and recommendations were presented and copies of the zip code priorities were available to all in attendance.

Following analysis with the Early Care and Education Data Collaboration, the revised priority setting formulas were discussed with a subgroup of the Planning Committee. With this group's endorsement, the new formulas were applied. The result is that there are only 40 zip codes with any priority for half-day preschool; only five zip code areas have a priority 1 for future preschool funds. There are 97 zip codes with a priority rating for subsidized, full-day center-based care (all ages); 30 are priority 1.

The new rules for half-day preschool priorities are:

Priority 1: 700 or more eligible children un-served representing at least 25 percent of all eligible children.

Priority 2: 500-699 un-served representing at least 25 percent of eligible children.

Priority 3: 300-499 un-served representing at least 25 percent of eligible children.

The new rules for full-day subsidized care are:

Priority 1: 1,500 or more un-served, representing at least 25 percent of all eligible children.

Priority 2: At least 750 un-served representing at least 25 percent of eligible children.

Priority 3: At least 500 un-served representing at least 25 percent of eligible children.

Because the State requires consideration all age groups in establishing priority designation for full-day center-based care, some areas with a high need for infants and toddlers but little need for preschool and/or school-age care did not receive a priority rank. For example, 91331 has 499 un-served infants, but no priority.

A motion to approve the findings and results of the needs assessment was made by Rachelle Pastor Arizmendi and seconded by Andrea Joseph. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed with no abstentions.

A motion to approve the new priority areas for future funding was made by Pat Mendoza and seconded by Lisa Wilkin. The Chair called for a vote. The motion passed with no abstentions.

IV. Request to Endorse the Children's Movement Agenda

Last month, Kate Anderson of Children Now presented information on the Children's Movement and Agenda as conceived by Children Now. She is working to gain the endorsement and support of many agencies, groups, and businesses. Laura Escobedo asked the Planning Committee to consider endorsing the agenda which would, when the Board of Supervisor's approves, allow the Planning Committee to take action in support of the elements outlined in the agenda.

A motion to endorse the Children's Movement and Agenda was made by Kathy Schreiner and seconded by Julie Taren. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed with one abstention.

V. Presentation: Early Care and and Education (ECE) Workforce Registry

Tara Henriquez from Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) and Susan Savage from the Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) provided information on the development of a pilot registry for early care and education workers at all levels. An ECE registry collects, tracks, acknowledges and manages workforce data including work history, coursework, positions held, certifications and credentials, and competencies. The state pilot is being designed by a group that includes people in San Francisco and people connected to the Los Angeles ECE Workforce Consortium under the coordination of LAUP. The hope is that the pilot would spread to encompass all areas of California. Much of the data entered into the registry by any individual will be verified such as coursework completed and permits, credentials, and places of work. Once fully registered, with all documentation completed and verified, practitioners will be able to easily obtain copies of any of

their professional documents for job or college applications including being able to pull out an up-to-date resume. Employers would have some access to the information on their own employees, which would help in creating professional development plans and reporting. ECE trainers could post trainings in the registry and provide e-certificates to attendees.

Some screens have already been completed; the launch will take place in Spring of 2012. The first registrants will be participants in projects connected to the ECE Workforce Consortium, such as participants in the Gateways trainings, the Steps to Excellence Program (STEP), and ASPIRE (A Stipend Program in Support of ECE Excellence). Eventually the system may connect with the Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division and the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing.

VI. Breakouts for Strategic Planning

Those in attendance divided into six groups, one for each of the impact statements developed from the previous meetings. The groups were charged with refining the goals developed at the last meeting and beginning to consider strategies and the role that the Planning Committee could play in carrying out the strategies.

VII. Announcements

- Elaine Waldman from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health stated that the team is planning a Food Safety Conference and needs representation from Antelope Valley. She asked for suggestions and volunteers.
- Debbie Reff from Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention announced that there are calendars regarding lead poisoning prevention on the back table.

VIII. Adjournment

Karla Howell, Chair, called for a motion to adjourn. John Berndt moved to adjourn. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.