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The Contra Costa Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education (LPC)

Purpose: LPC Advocacy Committee Meeting

Location: CCCOE – Las Trampas Conference Room

Facilitator: Cathy Roof

Timekeeper: Ruth Fernandez

Recorder: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

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AGENDA
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 PM

TIME	AGENDA TOPIC	PURPOSE	DISCUSSION LEADER	DESIRED OUTCOME
3:00 - 3:05	Welcome/Introductions Minutes Review/Approval for 9.29.15 – Action Agenda Review/Approval for 11.10.15 - Action	C, A	Cathy	Approval of agenda & minutes
3:05 – 3:15 3 min. per speaker	<u>Public Comment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items on the agenda Items of interest to the public If you wish to speak on a matter on the agenda, please give your name and identify any group or organization you represent for the record prior to your presentation. If you wish to speak on a matter NOT on the agenda, please wait until the Chair calls for public comment on items of interest to the public. The Council shall only take action related to items listed on the current agenda.	I	Cathy	Information shared
3:15 – 3:40	Approve updated LPC Advocacy Committee Goals for 2015-16- Action Call for data subcommittee	I, D, A	Cathy/Ruth	Information Shared Group Discussion
3:40 – 4:00	Discuss theme and format for 2016 12 th Annual Young Children’s Issues Forum - New Teacher Panel/ Revised Flyer/Theme	I,D	All	Gather ideas for 2016 Forum
4:00 – 4:20	Updates on current ECE legislation Discussion about the CA Child Development Block Grant (CCDBG) State Plan	I,D	All	Current legislation impacting early care and education/CCDF Reauthorization
4:20 – 4:55	Reports on meeting attended by Council Members: PACE/First 5 CA/Ensuring Opportunities Campaign/ SRR Initiative/SAC Meetings/Other	I,D	Assigned Representatives	Share information gathered at regional or state mtgs.
4:55 – 5:00	Other Updates /Upcoming Events/Next Meeting Agenda/Topics Next Meeting and Agenda Items: D, 2015 3-5 pm	I,D	All	Information Shared Group Discussion

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Minutes of Advocacy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Las Trampas Room

Committee Members Present: Chair Cathy Roof, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine (late), Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Eran Perera, Aurora Ruth, Dan Safran

Committee Members Absent – Estela Alvarez, Kathy Lafferty

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Guests: None

Welcome/Introductions:

- Chair Cathy Roof welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- Introductions completed.

Agenda Review/Approval:

- Dan Safran moved to approve the agenda for September 29, 2015 with the following change: The discussion of the theme and format for Forum 2016 will take place following the LPC Advocacy Committee Goals for 2015-16; instead of last on the agenda. Aurora Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Ruth, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Alvarez, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine,
 - ABSTAIN: None

Minutes Review/Approval:

- Dan Safran moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. Aurora Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - AYE: Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Ruth, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Alvarez, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine
 - ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment:

- No public comment received on items on the agenda.
- Items of interest to the public:
 - Ruth Fernandez shared that First 5 Contra Costa is working on their strategic plan. Ruth encouraged everyone to attend First 5's planning meetings held on the first Monday of each month. Ruth noted that she will send the committee the next meeting announcement.
 - Aurora Ruth shared how the committee should advocate for more child care facilities in Contra Costa County. The need is high and something needs to be done.

Review, discuss, and approve updated LPC Advocacy Committee Goals for 2015-16

- The LPC Advocacy goals were read by Chair Cathy Roof, followed by discussion.
- Lengthy discussion held on the topic of improved teacher compensation, staff retention, and adequate facilities; and how these messages need to be brought to the attention of civic and business leaders. Ruth Fernandez will work on Goal 2 & 3 to add wording that will cover these topics. The outcomes will stay the same.
- Some discussion and concerns voiced if these are realistic goals with realistic outcomes.

Minutes taken by: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Minutes Approved on: Draft

Discuss theme and format for 2016 12th Annual Young Children's Issues Forum

- Discussion held on possible ideas and themes for the upcoming 2016 Forum to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Pleasant Hill Community Center.
- Several suggestions were discussed: panel of teachers on QRIS, the issue of the lack of facilities in Contra Costa County, the need to raise the SRR, and teacher compensation.

