

Lake County Child Care Planning Council

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015, 3:30 p.m.

Yuba College, Clearlake

- **Call To Order:** 3:38pm Sara Brucker, Co-chair
- **Revisions to Agenda** Change date from February 19 to March 19
- **Introductions:**
Members Present: Sara Brucker*, Laurie Daly*, Tavi Grainger, Jami White, Mary Prather,* Brandy Perry*, Jami Castaldo*, Angela Cuellar*, Laurie Allen (*Denotes voting member)
Members Absent: Gina Griffin*, Gloria Bradford*, Kim Gentle*, Cindy Adams*, Rosario Morris*, Marta Fuller, Bonnie Bonnett*, Katrina Hickey*, Savannah Mitchell, Elaine Robinson, Lisa Bady, Angel Whitson, Holly Sherman, Tom Jordan,
Guests: S2Q Participants: Teresa Hernandez, Belinda Sanders, Darcie Schmidt; Yuba College Students
- **Additions to Agenda:** Request for LPC Coordinator Subcommittee
- **Public Expression:** None
- **Approval of Minutes:** Tabled to March meeting (no quorum)
- **Program Updates:**
 - Sara Brucker – Learning House needs substitute teachers. Hired an ECERS Evaluator for assessment to qualify on QRIS Matrix.
 - Brandy Perry – Hiring RR Specialist, 28 hr., no benefits, \$12.40/hr. AA in ECE go to www.ncoinc.org
 - Angela Cuellar –E Center Migrant Head Start has teaching assistant and infant toddler positions.
- **Business**
 - Zip Code Priorities report presented. Members requested zip code chart with names of towns. Voting tabled until March meeting (no quorum)
 - CTKS Funding: (see handout) TK Stipend program review, launch in April
 - QRIS – Site evaluations ongoing. QRIS group meets March 23 to continue preparations.
 - LPC Coordinator Subcommittee: Sara Brucker, Brandy Perry, Angel Whitson volunteered to meet with Brock Falkenberg to discuss plans for ECE Coordinator.
 - ECE Awards – Marymount is secured as our site. Invitations will be delivered to sites after spring break. Have received 79 nominations to date.
- **Program Reports:**
 - Steps to Quality - Laurie Allen gave status update.
 - Coordinators Report: see handout
- **Upcoming Events, Meeting and Activities**
 - Next meeting April 16, 6:30 pm at Lakeport, Kesey Room

Angela Cuellar moved to adjourn meeting, Brandy Perry seconded, moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 pm.

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Interim Coordinator's Report
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Overview of Current/Future Activities and Collaboration

- Children's Council Participation
- Healthy Start Participation
- April Events Collaboration
- Hero Project Collaboration
- Steps to Quality Program Management
- Heroes of Health & Safety Fair Participation
- California Child Care Coordinator's Association Quarterly Meeting 5/18/15
- QRIS Summit 3/25/15 (Fresno)

Family Resource Guide

Current inventory +/- 13000 English guides.

Spanish version is in final editing steps and will go online in April. Possible printed version before end of fiscal year 2015.

Highlights/Information/Updates

CCDAA, in collaboration with the award-winning PBS series, Leading Edge, released of a television segment emphasizing the importance of early childhood education programs, the need for high quality and affordable early education programs as well as the future investment that is needed to help solidify the economic success of our communities.

During the week of March 23, 2015, CCDAA's segment will air 50 times on stations based out of Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose and San Diego. Networks such as CNN, CNN Headline News, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, TLC and Discovery are participating in the distribution. Additionally the segment will be distributed to over 200 participating PBS stations throughout the U.S.

New and continuing legislation of potentially high interest to the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care.

AB 47 (McCarty) Plan for expanding the state preschool program for all eligible low-income children without current access to one year of state preschool or transitional kindergarten. Report to contain an analysis of the need for new facilities for preschool expansion

AB 74 (Calderon) Would require CDSS to conduct annual unannounced inspections of licensed facilities, including child care centers and family child care homes, as of 1/1/18. Specifies incremental steps to increasing the percent of facilities subject to annual unannounced inspections and the frequency of inspections each year up to 1/1/18.

AB 762 (Mullin) Would require CDSS to adopt regulations, on or before January 1, 2018, to develop and implement an integrated license for a child care center serving children from birth to kindergarten. Would repeal the provisions relating to a toddler program component effective January 1, 2018.

