

Minutes of Advocacy Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016

9:00 – 11:00 am

Las Trampas Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Brenda Brown, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine, Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Eran Perera, Chair Eric Peterson, Cathy Roof, Dan Safran

Committee Members Absent: Joan Means, Aurora Ruth

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Melody Yee

Guests: Carol Addison, Multifaith Action Coalition Education Task Force (MFAC); Lia Bristol, Supervisor Mitchoff's Office; Kathy Lafferty; Roger Lamm, MFAC; Cindy Molander, MFAC; Joseph Voelker, Congressman DeSaulnier's Representative

Welcome/Introductions:

- Chair Eric Peterson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Introductions commenced and were completed.

Agenda Review/Approval:

- Chair Eric Peterson moved to approve the agenda for 11-14-2016. Dan Safran seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Brown, McClendon-Gourdine, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Roof, Safran,
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Means, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

Minutes Review/Approval:

- Chair Eric Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the 10.18.16 meeting. Crystal McClendon-Gourdine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Brown, McClendon-Gourdine, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Roof, Safran,
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Means, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment:

- Ruth Fernandez shared for informational purposes only a handout about the Non-Regulatory Guidance Early Learning in the Every Student Succeeds Act. While the information was shared, there is no action tied to this Act at this time.

California's CCDBG State Plan

- A draft copy was distributed for review. Chair Eric Peterson led a discussion on passed regulations that directly impact Early Child Care agencies and families – explaining the changes are immediate and will continue over 2 years.
- A committee and guest discussion followed regarding wage increases and their effect on qualifying for Head Start programs.
- Ruth Fernandez talked about a Contra Costa County subsidy pilot allowing an income flex at the county level to raise reimbursement rates, addressing challenges to family qualification.
- A short discussion followed regarding Training and Professional Development at QRIS centers. The quandary of how the training is required, yet most centers lack the budget to allow for staff development days. No actions at this time.

Minutes taken by: Melody Yee

Minutes Approved on: February 2, 2017

2017 13th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum – Group Discussion for 2017 Theme:

- A group discussion about tailoring the topic, panelist invites, possible speakers, discussion groups, registration fee, publicity ideas, and funds needed to be raised.
- ACTION: Ruth Fernandez to reach out to potential speakers and report back to the committee at the next meeting regarding availability and cost.

Adjournment:

- Dan Safran moved to adjourn the meeting. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.
 - AYE: Brown, McClendon-Gourdine, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Roof, Safran,
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Means, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

Next Meeting: January 17 from 9:00-11:00 am