



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Minutes
Thursday, March 22, 2007

Present:

Carolyn Caldwell, Catherine Giacalone, Margaret Wiegert-Jacobs, Kathy Lafferty, Joan Means, Lynn Pfeiffer, Patty Pin, Cathy Roof, Stacie Roundtree, Judy Waggoner and Susan Stone

Staff Present:

Ruth Fernandez, Julie Everhart

Introductions:

Chair Lafferty asked everyone to introduce themselves. Chair Lafferty thanked the members that are in attendance.

Agenda Review:

Chair Lafferty reviewed the agenda. It was moved by Catherine Giacalone that the Agenda be adopted as presented. Margaret Wiegert-Jacobs seconded, motion carried. Agenda approved.

Minutes:

Chair Lafferty reviewed the minutes. After discussion it was moved by Cathy Roof, that the minutes be approved with the change in the spelling of "Lyons" to "Lions." Patty Pin seconded, motion carried. Minutes approved as corrected.

Approval of date and location for LPC Public Hearing:

Ruth reported that on May 7, she will be reporting to the Family and Human Services Committee members on the LPC's recommendations for local funding priorities. According local governance a notice of 10 days needs to be given prior to hosting the Public Hearing. The goal of the public hearing is to allow for public comments on the Local Priorities. Notice must be posted in two public locations. Ruth suggested that we post Public Hearing announcement on CCTV. Other suggested locations: Public schools and Libraries. Any changes that are suggested by the public will need to be heard and discussed by the LPC at a separate meeting. The committee will only give consideration to those suggestions that can be backed up by the data in the needs assessment. The public should be encouraged to attend and to share their comments.

The committee members discussed having the public hearing on April 30, 2007 between 7:00 – 8:00. The majority voted 7-2.

Appoint Child Care Plan Committee Chair;

Ballot slips were passed around for the selection of a chair for the Adhoc committee that will be leading the work to create a Countywide Comprehensive Plan. Majority voted for Patty Pin as the new elected Committee Chair.

Public Comment

No public comments

AB212 Staff Retention Plan:

Proposed AB212 Plan for FY 2007-2008

The Project Advisory committee reviewed the 07-08 Staff Retention plan proposal to be submitted to CDE. The Project Advisory Committee put together recommendations for AB212 incentives that would help and improve retention and professional development enthusiasm of staff at title V programs. This year the proposal is broader and it includes new incentives for this project.

Members discussed the evolution of the Professional Development Program and the fact that PDP participants are now more familiar with Community Colleges Advisors and are actively participating in cohorts and classes.

The baseline stipend has been eliminated and instead the caregivers will receive stipends in the amount that is reflective of the level that they are at when entering the program. New degree bonuses have been included in this plan Master degree bonus will continue, and in addition there will be a \$1,000 bonus for providers who earn an AA degree, and \$1,500 for earning a Bachelors degree.

Ruth informed the Council that the one-time AB212 funding augmentation to be released in FY 2007-08. These funds have the same goals as AB212 regular dollars, the guidelines have not been released yet. Ruth shared a power point presentation handout that was given by Linda Parfitt at the CARES conference. The power point provides suggestions about some of the topics reflecting the biggest needs in the workforce such as the great need for customized training, on site training, finding and paying for substitutes, and other. The funding can be used for anything that will increase the educational levels of Early Care and Education Professionals, improve the quality of care and the benefit of the funds go directly to the provider. Margaret suggested researching what would the cost be to have community college instructors teach out at the centers. Camilla added that a focus needs to be on leadership of the site supervisors and suggested having something similar to the leadership institute that was put on by Alameda First 5.

LPC Needs Assessment Presentation – Ruth Fernandez

Ruth reviewed the profile and the content of the Needs Assessment Report. She instructed the committee on how to access the report on the CCCOE website. The report will be city specific which offers a great opportunity for presenting the report at City Council meetings. Ruth will put together a training module with a power point presentation to be used by LPC members at public presentations. The goal is that members use a customized power point presentation, handouts and City specific data to report on the findings of a City regarding Child Care Demand and Supply and other city demographics. Ruth distributed copies of the last LPC Comprehensive Child Care Plan and asked members to review and decide which goals continue to be relevant to the work of the council and discern which areas had been met or are not a priority. The committee then broke out into groups to further discuss the existing plan.

Coordinator's Report:

Ruth reported that the work to complete goals of the ELOA grant continues. All ELOA strands continue to progress positively. The No Cost Extension Request for ELOA was approved and the new project ending period is September 30, 2007. She reported about the presentation made at the CARES Conference in San Mateo. Terrissa Hein and Ruth presented on the Family, Friend and Neighbor Model for Contra Costa. Great feedback and interest was received from the session participants.

Calendar of Events:

First 5 will be holding a Commission meeting/retreat on April 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Concord Hilton to report on next year's priorities for funding. LPC members discussed the importance of attending Commission meetings to stay informed of the county's resources for ECE workforce. Susie added that not enough people are taking care of children birth to 3 years as a concern. She pointed out that the data from the Needs Assessment report is reflective of the lack of infant care.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.