

Minutes of Advocacy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

9:00 – 11:00 am

John Muir Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Brenda Brown, Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Eran Perera, Chair Eric Peterson, Cathy Roof, Stacie Roundtree, Aurora Ruth, Dan Safran

Committee Members Absent: Crystal McClendon-Gourdine

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Melody Yee

Guests: Lia Bristol, Supervisor Karen Mitchoff's Office, Je Ton Carey, Napa County Office of Education, Carolyn Johnson, LPC Committee Member, Cindy Molander, Multi-faith Coalition, Judy Waggoner, Fiscal Consultant

Welcome/Introductions:

- Chair Eric Peterson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Introductions and welcomes were completed.

Minutes Review/Approval:

- Cathy Roof moved to approve the minutes of the 2.2.17 meeting. Brenda Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Brown, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Roof, Roundtree, Ruth
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: McClendon- Gourdine
 - ABSTAIN: Safran

Agenda Review/Approval:

- Dan Safran moved to approve the agenda for 2-21-17. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Brown, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Roof, Roundtree, Ruth
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: McClendon-Gourdine
 - ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

Early Care and Education Legislative Updates

- The AB 435 Subsidy Pilot was presented and supported by Assemblymember Tony Thurmond. Alameda, Marin and Sonoma want to be added An overview of the next steps needed – legislative meetings, gathering of letters of support, informing FHS, etc. – were discussed. A brief question and answer regarding the Subsidy Pilot was held about what position, if any, the LPC can take in support of AB 435. Cindy Molander stated the Multi-Faith Coalition supports AB 60 and will advocate for AB 435.

ACTION ITEM: Send out a template support letter to the Committee.

- There were no current updates to the Governor's Budget Proposal.

Minutes taken by: Melody Yee

Minutes Approved on: 5/16/17

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

- A draft agenda distributed for review, discussion and some items were finalized.
 - Keynote Speaker Craig Cheslog has been confirmed
 - Invitations were sent to legislators, waiting for confirmation of attendance, deadline to respond is February 24.
 - An additional speaker to promote the idea of storytelling as an advocacy tool is to be considered and found.
- Fundraising update given to Committee indicates funds are on track for supporting the Forum event.
- A special guest for an end of the event activity was discussed. Possible leads were given, Ruth Fernandez will keep Committee updated on findings.
- The Volunteer Meeting date was agreed upon, March 15, 2017, and volunteers were requested for the event.
- The Facilitator Meeting was agreed upon for next week. Date to be determined by room availability.

ACTION ITEMS: Reserve a room for the Volunteer Meeting. Reserve a room for the Facilitator Meeting. Send out an invite to the respective invitees.

Other Announcements

- None

Adjournment:

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

Next Meeting: March 14, 2017 from 9:00-11:00 am in the Las Trampas Conference Room.