

**YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 14, 2008**

Members Present:

Regan Overholt
Barbara Ashby
Christina Flores
Sue Lomax
Oralia Rodriguez
Tamilo Kwak
Armida Kaun
Nancy Mack
Patricia Martinez
John Hillis
Michelle May

Members Absent:

Laura Ivans
Melinda Waring
Sonja Tollefsen

Guests:

Robin Sweeney, Director, UC Davis Hutchinson
Child Development Center

YCOE:

Gail Nadal, Coordinator

1. Call to order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Ashby at 2:10 p.m. at the Yolo County Office of Education.

A. Introductions of Members and Guests

Members and guests introduced themselves.

B. Ice Breaker

Barbara Ashby led the activity using a ball with conversation starters.

2. Public Comment: R. Sweeney shared a third center operated by Bright Horizons Family Solutions has opened on the UC Davis campus. Hutchinson Center, which serves faculty, staff, students and the community, has opened for children up to age 12 and is now 55% full.

3. Consent Calendar:

A. Action: Approval of Agenda: MSN (R. Overholt, N. Mack – Unanimous) to approve the October 14, 2008 agenda.

B. Action: Approve Minutes: MSN (P. Martinez, O. Rodriguez – Unanimous, N. Mack abstained) to approve the September 9, 2008 minutes.

4. LPC Personnel Update:

G. Nadal announced she is still in search of a grant specialist and has posted the position for a third time. The current closing date is Oct. 20, 2008. The job entails 70% of a school calendar with summers off.

5. AB212 Orientation Meetings and Updates:

1. G. Nadal shared that our 26% cut in AB212 funds was restored by the State. She had previously explained the reduction in funds at the orientation meetings. Now that the monies were restored, the stipends for those enrolled in a college course working towards a B.A. degree or to further them on the Child Development Permit Matrix will be \$500 and \$350 for those with a B.A. and enrolled in a course to further their education in the field. We are now able to offer mini-grants of \$6,000 for agencies who have 12 or more employees. Those with fewer than 12 employees can still apply for a mini-grant of \$3,500.
2. T. Kwak shared the stipulations for the CARES stipend (funded by First 5 California) that are for those working in the private programs rather than State funded.
3. N. Mack shared information about the Mentor Director program. Currently there is not a contact person at Woodland Community College for this program. J. Hillis offered to ask Ed Lewis to contact Jeannine Weight at the college regarding this program. N. Mack also talked to us about the Mentor Director retreat that will take place in Marin County on March 13-14. She will let us know to contact Anne Cress and Elaine Robinson regarding the LPC's presentation on our Transition to K Summit.
 - a. Action: Approve AB212 stipend program: MSN:
(N. Mack, T. Kwak – Unanimous) changes with funding fully restored.

6. Meeting with Supervisor Rexroad, BOS:

Members of the LPC Executive Committee would like someone from the County Board of Supervisors to participate in our LPC committee. L. Ivans, B. Ashby and G. Nadal will be meeting Supervisor Rexroad on Nov. 14, 2008 to discuss this as well as share our current Needs Assessment.

7. CA State Budget Update:

Good news: the 6.4 % reduction for State Child Development Programs was restored. A small amount of growth money is being discussed for the current year, but there will be mid year revisions and cuts for the following year.

8. Proxy for LPC Members:

If you haven't done so already, please send the name of your proxy to G.Nadal.

9. Week of the Young Child:

All those in attendance brainstormed ideas for this coming year's Week of the Young Child celebration.

1. The Educate & Outreach Committee could plan for preschool programs to visit kindergarten classes during that week with funds from a YCOE mini-grant.
2. Remind school districts' enrollment centers of this week and the events planned.
3. A fair in Davis was done in the past. Perhaps we could add on a table with information at the local Farmers Markets. Programs could sign up for working a shift.
4. Display childrens' art in the Board of Supervisors, banks, YCOE, UCD Child Centers, public buildings and businesses.
5. Perhaps the Davis Schools Art Foundation would add a preschool division to their existing Young at Arts Festival. T. Kwak will make a contact with them.

10. Meeting with California Department of Education Child Development Division consultant set:

There are new eligibility requirements for State ECE programs. Yolo County is up for their Compliance Monitoring Review. G. Nadal asked our consultant, Alice Trathen to come to YCOE on Nov.24th from 9:30 – 12:00 to answer questions we may have about the CMR.

11. Council Member/Program Updates:

1. J. Hillis shared his programs are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and brought the latest accreditation for La Rue Park Child Development Center. We were able to look over the criteria to achieve NAEYC accreditation.
2. N. Mack shared St. Luke is looking for a preschool director.
3. T. Kwak shared March 14 2009 is the date for the upcoming Davis ECE Conference where the Ooey Gooey lady, Lisa Murphy, will be the keynote speaker. T. Kwak is looking for presenters. Agencies can inquire about reserving a table in the exhibit hall. Parent workshops are also included at the conference.
4. C. Flores shared that CPIN will be coming to WJUSD for a presentation on the Preschool Foundations on March 6, 2009.
5. P. Martinez shared Thursday, October 16, 2008 is the Lights on After School Event at Tafoya CDC from 5-7:30 p.m. Fun activities will be provided and the theme is "Somewhere safe to go after school is out".
6. YCOE Special Education services at the former Valley Oak Elementary site in Davis will be highlighting their infant toddler program during their Open House from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

7. Davis Resource & Referral Office and YCOE/LPC and want to plan for a county team to go to 2 day training for All of Us Together. . .Moving to Inclusion Project. They are excepting county teams of 10 members. The deadline to submit is October 31, 2008.

8. B. Ashby shared that focus groups have been held around the state regarding the Preschool Foundations. C. Flores will be participating in the group meeting to be held tomorrow in Sacramento.

9. All of Us Together is looking for an Inclusion Project to be highlighted in their conference on March 9-10, 2009 in San Francisco.

10. Michelle May shared information about the classes she teachers at Woodland Community College. All of her ROP students from Woodland High School have been placed in early elementary internships.

12. Next LPC Meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2008

13. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to work with our sub-committees