



Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee  
Minutes – May 2, 2012  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: PACE Head Start Training Center  
1254 Goodrich Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90022

**Members in Attendance:** (27) Ancelma Sanchez for Lisa Wilkin, Kathleen Pompey, Peggy Sisson, Karla Pleitez Howell, Patrice Wong, Andrea Joseph, Sandra Parvis, John Berndt, Joanne Shalhoub Mejia, Deborah Gatti, Julie Taren, Rocio Bach, Norma Amezcua, Nurhan Pirim, Dianne Philibosian, Holly Reynolds, Adrienne Schoen Gunn, Terri Hess for Tara Henriquez, Diana Pinto, Judy Sanchez, Atalaya Sergi, Deborah Coleman, Rachelle Pastor Arizmendi, Pat Mendoza, Michelle Morse, Sarah Soriano, and Jenny Trickey

**Guests and Alternates:** Edilma Serna, Ed Sudario, Carol Hiestand, Lloyd Kajikawa, Deborah Reff, Lucia De la Riva, Consuelo Espinosa, and Randi Wolfe

**Staff:** Laura Escobedo, Michele Sartell

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. Update from the Office of Child Care

Laura Escobedo and Karla Howell reported on the outcome of the request that was presented to the Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable) in April to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that California Department of Education (CDE) funds for child care and development services not be transferred to the California Department of Social Services and county welfare departments. The Roundtable had requested more information before deciding. A meeting a several stakeholders was convened to discuss impacts of the Governor's Proposed Budget for 2012-13 and to build consensus for a position that could be carried forward to the Board. The approved recommendation was that the Board oppose a transfer of the CDE funds; rather the CDE be charged with creating a more streamlined and efficient system of subsidized child care and development. To that end, a policy fact sheet was developed and was distributed at the meeting. Among the policy changes listed for consideration were converting the "earned" contract system into grant-based contracts, reducing the number of rankings of eligibility, supporting AB 1673 (Bonilla) that would reduce the occasions for recertifying family eligibility, and, when budget reductions are necessary, that they are done with the intent of preserving the infrastructure of subsidized child care and development.

III. Presentation: Preventing Lead Poisoning in Children

Deborah Reff, Health Education Manager with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, shared information on the effects of lead poisoning, how lead can be ingested or inhaled by children, where lead contamination is likely to occur, and how to detect and treat lead poisoning. She emphasized how serious the consequences can be for young children exposed to sources of lead. Child care centers and family child care homes are good locations to disseminate the information on lead poisoning and its prevention. She provided those in attendance with an information packet and urged program managers to contact her for more information, materials, or an invitation to present to staff and parent groups. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) may be reached at 1-800-LA-4-LEAD; Deborah Reff may be reached at [dreff@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:dreff@ph.lacounty.gov).

IV. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2012

**The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes for April 4, 2012. The motion was made by Peggy Sisson and seconded by Dianne Philibosian. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed with no abstentions.**

V. Proposed Change to Child Care Planning Committee's Policies and Procedures

Joann Shalhoub Mejia presented the policy change recommendation reviewed by the Membership and Policy Committee. She explained that each Board of Supervisor office designates a representative to the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) and that often the Board Offices take two or more years to identify and designate their representatives, which leaves vacancies on the Planning Committee. When a representative is selected, he or she is currently subjected to the same term limits as are all other members. At the request of the Board Offices, the Membership and Policies Committee reviewed the current policy and then created a new statement for inclusion in the Planning Committee Policies and Procedures:

**Members designated by the Board office serve at the discretion of the Board member who designated them and may do so beyond the six year limit. A member designated by a Board office may be replaced under the following conditions: 1) the choice of the Supervisor; 2) at the resignation or retirement of the designating Supervisor from the Board of Supervisors; 3) because of unsatisfactory participation of the designated member in which case the procedure described in Section III is implemented.**

The members were assured that any Board designee could resign from the Planning Committee for their own reasons.

**JoAnn Shalhoub Mejia called for a motion to approve the new policy as worded. Adrienne Schoen Gunn moved to approve the new policy; Peggy Sisson seconded. Dianne Philibosian recused herself prior to the vote. The Chair called for the vote. The motion passed with one abstention.**

VI. Review of the Draft Strategic Plan

Laura Escobedo led the entire group through a review of the current elements of the Draft Strategic Plan as it is being developed through the work of the break-out groups: Local Planning Council Role, Quality, Workforce, and Access. She presented the impact statements that provided a platform for the development of goals and strategies. Next, she presented major outcome statements related to the impacts, yet with a more concrete articulation of effect. These were followed by goal statements that were founded on the language used by each group, but enhanced to ensure a bridge between the outcome statements and the strategies that each group has developed. The goal statements were meant to serve as "umbrellas" for the many different strategies currently listed in the Strategic Plan working documents.

She asked the full group to consider and critique the framework as well as the concepts that each break-out group has been working with in formulating the next Strategic Plan. The discussion throughout the presentation provided new elements for consideration, some concerns that will be taken up by each group, and clarifications regarding some of the goals and strategies. The June meeting will include the break-out groups so that the processing of refining the plan can continue. The Inclusion Work Group met separately prior to the meeting to review the elements in the draft and developed a one page document with language and policy recommendations, which will be forwarded to all Strategic Plan break-out groups for consideration.

VII. Announcements

- Families in Schools, in partnership with First 5 LA, is administering the allocation of new grants for non-profits to increase capacity to build social enterprises. Flyers were provided and announcements will go out via e-mail.
- On May 10, 2012, California State University-Northridge (CSUN) is presenting an HBO documentary on childhood obesity. It is free and all are invited to attend. An announcement was sent via e-mail.
- John Berndt reminded the group of the Head Start Resource Fair at the Expo Center in Downtown Los Angeles scheduled for May 19, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Andrea Joseph and seconded by Jenny Trickey. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.