

**YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 14, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Patricia Martinez  
Laura Ivans  
Ed Lewis  
Melinda Waring  
John Hillis  
Barbara Ashby  
Sue Lomax  
Nancy Mack  
Oralia Rodriguez  
Christina Flores  
Dotty Huber

**Members Absent:**

Michele May  
Armida Kaun  
Regan Overholt  
Tamiko Kwak

**YCOE:**

Gail Nadal, Coordinator  
Rebecca Foster, Grant Specialist

**Guest:**

Kari Fry, parent  
Kerry Koerwitz, Washington USD  
Wangui Ndirangu, YCOE Head Start  
Jan Babb, MCAH  
Robin Sweeny, UC Davis CDC  
Antoinette Edwards, YCOE Head Start  
Stephanie Gray, YCOE

**1. Call to order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by L. Ivans at 2:10 p.m.

- A. Introductions of Members  
Members introduced themselves.

**2. Public Comment:**

Kari Fry discussed an option for a dynamic web-based calendar as an option for the LPC to use.

**3. Consent Calendar:**

- A. Action: Additions were made to the agenda. Approval of April 14, 2009 Agenda: MSN (P. Martinez, B. Ashby – Unanimous)  
B. Action: Approval of March 10, 2009 Minutes: MSN (J. Hillis, O. Rodriguez – Unanimous)

**4. MCAH presentation: Breastfeeding in Yolo County:**

- A. Jan Babb, Assistant Director of Public Health Nursing and Director of MCAH, presented on the topic “For the Health of Our Community: Support of Breastfeeding Families.” She also represents the Community

Breastfeeding Coalition. She shared some of the benefits of breastfeeding for infant and mother, summary of the *MAMA Project: Breastfeeding Rate Study*, county-specific data information about breastfeeding, and ideas on how to support breastfeeding in the workplace.

**5. LPC Executive Committee Election:**

- A. G. Nadal shared that the executive committee members have a two year commitment and that there are enough members present at the April meeting to have the election. L. Ivans agreed to continue as chairperson, B. Ashby as vice-chairperson, nominated for the secretary position is S. Lomax, and nominated for the member-at-large position were E. Lewis and K. Fry. K. Fry withdrew her nomination for member-at-large.
- B. Action: Approval of nominated members for the executive committee: MSN (N. Mack, O. Rodriguez – Unanimous)
- C. G. Nadal reminded that the executive committee meetings are the Tuesday following the regular LPC meeting at Child Care Services in Davis starting at 2:00p and last for approximately one and a half hours. All LPC members are welcome to come to these meetings as well as the public.

**6. Child Development Conference Follow-Up:**

- A. L. Ivans shared that the LPC was a partner with Child Care Services for the Child Development Conference. The LPC funded 87 participants who agreed to participate in the special needs workshops at the conference. The LPC also contributed to the payment of the presenters for the special needs presenters. Next year's conference will be held on March 10, 2009. The conference also receives a lot of funding from First 5. L. Ivans shared some of the comments from the conference:
  - i. They learned how to control the environment, not the child.
  - ii. "I gained knowledge about how I can manage challenging behaviors in the classroom."
  - iii. "I learned new ideas. I feel recharged."
- B. G. Nadal added that the funding came from the AB212 mini-grant funds and the workforce development subcommittee voted to use additional funds to sponsor the registration for participants and fund the special needs presenters as reflected in the LPC blueprint for a priority in special needs trainings.

**7. Website Collaboration/Calendar:**

- A. R. Foster shared the process for submission of LPC events to the LPC events page on the website as well as for the Yolo County Calendar website. The LPC cannot submit events directly to the Yolo County calendar, so we were connected with MCAH as our means for adding events to the county calendar. Any events that are to be posted on the website will be listed with detailed information on the LPC events page and posted briefly on the Yolo County calendar with a link back to the LPC page with more information.

- B. To submit an event for the LPC website and the Yolo County calendar, LPC members are asked to send the event information to LPC staff (R. Foster) with a digital copy of the flyer if there is one. LPC staff will post the event and send the information to MCAH to post on the county website. After the event is submitted to MCAH, it is posted on the Yolo County Calendar within a day or two.

