



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Summary of Public Comment Heard on
May 24, 2007

Members Present:

Margaret Wiegert-Jacobs, Kathy Lafferty, Joan Means, Patty Pin, Cathy Roof, Susan Stone, Judy Waggoner, and Virginia Richardson

Staff Present:

Ruth Fernandez, Julie Everhart, and Terrissa Hein

Guests Present:

Debi Silverman, First5 Contra Costa

Chairs Welcome:

Chair Lafferty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Lafferty moved that the meeting be adjourned due to a lack of quorum. The committee unanimously consented.

Public Comments:

Chair Lafferty opened the floor to members of the public wishing to address the committee.

Chair Lafferty introduced Debi Silverman from First5 Contra Costa.

Summary of Public Comments:

Ms. Silverman began by informing the committee that she had two proposals to submit to the Local Planning Committee, one on behalf of Sue Handy from Diablo Valley College, and one on her own behalf. The proposal written by Sue Handy asks for funding support through the AB212 grant in order to standardize the curricular requirements at the Contra Costa County Community Colleges for obtaining a degree in Early Childhood Studies from CSUEB. The curricular requirements, totaling 24-units will consist of nine (9) core courses that will be common to all Community Colleges, thus providing students with the guarantee that these courses would be transferable within the CSU system. One of the challenges will be to include a course that will allow students and providers to meet the new state requirements.

Patty Pin asked Ms. Silverman to clarify that this would in fact guarantee that courses taken at Diablo Valley College would be accepted by Contra Costa College for

example. Ms. Silverman confirmed that the program would allow for articulation across the Community Colleges and be transferred to all California State Universities.

Judy Waggoner questioned whether this would require the approval of the University presidents. Ms Silverman responded by saying that in most cases if a proposal is approved at the department level, then it will receive approval from the President.

Ms. Silverman went on to say that the Early Childhood Education Committee of Colleges in Contra Costa County would develop the new program. The committee is seeking funding in the amount of \$60,000 for each of the three Community Colleges, or a total of \$180,000.

Ms. Silverman recommends that the LPC committee hold a forum to allow for the LPC committee members to meet with the CC staff working on the proposal.

The question was raised about how and when the committee members working on the

Ms. Silverman ends her remarks with a personal statement that in her opinion the Professional Development Program is short staffed particularly in the East region of the County due to the increased participation of providers over the past two years that require advising services. Ms. Silverman stated that the program needs an increase in the funding to be allocated towards the hiring of additional staff.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 6/21/2007 by Julie Everhart