

## Minutes of Advocacy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Las Trampas Room

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

**Committee Members Absent** – Estela Alvarez, Aurora Ruth

**Staff Present:** Ruth Fernandez, Mary Louise Vander Meulen

**Guests:** Lia Bristol, *Supervisor Mitchoff's Office*, Daryl Hanson, *Retired*; Susan Jeong, *EHSD*

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### Welcome/Introductions:

- Chair Cathy Roof welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- Introductions completed.

### Agenda Review/Approval:

- Kathy Lafferty moved to approve the agenda for November 10, 2015. Dan Safran seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - AYE: Lafferty, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, McClendon-Gourdine, Ruth
  - ABSTAIN: None

### Minutes Review/Approval:

- Dan Safran moved to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2015 meeting. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - AYE: Lafferty, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, McClendon-Gourdine, Ruth
  - ABSTAIN: None

### Public Comment:

- No public comment received on items on the agenda.
- Items of interest to the public:
  - Ruth Fernandez shared a copy of Santa Clara's Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. She requested the Advocacy Committee to consider taking a stand for Children and Youth and adopt a Bill of Rights for Children and Youth for Contra Costa County.
  - Susan Jeong informed the group of ECE legislation regarding the Earned Income Tax Credit. She would like to make a presentation at the next SFPA meeting.

### Approve updated LPC Advocacy Committee Goals for 2015-16

- Dan Safran moved to adopt the updated LPC Advocacy Committee goals that included additional verbiage for Goal 3 regarding facilities and compensation. Kathy Lafferty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - AYE: Lafferty, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, McClendon-Gourdine, Ruth
  - ABSTAIN: None

Minutes taken by: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Minutes Approved on: 1.12.2016

## **Discuss theme and format for 2016 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Issues Forum**

- Ruth Fernandez handed out a draft flier for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum. A few edits were made to the flier to include 'and promote increased compensation' in the explanation of the forum.
- A draft of an email message, to be sent to past forum attendees, was handed out by Ruth Fernandez. The email addressed the need to charge a registration fee of \$15.00. A few edits were made to the draft email. Deborah Penry reminded everyone that the main objective is to make the forum sustainable.
- Ruth Fernandez reported that the sponsorship form was also amended this year. There is only one form for both the community and business leaders. This should eliminate confusion the two forms caused. A copy of the sponsorship form will be emailed to the committee per Ruth Fernandez.
- 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.
  - Discussion regarding a possible keynote speaker to cover the topic around compensation and needs of teachers. It was mentioned that Marci Whitebook may be worth considering. She is local and has been in the business around 40 years.
  - Discussion held on AB 833 (Bonta) legislation Alameda County Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan and how this information could be used at the forum. The pilot plan maximizes allocated funding and efficiently uses child care subsidy funds to meet local conditions, providing children and their families' access to quality child care. The request was made to have Alameda LPC present the Subsidy Pilot Plan at one of the next meetings.
  - Cathy Roof offered to accompany Ruth Fernandez to visit Supervisor Thurmond, if an appointment can be made with him. It will be important to get him up to speed regarding the child care issues in Contra Costa County.
  - Brief mention of GRACE, a non-profit founded by the Daughters of Charity dedicated to research, analysis and advocacy to end poverty.
  - Discussion held on having a panel of teachers from private, public, state-funded centers, and family child care centers.
  - Crystal McClendon-Gourdine shared her ideas on a teacher panel and an overview of QRIS. She mentioned George Phillips from WestEd out of Santa Clara as someone who is able to really lay it out so it is understandable and pertinent for everyone not just teachers. Crystal agreed to frame the questions to ask the panel, and she was asked to think about being the moderator of the panel.
    - Ideas: What do teachers think that works for the kids?
    - Look at what it is, how it works and look at compensation now
  - Discussion held on the benefits of a quality program for the kids and for the teachers. Margaret Wiegert-Jacobs may have a name of someone who does research on this topic.
  - It was noted that a time for questions and answers is necessary, and most attendees look forward to this part of the program. May need more than 10 minutes.
  - Alice Burton may be another person to ask to speak at the forum on State Reimbursement Rates and Regional Market Rate (SRR and RMR) and the work that is being done around that.

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### **Updates on current ECE legislation**

- Hand out included in the meeting packet with 2015 Early Learning Bills.
- Brief reference to AB 762 Day care center: toddler programs and to AB 1207 Mandated child abuse reporting: child day care personnel: training.
- Brief discussion on SB 792 Day care facilities: immunizations: exemptions.

### **Discussion about the CA Child Development Block Grant (CDBG) State Plan**

- Topical input sessions were held in October 2015 at different sites.
- Brief mention of the timeline included in the packet for the 11-10-15 meeting.

### **Other Updates/Upcoming Events/General Announcements from Community Partners**

- **Next Meeting:** Next Advocacy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015
- **Updates and Upcoming Events:** No reports

### **Adjournment:**

- Dan Safran moved to adjourn the meeting. Eran Perera seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.
  - AYE: Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine, Mosca-Carreon, Perera, Roof, Safran
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, Ruth
  - ABSTAIN: None