Discussion about the CA Child Development Block Grant (CCDBG) State Plan

- Ruth Fernandez gave a brief review of the CA Child Development Block Grant. She noted how it has language referencing QRIS in the plan.
- Members of the committee were encouraged to forward suggestions or comments to her after reviewing the information. She will also forward suggestions she has received from other counties LPC's to the members of the committee.
- Several topical input sessions will be held in Marin at the Marin COE on October 8, 2015. These sessions are hosted by the CDE early Education and Support Division in partnership with the CA Department of Social Services. Each session will include a brief overview of the related Child Care and Development Fund law, and then participants will have the opportunity to speak and share comments about the topic. Ruth encouraged the members to attend the input sessions.

Updates on current ECE legislation

- Hand out given to members of committee with current ECE legislation. Very brief discussion on several on the bills.

Other Updates/Upcoming Events/General Announcements from Community Partners

- **Next Meeting:** Next Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2015
- **Updates and Upcoming Events:** No reports

Adjournment:

- Silvana Mosca-Carreon moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Safran seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.
 - AYE: Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Ruth, Safran
 - NAY: None
 - ABSENT: Alvarez, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine
 - ABSTAIN: None

Contra Costa Local Planning and Advisory Council For Early Care and Education (LPC)

LPC Advocacy Committee 2015 - 2016 Goals

Goal 1:

Host Annual Young Children's Issues Forum (YCIF) – March 2016

Outcomes:

- ❖ Increased community awareness of children's issues
- ❖ Increased attendee knowledge of resources and tools available for advocacy (*participant packets, resource fair, other handouts, and table discussions*)
- ❖ Affirm shared understanding of the importance of Early Childhood Education for children's success in school and life in general-*Common Agenda*
- ❖ Acknowledge shared responsibility for children's education by business leaders, elected officials, community leaders, families, and educators
**Evaluation form will be expanded to include additional data facts and questions that document the benefit of participation and knowledge gained through participation in the forum.*
- ❖ Engage elected officials, business leaders, and community leaders in supporting families and educators in finding solutions for: accessible child care facilities, increasing State Reimbursement Rates (SRR) for Title V centers, **and increase compensation and retention of a qualified workforce.**

Goal 2:

Develop compelling messages **in collaboration with** civic and business leaders in support of early childhood education **including improved compensation and professional development.**

Outcomes:

- ❖ Shared and common vocabulary of key terms, such as quality and State Reimbursement Rate (SRR).
- ❖ Active social media campaign/training to help Child Development Centers present themselves (website, blog, stickers, banner, texting campaign, etc)
- ❖ New relationships and connections with business leaders in our region.

Goal 3:

To develop and maintain a strategic data plan to track short-term and long-term impact of child care issues, including facilities, **compensation** and reimbursement rates in Contra Costa County.

Outcomes:

- ❖ Local template for data collection
- ❖ Increased awareness of impact of budget cuts at County level
- ❖ Key message consistently delivered by all members of the community (parents, educators, administrators, policy makers, etc)
- ❖ Compensation survey in collaboration with Bay Area Local Planning Councils

Advocacy Committee Meeting Calendar 2015-2016

2nd Tuesday of the month

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
LPC Advocacy Committee	July 14, 2015	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	August 11, 2015	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	September 29, 2015 <i>*new date</i>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	October 13, 2015 CANCELED	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	November 10, 2015	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	December 8, 2015	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	January 12, 2016	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	February 9, 2016	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	March 8, 2016	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	April 12, 2016	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	May 10, 2016	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Advocacy Committee	June 14, 2016	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room

