



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Minutes
Thursday, July 27, 2006

Present: Carolyn Caldwell, Catherine Giacalone, Kathy Lafferty, Marilee Mitchell, Patty Pin, Virginia Richardson, Cathy Roof, Stacie Roundtree, Ilana Samuels, Susan Stone, and Judy Waggoner

Absent: Gina Davenport, Sue Houweling, Tara Matthews, Joan Means, Camilla Rand, and Karen Stewart

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Janice Harski, and Peggy Russell

Guests: Debi Silverman, First 5 Contra Costa; Pat Stroh, CSD Head Start; Janet Debois-Mars, CPIN CCCOE; Eloisa Mendoza-Hinds, CPIN CCCOE; and Edirle Menezes, National Hispanic University

Call to order: Chair Kathy Lafferty called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Elections of Officers:

Chair Kathy Lafferty stated that since we were unable to elect officers at the last meeting, as interviews for renewing expired members and possible new members had not been held by the Board of Supervisors, the slate of candidates will be presented at this meeting. She said the slate of candidates were emailed to the members, and she presented the following nominating slate of candidates for LPC officers:

Kathy Lafferty - Chair
Sue Houweling - 1st Vice Chair
Cathy Roof - 2nd Vice Chair

Chair Lafferty asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Chair. Hearing none, Chair Lafferty closed the nominations for Chair.

Chair Lafferty asked if there were any nominations from the floor for 1st Vice Chair. Hearing none, Chair Lafferty closed the nominations for 1st Vice Chair.

Chair Lafferty asked if there were any nominations from the floor for 2nd Vice Chair. Hearing none, Chair Lafferty closed the nominations for 2nd Vice Chair.

It was moved by Patty Pin to elect the slate of officers as presented for the 2006-2007 year. Susie Stone seconded, motion carried. Cathy Roof abstained.

Introductions:

Chair Kathy Lafferty asked everyone to introduce themselves. Chair Lafferty stated that Carolyn Caldwell is our newest member, representing Child Care Provider, East County.

Agenda Review and Adoption:

Chair Lafferty reviewed the agenda and stated that as Terrissa Hein was unable to attend tonight to give a report on the Director Support Group, item no. 10, Virginia Richardson will give the report. It was moved by Patty Pin that the agenda be approved as amended. Cathy Roof seconded, motion carried.

Minutes:

After discussion, it was moved by Cathy Roof that the minutes of May 25, 2006, be approved as amended. Catherine Giacalone seconded, motion carried.

Public Comments:

a) Janet Dubois-Mars discussed the current activities of the CPIN. Eloise Mendoza-Hinds discussed the English Language Learner Guide trainings. Chair Lafferty asked what is the best time for our staff to participate in the trainings. Cathy Roof asked if they can poll the centers to see what training is needed, etc. Eloisa said the trainings are a full day, and presenting the training in two sessions or more is not possible at this time. Judy asked if they are looking into online training. Eloisa said Solano County is working on that. Ruth Fernandez said we hope the CPIN staff continues to attend our meetings and she enjoys their trainings. Janet said their next CPIN meeting will be on Friday, September 22nd at Hs. Lordships at the Berkeley Marina, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Dr. Susan Landry will be the guest speaker. The meeting topics will include: Family Literacy, Interdependence of Developmental Domains, and Language and Literacy Building.

b) Pat Stroh said that Camilla Rand had a baby girl named Eva a week ago. Chair Lafferty asked Pat to give her our best wishes.

c) Debi Silverman stated the new PDP Program is requiring every participant to do a professional growth plan in order to qualify for any school stipends and any other financial awards. If you are in a program, please distribute the materials to your colleagues in the program and she will send you more if you need it for all of your staff. Anybody who has submitted or will submit by August 1st, have a new permit or an upgrade will be contacted to fill out a plan. So far there are 80 participants. Individuals approached right now and in the future, community based workshops. They can get up to \$350 in free tuition, books, and parking - supplies are extra.

Coordinator's Report:

a) Ruth said she has been working closely with Debi Silverman regarding the leveraging of AB 212 funds with First 5 funds to provide incentives through the Professional Development Program. Because of this collaboration, everybody who applied for an educational scholarship received a scholarship. There were approximately 150 participants funded this time. All state-funded program staff that applied for a scholarship were covered by AB212 funds as one of the approved incentives in the AB212 plan. Chair Lafferty has attended one ECE cross agency meeting. They meet regularly to review all of the changes in PDP and to keep the dialogue going. The next ECE cross agency meeting will be August 29th and it is open to the public. Debi Silverman said the next meeting will be at the First 5 office, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and there would be a discussion on training and filling out the Professional Development Action Plans.

b) Ruth said she continues to participate in the PMD Refinement Committee. The Committee is looking at the gaps in the PMD Draft plan. There are several areas that still need work, one of them being data collection. They will be meeting twice next month. If passed, Proposition 82 would have been a funding source to implement the PMD plan. However, the "collaborative" of agencies continue to support the concept of universal preschool in Contra Costa County.

b) Ruth said there are still several vacancies to fill on the LPC, and she handed out the list of vacancies.

c) Ruth said she met with Debi Silverman and Pat Stroh to discuss ways to continue to collaborate and provide support to teachers and the community.

d) Ruth said she and Gina Davenport have been working updating and redesigning the LPC Web site. She has asked the LPC members to send her their bios and pictures to put on the Web site. She also asked the members if they have any ideas for the Web site, to call her. Assistance in this project is needed.

