

Minutes of General Council Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2017 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Contra Costa County Office of Education

Board Room

77 Santa Barbara Road

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Members Present: Carolyn Johnson, Deena Jones, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine, Joan Means, Edirle Menezes, Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Eran Perera, Eric Peterson, Janeen Rockwell-Owens, Chair Cathy Roof, Stacie Roundtree, Doug Rowe, and Dan Safran

Members Absent: Luis Arenas, Brenda Brown, Deborah Penry, Aurora Ruth

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez and Melody Yee

Guests: Gail Benson, Contra Costa Child Care Council, Jody Morgan, Brandman University

1.0 Call to Order: Cathy Roof, LPC Chair

- Welcome: Chair Cathy Roof called to order the Contra Costa County Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education General Council meeting at 3:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone.
- Approval of December 2, 2016 Minutes: Dan Safran motioned to approve the 12-2-16 minutes. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded the motion. Janeen Rockwell-Owens and Eric Peterson abstained. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Johnson, Jones, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Menezes, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Roundtree, Rowe, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Arenas, Brown, Penry, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: Peterson, Rockwell-Owens
- Review and Adoption of January 23, 2017 Meeting Agenda: Doug Rowe moved to approve the agenda. Eric Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Johnson, Jones, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Menezes, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Rockwell-Owens, Roof, Roundtree, Rowe, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Arenas, Brown, Penry, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

2.0 Public Comment

- Items on Agenda
 - No public comment.
- Items of Interest to the Public
 - No public comment

3.0 Contra Costa Child Care Council Agency Updates – Eric Peterson and Gail Benson

- Eric Peterson handed out a folder with various informational sheets and brochures about the services the Contra Costa Child Care Council provides to the community. Eric gave a brief history and overview of how the Contra Costa Child Care Council began, how it has evolved and how many it currently serves.

Minutes Submitted by: Melody Yee

Minutes Approved on: **May 19, 2017**

- Gail Benson gave a presentation about the Learning Institute portion of the Contra Costa Child Care Council. Gail provided an overview of services, workshops and an announcement of the 23rd Annual Learning Conference and Expo to be held Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Diablo Valley College located at 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA.
 - It was mentioned through the CTKS program, qualified attendees could be reimbursed for their registration costs if attending the 23rd Annual Learning Conference and Expo.

4.0 **LPC Coordinator Updates – Ruth Fernandez**

- Ruth Fernandez announced the new Project Supervisor for Early Learning Quality Improvement Initiative, Nadirah Jones. Ruth gave a short background introduction for Nadirah, including she was previously an LPC coordinator in Solano County.
- Ruth Fernandez also announced the appointment of Judy Waggoner as the AB 212 Title 5 Technical Assistant and Fiscal Consultant.

5.0 **LPC Committee Reports**

- **Ad Hoc Committee –**
 - Chair Cathy Roof formally dissolved the Ad Hoc Committee and announced its status to all committee members.
- **Advocacy Committee –**
 - Ruth Fernandez stated the Contra Costa County Subsidy Pilot was moving forward. The ELLG would be approaching Assemblymember Tony Thurmond for support. If Thurmond opts to support, it will advance to the Legislative Council and will be returned with a bill number.
 - 13th Annual Young Children’s Issues Forum – sponsor forms will be sent out within the week, as will the legislator invitations.
 - A PDF of the packet will be emailed to the HigherEd partners
 - PDP hours are to be added to the flyer
 - Eric Peterson gave a brief overview of budgets and reimbursements from the Department of Finance and how it relates to the State Median Income (SMI).
- **Project and Workforce Development Committee –**
 - Doug Rowe gave a short summary about the Project and Workforce Committee discussions regarding public perceptions of early child care workers and the issues of self-image, compensation, benefits, and retention
 - Carolyn Johnson added: what is the definition of an ECE professional and what about experience vs. education.
- **School Readiness Committee –**
 - Dan Safran mentioned the continued implementation of the RMTK, the dilemma of how to reach those who are not integrated with child care, and the continued library efforts in literacy.
- **2017 Annual Young Children’s Issues Forum –**
 - Online registration has been made live
 - A group discussion of possible keynote speakers

- **Other Comments –**
 - Funding possibilities were briefly mentioned regarding the needs assessment project with Brion Economics, Inc.

Adjournment

- Dan Safran moved to adjourn the meeting. Edirle Menezes seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.
 - AYE: Johnson, Jones, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Menezes, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Peterson, Rockwell-Owens, Roof, Roundtree, Rowe, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Arenas, Brown, Penry, Ruth
 - ABSTAIN: None

Next Meeting: To be held March 27, 2017 , Contra Costa County Office of Education, 77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, 3:00–5:00pm, in the Board Room.