



# Sacramento County Local Child Care & Development Planning Council

General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2009 | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

SETA Head Start, 925 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento, CA

## Meeting Attendance

Council Members		Staff / Board Designees		Guests		
Mary Breeding	E	Kayla Olvera	E	Marianne Knoy	X	Ginger Swigart, SCOE
Sara Fung	X	Theresa Roberts	X	Donna Sneeringer	X	Jon Bell, Lakeshore
Alix Hall	X	Loretta Smith		Natalie Woods Andrews	X	Elaine Arsenault, Inter-Tribal Council
Linnea Hathaway	X	Lisa Sowell-Sims				
Anne Kress	E	Caroline Stromberg	X			
Allyson Kurtz	X	Marta Suarez	X			
Mike Kurtz	X	Erica Taylor	X			
Tracee Lewis	X	Kathleen Tibbals				
Laura Lystrup	X	Tracy Tomasky	X			
Nadine Newman	X	Elizabeth Uda	X			

Issue	Discussion	Action
Agenda Item I - Call to Order	Chair Tracy Tomasky called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.	
Welcome & Introductions	Members and guests were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.	<b>M/S</b> – Linnea Hathaway / Marta Suarez
Approval of Minutes	The minutes of the October 9, 2008 Council meeting were approved.	<b>Approved</b>
Approval of Agenda	The agenda for the January 8, 2009 Council meeting were approved.	<b>M/S</b> – Allyson Kurtz / Caroline Stromberg <b>Approved</b>
Agenda Item II - Public Comment	There was no other public comment at this time.	
Agenda Item III - CARES Program Modifications	Quality/CARES Committee Chair, Elizabeth Uda, proposed revisions to the Sacramento CARES program in an effort to comply with funding requirements, and establish equitable compensation between all tracks. Members approved the following:  <b>Summary of Approved Modifications:</b> <b>Track 5A:</b> The Quality/CARES Committee recommends the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retain the BA in Child Development / Early Childhood Education / Related Field requirement</li> <li>2. Require participants to hold or have applied for a Master Teacher / Site Supervisor / Director permit</li> <li>3. Participants must attend Professional Growth Advising</li> <li>4. Participants must attend a Permit Application Workshop</li> <li>5. Participants must earn 40 hours of professional</li> </ol>	<b>M/S</b> – Alix Hall / Elizabeth Uda <b>Approved</b> 1 Abstention



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	<p>development that fall with the CARES Approved Professional Growth guidelines (including those hours earned for Professional Growth Advising and Permit Application Workshop)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Provide professional growth advising to a minimum of five CARES participants             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide professional growth advising on Child Development permit process</li> <li>b. Provide documentation of hours for professional growth advising for each advisee</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Stipend of \$750 (which equates to \$18/hr)</li> </ol> <p><b>Track 5B</b>          The Quality/CARES Committee recommends modifying Track 5B to establish an entry level year. At the entry level, participants would meet the requirements of attending the ERS course and completing homework with a grade of A for a \$750 stipend. In year two, participants would begin conducting assessments, with a maximum of ten assessments per participant.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item IV - Approval of Council Work Plan</p>	<p>The final draft of the work plan to support the elements of the Council's 2007-12 Strategic Plan was submitted before the Council for approval.</p>	<p><b>M/S – Sara Fung / Alix Hall Approved</b></p>
<p>Agenda Item V – Children's Coalition</p>	<p>Sara Fung of the Community Services Planning Council, which staffs the Sacramento Children's Coalition, presented an overview of the Coalition's 2008 <i>Children's Report Card</i>. The Coalition, also an advisory body to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, utilizes 42 indicators in the areas of demographics, economics, education, health, safety and social and emotional well-being reflect to identify emerging issues and track changing conditions over time. The Children's Report Card is meant serve as a foundation to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide policy development</li> <li>• Set goals for improvement</li> <li>• Track changing conditions</li> <li>• Support allocation of resources</li> <li>• Promote community responsibility for positive change</li> </ul>	<p>No Action Required.</p>
<p>Agenda Item VI – Sacramento Preschool Leadership Update</p>	<p>Natalie Woods Andrews, Sacramento County Office of Education, updated the Council on the status of efforts to develop accessible preschool for all children in Sacramento County in collaboration with community and agency leaders.</p> <p>The Packard Foundation has indentified Sacramento as a flagship county, leading in the development of preschool</p>	<p>No Action Required.</p>



