

YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 9, 2009

Members Present:

Dotty Huber
Laura Ivans
Ed Lewis
Christina Flores
Nancy Mack
Barbara Ashby
Sue Lomax

Members Absent:

Michele May
Armida Kaun
Regan Overholt
Tamiko Kwak
Patricia Martinez
Melinda Waring
Oralia Rodriguez
Kari Fry
John Hillis

YCOE:

Gail Nadal, Coordinator
Rebecca Foster, Grant Specialist

Guest:

Kerry Koerwitz, Washington USD
Socorro Robles, CDC

1. Call to order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by L. Ivans at 2:15 p.m.

- A. Introductions of Members
Members introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment:

No information was offered.

3. Consent Calendar:

- A. L. Ivans noted that the meeting lacked a quorum; thus action for the items on the consent calendar was postponed until the next meeting.

4. AB212 Mini-Grant Presentations:

- A. Socorro Robles, CDC shared that the funds were used to continue teaching English to staff for three months, as well as provide three Saturday trainings: (1) Nutrition including eating well, exercise and lead prevention; (2) Special Needs including the referral process and the creation of an informative binder for each center; and (3) Common Illnesses where a binder was created for each center in addition to the training. The third training was in Spanish and was translated for the one non-Spanish speaking participant. Both of the other two were in English and translated into Spanish for the participants.
- B. G. Nadal shared on behalf of Head Start/Early Head Start. They began an English Language Development (ELD) plan in the Head Start program. Services were contracted with Dr. Lampkin, Director of English Language Services at YCOE, and trainings were provided for the program "English Now!" intended to begin use in Head Start classrooms beginning in

September. The cohort of 55 Head Start teachers has agreed to commit 25 minutes of ELD instruction every day.

- C. R. Foster shared grant information on behalf of Davis Joint Unified School District, Children's Center. They hosted a staff training to learn how to work with families and children with disabilities. Five staff members were able to attend and this will benefit all three of their classrooms and 80 children and families. They have already begun implementation of strategies they learned at the training this school year.

5. Yolo County Priorities for Child Care:

- A. R. Foster shared the information provided by the state (California Education Code sections 8499.5 a through d, 8279.3 a through d, and 8208) in regards to the process for setting child care funding priorities. This year marked the first year for a standardized priority-setting process in California. The process involves census zip code data provided to estimate the number of children eligible for State funded child development services, and CDE and other available zip code level data to determine the number and percent of eligible children served or not served by State funded child development services, Head Start or Early Head Start. Next, the data is analyzed using the Priority 1, 2 and 3 number and percentage thresholds and methodology for counties of similar population (Yolo County is grouped into the Priority setting group for counties with under 200,000 residents). There are now two priority groupings for each county: CCTR and CSPP (California State Preschool Programs). R. Foster shared the 2009-2010 priorities for Yolo County as submitted to the California Department of Education, and a sample of the data for one CSPP priority setting in Yolo County.

6. California State Budget:

- A. L. Ivans shared that the status of the State Budget in California has left much of childcare uncertain if they will receive funding. Some providers who are state-subsidized may not be paid based on the State decision regarding CalWORKS funding. Providers may not accept children who usually would have a portion of their enrollment paid by the state, and parents may rethink if they are able to continue with the same care provided they may need to pay for it completely on their own without any state support. Currently, stage 3 CalWORKS is most at risk.
- B. G. Nadal shared that it is still unclear if CCTR funding will continue.

7. New LPC Responsibilities:

- A. G. Nadal shared a new Education Code 8275.5 in which the State has the LPC staff taking on new responsibilities. The goal is to try to find a way to provide a voluntary and temporary (1-year) transfer of funds between like agencies within the same county. A contractor that earns State dollars must earn their contract at 95% to be in good standing. Previously, if in a 3 year time frame, the contract is consistently unearned at 95%, the state could take

those dollars and allow for any contractor in the state to apply for them. The methodology now is that a contractor can self-identify themselves to avoid the penalty of unlearning as being unable to fulfill their contract to the LPC. The LPC staff will facilitate the self-identified contractor to find another contractor within the county and they will fill out an application for the State. The State will then review the application. There are two times during the year when this opportunity is available: the first is between November 1 and November 15, and the second is between May 1 and May 15. If an agency self-identifies and under-earns, that year will not count as one of the three years for a penalty.

8. LPC Member Updates:

- A. D. Huber shared that this will be the third year for Yolo County Backpacks for Kids. The Family Fun Day will be on July 11th in order to fund the purchase of backpacks. It is the goal that 1,000 backpacks filled with supplies will be given to children in grades K-12 in Yolo County.
- B. L. Ivans shared that she wants to begin a Director's Group in Yolo County for subsidized and private programs. June 9, 2009 is the first meeting where the goal is to plan for 2009-10 and the continuation of the group.

9. Sub-committee Updates:

- A. The Educate and Outreach subcommittee just completed "K-DAY in MAY" which involved preschool classrooms visiting Kindergarten classrooms in Woodland, West Sacramento and Winters. Each Kindergarten received puzzles to use in the classroom, juice and cookies for the children and the preschoolers received a book (Kindergarten Kids) to take home. Next year, there will not be additional funding for this event (it was paid for through a mini-grant in 2009), so perhaps school PTAs or additional LPC funds will be needed. Discussion of coordinating with other efforts in order to eliminate duplication was also discussed.
- B. The Workforce Development subcommittee shared that there will be a June 20th training (Leadership in Early Care and Education) in which site supervisors and directors will receive a stipend for attending the training. CPIN, HS, and the LPC also sponsored a training on May 26th to focus on Preschool English Learner instruction.

10. LPC Mission Statement:

- A. L. Ivans led a discussion about the current mission statement for our council to better reflect what our current mission is as part of the LPC. The LPC staff will develop a more current reflection of our intentions based on the discussion of the group at this meeting and the retreat.

11. LPC Goals for FY 09-10:

- A. L. Ivans continued the discussion and goal-setting from the retreat. A few goals will continue from previous years: increase collaboration and become more recognized; increase educational opportunities ensuring that we

outreach to all child care providers (including the Transition to Kindergarten Summit and K-Day); celebration of the Week of the Young Child (including recognition of family-friendly businesses); and revisit and develop the student-cohorts at community colleges and Sacramento State. In addition to ongoing goals, the LPC would like to focus on supporting the Yolo County Inclusion Group in 2009-10.

12. Next LPC Meeting:

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the YCOE Conference Center from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.