2015 Early learning bills

- AB 47** (McCarty D) **State preschool program.**
Status: 10/9/2015-Vetoed by the Governor
Summary: Would require, on or before June 30, 2018, all eligible children who are not enrolled in transitional kindergarten to have access to the state preschool program the year before they enter kindergarten, if their parents wish to enroll them, contingent upon the appropriation of sufficient funding in the annual Budget Act for this purpose.
- AB 74** (Calderon D) **Child care facilities: regulatory visits.**
Status: 9/30/2015-Vetoed by the Governor
Summary: Would revise the provisions requiring the State Department of Social Services to conduct annual unannounced inspections of a child day care center or family day care home by instead requiring the department to conduct annual unannounced inspections of no less than 20% of those centers or homes on and after January 1, 2018, and until January 1, 2019. The bill would also require, on and after January 1, 2018, and until January 1, 2019, the department to inspect each center or home at least every 2 years.
- AB 271** (Obernolte R) **Child care: alternative payment programs and contractors: electronic records: digital signatures.**
Status: 10/4/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 476, Statutes of 2015.
Summary: Current law authorizes alternative payment programs and providers and other contractors providing child care development services to maintain records in electronic format if the original documents were created in electronic format, including, but not limited to, child immunization records. This bill would authorize contractors and alternative payment programs and providers to maintain any records electronically, as provided, regardless of whether the original documents were created in electronic format.
- AB 762** (Mullin D) **Day care centers: toddler programs.**
Status: 9/30/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 373, Statutes of 2015.
Summary: Would require a day care center with a toddler program to extend the toddler program to serve children between 18 months and 3 years of age, and would make conforming changes relating to the guidelines and procedures the State Department of Social Services is required to develop. By changing the definition of an existing crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- AB 833** (Bonta D) **Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plan: County of Alameda.**
Status: 10/7/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 563, Statutes of 2015.
Summary: Would authorize, until January 1, 2021, the County of Alameda to develop an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.
- AB 982** (Eggman D) **Child care and development: eligibility: homeless children.**
Status: 10/7/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 567, Statutes of 2015.
Summary: Current law requires families to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for subsidized child development services, including that the family needs child care services because the child is identified by a legal, medical, or social services agency, or emergency shelter as being a recipient of a protective service or being neglected, abused, or exploited, as provided. This bill would expand the list of entities that can identify a child in need to include a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, a Head Start program, or a transitional shelter.
- AB 1207** (Lopez D) **Mandated child abuse reporting: child day care personnel: training.**
Status: 10/1/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 414, Statutes of 2015.

Summary: Would, beginning January 1, 2018, require the State Department of Social Services to develop and disseminate information to providers, administrators, and employees of licensed child day care facilities regarding detecting and reporting child abuse, and to provide training including statewide guidance on the responsibilities of those persons as mandated reporters, as provided. Beginning January 1, 2018, the bill would require those persons, as a condition of licensure, to complete that training provided by the department, as specified.

SB 277 (Pan D) Public health: vaccinations.

Status: 6/30/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 35

Summary: Would eliminate the exemption from current specified immunization requirements based upon personal beliefs, but would allow exemption from future immunization requirements deemed appropriate by the State Department of Public Health for either medical reasons or personal beliefs.

SB 311 (Beall D) Child Care and Development Services Act: preschool: Alum Rock Union Elementary School District: pilot project.

Status: 8/27/2015-August 27 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

Summary: Would authorize the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, located in the County of Santa Clara, and a preschool program, as defined, as a pilot project until June 30, 2021, to develop and implement an individualized eligibility part-day preschool plan for children residing in the school district for purposes of attending a preschool program in the school district. The bill would require the school district and the preschool program to consult with the Santa Clara County Office of Education and First 5 Santa Clara County in developing the plan.

SB 548 (De León D) Child care: family child care providers: orientation training.

Status: 10/11/2015-Vetoed by the Governor

Summary: Would require the State Department of Education to ensure that all family child care providers, as defined, attend an in-person orientation training, as provided. The bill would require the orientation training to include at least 4 hours of instruction and include specified information, including minimum health and safety standards, as provided. The bill would authorize the Superintendent to adopt rules and regulations regarding the orientation training. This bill contains other related provisions.

SB 792 (Mendoza D) Day care facilities: immunizations: exemptions.

Status: 10/11/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 807, Statutes of 2015.

Summary: Would, commencing September 1, 2016, prohibit a person from being employed or volunteering at a day care center or a family day care home if he or she has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles. The bill would specify circumstances under which a person would be exempt from the immunization requirement, based on medical safety, current immunity, declining the influenza vaccination, or the date upon which he or she was hired, as specified.

Total Measures: 11

Total Tracking Forms: 74

Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization and 2016-18 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)

Timeline for 2016-18 CCDF State Plan

November 19, 2014	CCDBG reauthorization signed by the President
January 9, 2015	Public hearing
End of January 2015	First draft of "Preprint" available
February 2015	Topical input sessions
June 9, 2015	Second draft of the "Preprint" available for public comment
July 27, 2015	Second draft of the "Preprint" public comment period closed
September 2015	Third draft of the "Preprint" available for public comment
October 8, 2015	Topical input sessions
December 2015	California State Plan draft to be posted Anticipated release of final version of "Preprint" Anticipated release of regulations for public comment
January 8, 2016	California State Plan submission to Legislature, DOF
January 12, 2016	Public hearing
January 14, 2016	Collaboration and consultation with tribes
March 1, 2016	Revised California State Plan submitted to Office of Child Care
June 2016	Approved State Plan effective