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opportunities for all children. With funding from the Foundation, the County Office of Education has been able to pursue several projects supporting preschool expansion in Sacramento County. These include:

- The Superintendent's Preschool Committee and the subsequent Preschool Plan for Sacramento County which should be out in spring for public comment.
- Serving as the regional coordinating office for the California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN)
- Establishing the Preschool Leadership Institute to bring public and private early care and education directors, teachers and administrators together to build relationships and learn from each other
- Identifying flagship preschool sites that model the goals of the Leadership Institute
- Hosting site visits for elected officials and their staff at local preschool programs
- Expanding the Preschool Bridging model from one school district to a county wide program
- Hosting a BA Cohort in collaboration with CSUS at the County Office's building
- Coordinating the Northern California Early Childhood Education Conference (NCECE)
- Working collaboratively with Child Action, Inc., the Council and First 5 on a number of these and other projects supporting early care and education professionals

Agenda Item VII -  
Preschool Bridging  
Model

Ginger Swigart, Sacramento County Office of Education, provided detailed information on the Preschool Bridging Model. In 2008, the Model expanded countywide with funding from First 5 to support collaboration among public and private providers, school districts and community base agencies. The program currently works with 100 preschool sites across six School Readiness districts and provides hands on modeling of professional development supports. Private providers are included in public provider staff meetings and information on kindergarten enrollment and school open houses are shared. Vision and hearing screenings are available to children in programs participating in the Model. The Model's goal is to serve 1000 children, specifically 3-4 year olds.

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## Agenda Item VIII - Preschool Legislation

Two significant pieces of legislation passed in 2008 which impact early care and education became effective January 1, 2009.

AB 2759 (Jones), the California State Preschool Program Act of 2008, consolidates the funding for three state preschool programs into one to create the California State Preschool Program. The intent of the bill is to:

- streamline administration of programs providing services to three and four year olds,
- combine statutory and regulatory requirements for the programs, and
- ensure children receive either part or full day services based on the needs of the family.

The bill is designed to work hand in hand with SB 1629.

SB 1629 (Steinberg) establishes an Advisory Committee to recommend a state Early Learning Quality Improvement System. The System would develop policy and an implementation plan for improving the quality of early education programs, including a quality rating scale to help parents make informed decisions about programs, and a funding model to help exiting an future programs reach and maintain higher levels of quality.

## Agenda Item IX - Futures in Management Institute

The Council has been invited to co-sponsor with First 5 Sacramento, Child Action, Inc. and the Sacramento County Office of Education a *Futures in Management Institute*. The Institute is offered by the Children's Collabrium and consists of an eight hour session providing resources and training in program management beneficial to early care and education directors and managers.

During discussion, one Council member shared she had attended the training in Fresno and found it geared towards school districts. Members expressed concern that any professional development supported by the Council must meet the needs and be inclusive of private providers as well as public programs. Members requested clarification on a number of issues:

- does the institute focus on Preschool for All
- the source of funds, if the Council is to make a donation. Members
- could CARES funds be used for this event
- what does it mean when the Council is asked for support
- what is the process to request sponsorship
- if the Council support in name only
- why there was no written copy of the request available



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	<p>for all members to review</p> <p>Chair Tomasky summarized Council members' comments by noting that the overall concern of members was that the event was inclusive of what the Council represents and meets the needs of the community. Given a formal request was not submitted, and there were questions about process and funding, the following motion was made: <i>the decision to sponsor the Institute shall move to the Executive Committee pending the event coordinator's submission of a formal request which includes evaluating the Institute's content based upon concerns brought forward by Council members, terms of sponsorship are clarified and target participants are identified. The Executive Committee will act on behalf of the full Council, but is not authorized to make a monetary donation without the full consent of the Council.</i></p>	<p><b>M/S</b> Linnea Hathaway / Betsy Uda <b>Approved</b></p>
<p>Agenda Item X – Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>Policy Committee Update – Marta Suarez</u> The committee is discussing a letter to support Centralized Eligibility List education of social service agencies and their staff. The committee would like to invite the Crisis Nursery to a Council meeting for a presentation.</li> <li>b. <u>Business &amp; PR Committee Update – Linnea Hathaway</u> The committee is working on an op-ed piece on quality child care.</li> <li>c. <u>Quality/CARES Committee Update – Elizabeth Uda</u> The committee is working on filling in gaps in the work plan.</li> </ul>	
<p>Agenda Item XI - Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.</p>	