

Sacramento County Local Child Care & Development Planning Council



Quality/CARES Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2009 | 1:30 p.m.
9961 Horn Road, Sacramento, CA

Meeting Attendance

Members		Staff		Guests	
Elizabeth Uda	X	Theresa Roberts		Marianne Knoy	X
Anne Kress	X	Tracee Lewis		Tracey Slater	X
Kathleen Tibbals		Mary Breeding			
Kayla Olvera	X				
KT – ill; MB – conflict; TR – conflict; TL – no message					

Issue	Discussion	Action
Welcome & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.	
Agenda Item II - Approval of Agenda and Minutes	Due to a lack of quorum the minutes of the 09/14/09 meeting were not approved.	
Agenda Item III – Meeting Norms and Organization	<p>Committee Chair Betsy Uda led members in a discussion on establishing meeting standards to assist with the flow of committee meetings and to ensure all members have the opportunity to contribute and be heard. Members identified the following parameters to guide future meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order for meetings to begin as scheduled and to be respectful of attendee's time and schedules, members are expected to arrive on time for committee meetings. 2. Attendees are to be respectful of the agenda and the timeframes allotted for agenda items 3. Attendees will be respectful of each other's contributions and allow for each other's inputs and avoid talking over each other and/or staff 4. Attendees will defer to the Chair 5. Attendees will respect staff guidance and expertise 	
Agenda Item IV – CARES Program Updates	<p>Staff reported the last of the 2009 CARES orientations was held September 28 (with the exception of a Russian language orientation scheduled for early October). Individuals who have not applied for the 2009 CARES year or attended a 2009 CARE orientation will be placed on a waiting list which will be reviewed in late October/early November to determine if and when another 2009 orientation will be held.</p> <p>The first 2010 Orientation was held October 3rd and was well attended. Three orientations per month are scheduled through January, as well as additional on-site orientations for CSUS, LRCCD and child care programs.</p>	
Agenda Item V – Review of September Meeting Request for Information	<p>Jaclyn P. White, Director of Community Services, Child Action, Inc. attended the meeting to address questions the committee submitted at the September meeting surrounding the close of registrations for the Spring semester at California State University - Sacramento. Responses are in italics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many CARES participants will this impact? <i>Unknown. The number of participants in 2008/2009 in Track 4 was 111. These participants are not impacted. Should the same number apply in 2009/2010, they will have enrolled in 2009 and are not impacted. If the same number apply in 2010/2011, they can enroll in Fall of 2010 and still be eligible.</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does it affect the funding for CARES? How much money will not be expended? <i>The funding for 2009 is not affected. The funding for 2010 will not be affected. Students enrolling in the fall should be able to meet the 6 unit requirement.</i> • What can be done to mitigate the impact on CARES participants, as well as the ECE workforce? <i>What do you see as the impact?</i> • Can First 5 provide leeway to make program adjustments to keep students enrolled...even if coursework may not be applicable to their degree? <i>Students in Fall 2010 will be able to apply for Cares. They must have a transcript with a major in early education or child development or related field.</i> • Where can students turn in lieu of CSUS that is affordable? <i>Phoenix, National, Pacific Oaks, on-line courses</i> • Concern that students who are unable to enroll in university will drop pursuit of BA, especially if it affects their ability to participate in CARES. <i>They will still be eligible for cares in the fall 2010.</i> • It de-motivates students to complete their degree <p>Members discussed the statewide impact of the enrollment cap on CARES participants and suggested contact with First 5 to discuss modifications to the program to accommodate students impacted by enrollment caps. Members requested the committee chair to take the issue to Executive committee and request the Policy committee to address. <i>What is the impact?</i></p> <p>Staff responded stating that the CARES program is structured with specific requirements and little room for modification. Before further discussion on modifications and action steps, staff recommended research on the enrollment cap announcement as this was unknown to not only staff but the rest of the committee members. Staff also recommended monitoring and investigation of how other counties may be responding to the issue.</p> <p>Members asked if CARES funding could be rolled over from one year to the next. <i>No, it must be expended in the contract year.</i> Staff advised members the contracts do not allow for rollover of funds.</p>	
<p>Agenda Item VI – Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>	