Calendar of Events:

Ruth reviewed the proposed dates for the LPC's Annual Retreat: September 29th, October 9th, October 17th or 18th. The members said their first choice was September 29th. When September 29th was chosen as a retreat date, members overlooked that the September LPC meeting was on 9/28/06. Ruth passed around a sign in sheet with the three October dates and requested that members marked their first and second choice. The final Member Retreat date would be announced at the next meeting.

Meetings Attended by Council Members:

Carolyn Caldwell said she attend the CAPPa state-wide meeting today and there were several individuals from the California Department of Education, discussing the following issues: State income changes, Standard Reimbursement Rates (SRR), Regional Market Rates (RMR), COLA, growth, preschool issues, the Governor's project (50 million or 150 million), management bulletin for the CEL, and family fees. Which was moved to a monthly fee schedule based on income.

Final CA Budget Update:

Chair Lafferty said the Governor's budget is revenue neutral. The Legislative Analyst's Office pointed out that was turning into a revolving door. This was going to be taken in of by an increase of parents' fees. She said she recommended that they start at 50% percentile. Create an even start model as much as possible and then expand facilities. They would like to expand with more children.

She said she has a meeting tomorrow with the CDE regarding the AB 1095 training bill. There is also money for permit training licenses or unlicensed centers and providers. The State said they have all kinds of plans for that money. Judy Waggoner discussed the SMI rates.

Executive Committee:

Chair Lafferty stated at the meeting they discussed the ELOA, reports from the committee chairs, and the LPC budget.

Committee Evaluation:

Ruth Fernandez said we need to review all of our committees and task forces to make sure they coincide with our By-laws and goals.

Advocacy Committee:

Cathy Roof gave an update on the 3rd Annual Young Children's Issues Forum 2006 to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006, at Diablo Valley College, Diablo Room, from 10:00 am to 12 p.m. Cathy said the following individuals have confirmed: County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joe Ovick; Supervisors Mark DeSaulnier, Gayle Uilkema, and John Gioia. Senator Tom Torlakson and Congressman George Miller are penciled in. Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher is sending one of her staffers. She said Sue Houweling will be contacting Assemblywoman Loni Hancock to see if she is available. Some of the topics they will be discussing are childhood obesity, wages, and quality child care. Cathy said if there are any questions that the members would like asked, to please email them to her or Ruth. She said Judy Waggoner will be handling the questions. She said the Committee would like to give Congressman George Miller an award for the Stipend Act he sponsored two years ago.

Ruth said she contacted staff from KQED's FM Radio station and they are considering attending our legislative forum in October. If it doesn't work this year, they will consider us for next year. Radio is interested in topics that are broad and impact the community at large.

Cathy Roof asked Ruth to send a confirmation note thanking them for coming to the Young Children's Issues Forum. The Advocacy Committee's next meeting is on Tuesday, August 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Firehouse School in Lafayette.

Illana Samuels suggested we target parents who attend the Forum and have two different flyers. Chair Lafferty discussed the need for parents to get involved with the legislators. Debi Silverman suggested the forum participants could stay for lunch if they attended the professional growth writing plan workshop afterwards at DVC.

Partnership Committee:

Susie Stone said she hasn't called a meeting yet.

Preschool For All Committee:

Ruth said the committee has not met.

Project Advisory Committee:

a) Update on Projects: Virginia Richardson gave an update on the ELOA Grant Report. She said the CCCOE will be asking for a 6-month extension, but we can't ask for another extension until September or December, and this is the last time for this grant. The Project Advisory Committee members are talking about building a sustainability plan and will be meeting the community partners on August 25th to discuss the concept of sustainability. This meeting will be a lunch. They will be sending out invitations next week.

b) The ELOA lunch is called Early Learning Opportunities Luncheon to be held on August 25th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the CCCOE in the Board Room.

Director Support Group:

Virginia Richardson discussed the work done around the ELOA Director Network Component and the type of training that would be most effective for all directors. Also, the Family, Friend & Neighbor Network component for the ELOA grant started collaborations with several community agencies such as Cambridge, East County, West County, and at the First 5 Center in Concord. Debi Silverman mentioned that individuals who take care of children – 15 hours or more hours a week could earn a financial incentive if they can provide six (6) hours of professional growth opportunity documentation, First 5 will send them \$50.00.

Catherine Giacalone discussed the special population: providing services to the homeless shelters, foster parents 0-5, teen foster parents (one in East County and one in West County). We need to target teen parents and partner with other groups.

Chair Lafferty stated that the HIPPY program has 121 families enrolled in a 30-week training program. A majority of the families have completed 20 weeks.

Ruth said there will be a short power point presentation at the September meeting on the EOLA Grant.

AB 212:

Ruth distributed a condensed version of the PDP Plan and Contra Costa County's AB 212 Plan. She said we might be using this piece on the LPC's Web site. She said the budget is \$1,119,825 for three years, and we have to give back a large amount of the money back to the State.

Ruth said the draft budget needs to go to the Executive Committee and the Project Advisory committee that will be working on this. The Committee will have an opportunity to look at the proposal of additional incentives and define which incentives will be implemented. After the committee reviews and approves the proposals it comes back to the large LPC meeting for vote. She said we need the input from the state-funded directors as they have first hand knowledge and experience about their staff needs and challenges.

Needs Assessment:

Ruth distributed the Needs Assessment draft.

Ruth said the LPC is scheduled to give a report on last year's activities before the Family and Human Services Commission on Monday, October 2nd, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, at 651 Pine Street, Room 101, Martinez. She suggested that all LPC members attend if possible.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved on 9/28/2006