



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of Board Meeting September 25, 2008

Members Present: Cathy Roof, Carolyn Johnson, Deborah Penry, Patrick Shannon, Lynn Pfeiffer, Margaret Wiegert Jacobs, Alexandra Montgomery, Sue Houweiling, Judy Waggoner, Joan Means, and Kathy Lafferty

Members Absent: Gloria Hartsough, Heather Quarterman, Doug Rowe, and Daryl Hanson

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Sue Christy

Guests: Lisa Raffel, Erin Freschi, Debbie Supple, and Eloisa Mendoza-Hines

1.0 Opening Procedures:

- Welcome/Introductions:
 - Chair Carolyn Johnson welcomed everyone and asked for introductions all around.
- Agenda review and adoption:
 - Chair Johnson asked for agenda review and any changes. Ruth Fernandez asked for amendment to agenda: item #5 to be omitted - information is duplicated in item #4. Motion to approve agenda. *Agenda adopted.*
- Consider Approval of Past Minutes:
 - Chair Johnson asked for any changes to and approval of July 24, 2008 meeting minutes. Kathy Lafferty noted in item #6 the misspelling of Paula James. Motion was made to approve minutes with correction. *Minutes adopted.*

2.0 Public Comment:

- Debbie Supple and Eloisa Mendoza-Hines from CPIN shared upcoming workshops and handed out flyers/registration forms.

3.0 Project ACCESS Report:

- Lisa Raffel presented report from Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Project ACCESS: Advancing Child Care Education and Student Success Bridge Class October 2007-June 2008. The goal: a bridge to college.

4.0 LPC Coordinator's Report:

- Revised Project Report –
 - Grand total did not change, some incentive amounts did. Participant number changed to 283. Motion to accept revision. *Revision accepted.*

- AB212 Services Update –
 - State Budget was signed by Governor today. No report on child care yet. We submitted our plan in March 2008 with 25.9% cut as instructed. Under CCCOE we have been able to keep going without a State contract.
 - Activities: In collaboration with PDP/First 5. Our staff continues to visit centers every other month, coach and support participants. Attended information and QIP meeting and monthly cross-agency meetings. First 5 and CCCOE are very close in finalizing the 08-09 Memo of Understanding. Ruth will give report at November LPC Board meeting. Research of school age providers is ongoing. Findings show their needs are different. They haven't been given the resources that 0-5 providers have been given. Looking at ways to build services for school age that will maximize incentives we have for them. CCCOE is collaborating with CDE by providing a videoconference location for Title 5 contract information.
- Healthy & Active Before 5 – Leadership Council
 - Ruth attend first council meeting. The group was diverse with about 40 agency representatives countywide. Next the LPC will need to discuss how do we support initiative.
- Compliance Report
 - Board doesn't meet again before Compliance Report submittal deadline of November 15. Ruth gave each member a copy of the Education Code that pertains to LPC as well as a copy of the Self Evaluation Review Form. The Board reviewed and discussed each item individually. Board found LPC to be compliant in each of the seven (7) items. Motion was made to approve report. *Report approved*. Ruth will send report to State.
- Revised Meeting Calendar
 - November 20, 2008 meeting was added to calendar. It was determined that the November meeting will be a _ day retreat as well as a meeting. More retreat information to follow.

5.0 LPC Committee Reports:

- Legislation Report
 - Kathy Lafferty reported that AB978 bill has been signed. Bill is about licensing violation and appeals.
 - Kathy participated in an input session for the draft of Foundations – the physical and health pieces.
- Advocacy Committee
 - Cathy Roof reported on the 5th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum to be held in Richmond on October 4, 2008. All is looking well. Information was given on who has volunteered for jobs needing to be done.

6.0 Meetings attended by council members:

- First 5 - Kathy Lafferty reported First 5 would be conducting focus groups to collect feedback from the community to inform their Strategic Planning process. Ruth reported that Cally Martin would facilitate a discussion session at the November LPC meeting. It's important for bodies like LPC to give input.
- CARE Parent Network - Deborah Penry invited everyone to come to meetings – next one is November 12 at the CARE Parent Network office 12-1:30 p.m. Flyer handed out for an upcoming training “Road Map to Early Start and Special Education Preschool Services” on November 19.
- Child Care Council - Margaret Wiegert Jacobs mentioned an event being held at the Concord Child Care Center on Saturday, September 27 – 3rd Annual Children’s Art & Literacy Festival.
- PACE – Lexi Montgomery handed out PACE 30th Annual Fall conference brochure.

7.0 Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Senator Ellen M. Corbett, 10th District. Kathy Lafferty explained the LPC letter of support sent to the Senator regarding Senate Bill 1410 – reimbursement rate for Title V center-based childcare programs throughout California.

8.0 LPC Member Questions/Comments:

- Lynn Pfeiffer gave information regarding the Preschool Roundup - an event for all children who are residents of Martinez for any kind of screening needed-vision, hearing, speech, ot, etc.

9.0 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting – *Motion approved.*
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.