**8. Week of the Young Child:**

- A. R. Foster reminded that the Week of the Young Child is April 19-25. 15 child care centers, preschools and kindergartens supplied the artwork. The artwork is mounted on uniform displays and will be displayed at: Davis City Hall; West Sacramento City Hall; several county libraries; Avid Reader in Davis; JUSTKIDding in Davis; Nugget Market in both Davis locations, West Sacramento and Woodland; and the Yolo County Office of Education. R. Foster asked for volunteers who had time to help with the hanging of artwork at the different locations.
- B. R. Foster shared the early childhood educator appreciation bags. Included within were items to be used with the children: a puppet; pencils with the words “Celebrate Children”; a Transition to Kindergarten brochure provided by the keynote speaker from our Transition to Kindergarten Summit; stickers; an information folder including the LPC website flyer, a letter, informational items from NAEYC, articles for parents from the Child Abuse Prevention website, an activity book from the Transition to Kindergarten handbook, the Needs Assessment brochure, and a WOYC brochure. The LPC membership was asked to volunteer to deliver the appreciation bags to the different locations as our way celebrating the WOYC with all of the early childhood education locations. The locations are from the directory provided by Child Care Services.
- C. R. Foster reminded that Tuesday, April 21 is the Board of Supervisors proclamation for Week of the Young Child. D. Huber shared that the Board is celebrating “Take Your Child To Work Day” on that day. She also shared the process for the proclamation at the BOS meeting.

**9. K-Day Update:**

- A. C. Flores shared information about the Preschool to Kindergarten visits. The preschools are those that are not located on elementary sites which would normally not be able to visit a Kindergarten. The event occurs in the middle of May and will vary on the specific day by what works for the participating schools. Sites have been secured in Davis, West Sacramento and Woodland. The visits should be approximately an hour long and a sample agenda has been created. The LPC is providing a set of 4 wooden puzzles, a book for every preschooler about visiting Kindergarten, and cookies for the kindergarten students and preschoolers. Approximately \$700 was spent on the puzzle sets and \$900 on the books with funds from a mini-grant from YCOE that totals \$2500 for this event.

**10. All of Us Together (Inclusion) Update:**

- A. R. Foster shared that the Inclusion group is continuing to meet. The Inclusion Institute was held on March 9 and 10 and five members of the original Inclusion Team in Yolo County were able to attend. At the Institute, the keynote speaker spoke about “Recognition and Response” and the Yolo County Team was able to begin the development of a mission statement and goals for the county. These include increasing the membership of the Inclusion Team and creating a user-friendly website. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 18 at 1:00p at YCOE and so far a larger team than the original ten members should be able to attend.

**11. Sub-committee updates:**

- A. L. Ivans shared that they are working on the PowerPoint for the Needs Assessment. Child Care Results will finalize the PowerPoint. The goal is to have this completed in the next few weeks.
- B. C. Flores shared that the Education and Outreach committee had a presentation through CPIN on March 6 for subsidized programs. CPIN had such a great response they asked to have more presentations in Yolo County before the end of the school year. The next presentation from CPIN is scheduled for May 26 in the evening at YCOE on “Preschool English Learners: Recommended Early Literacy Practices.” 50% of those registered must be from state-funded programs, enrollment is limited to 60, and it is a free training.
- C. G. Nadal shared that there is approximately \$4000 that has not been expended with the AB212 dollars that needs to be used by June 30, 2009. G. Nadal commented that the Leadership Series was never completed and these dollars would be able to provide a Leadership Training.

**12. LPC Member Updates:**

- A. L. Ivans shared that there is a YCEL meeting on Friday, April 17, 2009. Also, the LPC, First 5 and Child Care Services met with Supervisor Helen Thompson to discuss the overlap of services to eliminate duplication of funding. Yolo plans to continue collaboration and will attempt to do a collective Needs Assessment with First 5 Yolo, Head Start, and the LPC to create a comprehensive Needs Assessment for the county.
- B. N. Mack shared that the Mentor-Director Retreat had about 100 participants and was very successful. The plan is to continue offering the retreat next year.
- C. M. Waring shared that the response to the Circle of Security Training was so great that they are being encouraged to do the 9-day intensive training for this in August. In order to be certified, you must complete the 2-day training, the 9-day training, and pass a test. The cost is \$1850 for the 9-day training.
- D. S. Lomax shared that Alice Trathen, consultant for state-funded programs in Yolo County, is planning to visit CommuniCare to discuss clients.

**13. Next LPC Meeting: Retreat**

- A. Ideas were discussed for the LPC Retreat to be held next month: planning for next year; creating a 5-year plan; evaluate the LPC as a whole and sub-committees; times for the LPC meetings; celebrate successes with the LPC; work with a facilitator for half the day (K. Fry suggested a facilitator and will follow-up); discuss volunteer projects; time for sub-committee work.

**14. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 4:07 p.m. for subcommittee work.