AB 982 (Eggman) Would include homeless families as part of the intended priority for child development programs. Would expand the list of entities that can identify a child in need of child care and development services to include a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, a Head Start program, or a transitional shelter

New legislation on the WATCH LIST

AB 188 (Garcia) To fund eligibility determination.(ASM Human Services 3/24/15) Issue: Community agencies are ONLY reimbursed for the casework of verifying and enrolling a family IF an actual reimbursement (payment) to a family selected center or provider is truly "put out the door." CAPPA agencies report that during the process of enrolling and verifying family need and eligibility, anywhere from 10 to 60 percent of the families will not meet CDE criteria or will simply discontinue the enrollment process; thus no payment will be "put out the door." For an agency, that means that the work done to protect the public dollars and only enroll those that meet verifiable need and eligibility criteria is not reimbursed.

AB 233 (Lopez) The top priority of this legislation is to support eligible working poor families with stable child care for 12 months. Currently, many working poor families will turn down a three to five cent hourly salary increase because it may jeopardize their eligibility for child care. Additionally, since 2008, the California Department of Education (CDE) has issued 141 Management Bulletin (MBs)². The implosion of MBs coupled with dated agency requirements are redirecting family support dollars to comply with bureaucratic "red tape." These outdated requirements have surged per caseworker family loads from roughly 1 caseworker to 40 families to 1 caseworker to 185 plus families.

AB 589 (Lopez) Would require online child care job posting services to include specific information about each child care provider on the website profile or page that lists provider information, including but not limited to a description of the trustline registry and a description of the availability of free child care referrals in every county. The CDSS would be charged to responding to complaints about the website.

AB 598 (Rendon) Would amend existing law pertaining to Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHEs) by requiring that the tools used to make an assessment of family child care providers be appropriate to those settings

AB 1161 (Olsen & Atkins) Would establish the California Preschool Investment Fund, which would authorize the CDE to accept monetary contributions to the fund for purposes of preschool education until 1/1/2021. Five counties, via application by the counties' local child care and development planning council, will be selected by the CDE/EESD based on a number of factors to be included in the pilot. The CDE to develop a system for accepting monetary contributions to the program and to allocate credits to contributors on a first-come, first – served basis. The aggregate amount of credit shall not exceed \$250 million for each calendar year.

AB 1207 (Lopez) Would amend existing law pertaining to mandate child abuse reporting by requiring child care licensee applicants to take training in the duties of mandated reporters under the child abuse reporting laws as a condition of licensure, and a child care administrators or employees of a

licensed child care facilities to take the training during the first six weeks of employment by the facility. Training to include, but not be limited to, training in child abuse and neglect identification and child abuse and neglect reporting

AB 1467 (Bloom) Would increase the amount of civil penalties to be imposed for a licensing violation against community care facilities (inclusive of child development centers and family child care homes), and would impose civil penalties for a repeat violation of those provisions. In addition, would delete a requirement that moneys collected from the imposition of certain penalties be used for assisting families with the identification, transportation, and enrollment of children in another day care or family day care home upon the revocation or suspension of the license of a day care or family day care home.

SB 401 (Nguyen) Would exempt child care facilities licensed as centers or crisis nurseries from the 35 square footage requirements if the facility is located in an office building.

SB 548 (De León) (Co-author: Assembly Speaker Atkins) Would authorize family child care providers to form, join, and participate in the activities of provider organizations and to seek the certification of a provider organization to act as the exclusive representative for family child care providers on matters related to state-funded child care programs. In addition, would require an unspecified entity to perform a study of best practices for engaging families in their children's early care and education in family child care settings, and would require a certified provider organization and the state to form a Joint Committee on Child Care Training, Education, and Quality Improvement to identify gaps in the training available to family child care providers and issue recommendations to improve the quality of care offered by licensed and licensed-exempt family child care providers.

SB 645 (Hancock) Would increase appropriations by specified amounts to the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program annually in fiscal years (FY) 2015-16 and 2016-17. Commencing with FY 2017-18, would require the DOF to adjust the amount upwards using a specified formula.

SB 792 (Mendoza) Would prohibit a child development center or a family child care home from employing any person who has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles.