

**YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 2, 2010**

Members Present:

**Barbara Ashby
Christina Flores
Laura Ivans
Justine Jimenez
Armida Kaun
Ed Lewis
Sue Lomax
Nancy Mack
Regan Overholt
Dotty Prichard Huber
Oralia Rodriguez
Melinda Waring**

Members Absent:

**Lynn Arner
John Hillis
Kerry Koerwitz**

YCOE:

**Rebecca Foster, Grant Specialist
Gail Nadal, Coordinator**

Guest(s):

1. Call to order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by L. Ivans at 2:08 p.m.

A. Introductions of Members.

2. Public Comment:

A. D. Prichard shared that she was facilitating the update to our LPC membership with the BOS. She also shared that the 2010 Backpack For Kids (B4K) Carnival day is scheduled for July 17th at Ferns Park in Woodland. It was suggested that the LPC continue to collaborate with B4K and distribute backpacks to incoming Kindergarten students.

3. Consent Calendar:

- A. Action: Approval of February 2, 2010 Agenda: MSN (R. Overholt, N. Mack – Unanimous)
- B. Action: Approval of January 6, 2010 Minutes: MSN (M. Waring, C. Flores – Unanimous)
- C. Action: Approval of November 3, 2009 Minutes: MSN (N. Mack, R. Overholt – Unanimous)
- D. Action: Approval of January 5, 2010 Minutes: MSN (N. Mack, S. Lomax – Unanimous)

4. Registration Process for Trainings/Workshops (State-funded, Private):

A. G. Nadal reminded that when using staff development funding, the LPC is required by the State to have at least 51% of participants be state-funded child care employees at trainings/workshops. Therefore, priority registration must be given to the state employees until the 51% of participants is reached. At this time, registration would be open to all in the county on a first-come first-served basis. In order to make the policy clear, all flyers for events sponsored by the LPC will have a statement on the bottom explaining this policy. Those who are not state-funded may also need to pay a nominal fee for food.

5. CCCCA Meeting:

A. G. Nadal shared that our LPC hosted the January 20th California Child Care Coordinator's Association meeting and CDE State Quarterly meeting. The new LPC responsibility of the Transfer of Funds was discussed and the State assured that changes may occur over time as this is the pilot year for this process. One item discussed at the meeting was that agencies with multi-county contracts may move slots to different counties without any monitoring by the State. The LPCs were also encouraged to become more involved in the Early Learning Quality Improvement System (ELQUIS) meetings; further discussion of ELQUIS will be on the March agenda.

6. CDPI 2010 Child Care and Development State Policy Workshop:

- A. M. Waring represented our LPC at the CDPI State Budget Policy Workshop held at the end of January. M. Waring shared that on January 10, the Governor introduced a budget proposal and budget bills were simultaneously introduced in the Assembly and Senate.
- B. M. Waring shared the FY10/11 Child Care Budget Proposal with the membership. Proposition 98 was "over-appropriated" by \$1/8 billion for FY09/10; the Governor proposes to recover \$568 million of that in the current year budget by class size reduction savings and reduced ADA due to lower K-12 enrollment. The Governor's proposal seeks to redirect Proposition 10 funding to backfill the General Fund health and social programs for children.
- C. There are several opportunities for advocacy including attending and speaking up at budget hearings, contacting legislators, contacting the Governor, sign up for Children's Defense Fund's child defender (www.cdfca.org), and becoming involved in the new Health and Human Services network.
- D. G. Nadal reminded that as an LPC member, the goal is to educate but not advocate. Anyone may advocate as an individual person or for their agency if appropriate, but our LPC has the role as an educator.

7. Governor's Child Care Budget Cuts:

A. L. Ivans shared additional information on child care in regards to the Governor's Proposal. There will be a decreased COLA (negative 0.38%).

For Alternative Payment Programs, the subsidy will be reduced to 75% from 85% for the payment to child care providers; this will restrict the number of providers available to those who use the subsidy because the rate of the providers remains constant. There will also be cuts to the CalWORKS program including elimination of all of stage 3 child care support. There will not be any large cuts to general child care (centers).

8. LPC Tagline:

- A. The membership reviewed the suggested new taglines for the Council. The new tagline to be displayed below the logo voted unanimously by the membership is: “Plan – Promote – Support.”

9. Subcommittee Updates:

- A. Educate & Outreach: R. Overholt shared that the Transition to Kindergarten Summit will be on February 24th from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Dr. Martha Burns will be the presenter and she will speak about 0-5 brain development and linguistic development in children. Camille Maben, Child Development Director for CDD will also speak regarding current issues in CDE Child Development. R. Foster shared that there are already approximately 90 participants registered for the T2K Summit. R. Overholt requested that members email her “T2K” resources to her which will be shared in the participant folders at the Summit. On February 17th, the Educate & Outreach subcommittee will meet to prepare the packets for the Summit. S. Lomax, L. Ivans, E. Lewis, N. Mack, A. Kaun, and C. Flores volunteered to help with registration at the Summit.
- B. Week of the Young Child: E. Lewis shared that the park celebration will be at Ferns Park in Woodland on April 24th. The reservation is from 10:00 – 3:00 and the event is planned to be from 11:00 – 2:00. A letter was prepared to send to child care centers and family child care in Woodland and rural Yolo County to request their participation in the event. Yolo County Food Bank will bring their moveable market to the event to discuss preparation of healthy food. KVIE also has committed to participate in the event. This subcommittee also plans to participate at the YCCCPC booth at the Child Development conference to promote the celebration at the park.
- C. Community and Workforce Development: L. Ivans shared that 75 scholarships have been advertised for the Child Development Conference for state-funded center-based ECE employees of Yolo County who commit to attend at least one of the special needs workshops. The deadline for centers to request the scholarship is February 19th.

10. Member Updates:

- A. N. Mack shared that the Annual Mentor Director Retreat will be held on March 12-13, 2010. The fee is \$75 including all meals and lodging and the Retreat is open to any child care professional responsible for supervising other adults.

- B. B. Ashby shared that the UC, Davis Human Lactation Center is just now finishing a 3-year USDA WIC grant and they have created an education blog called “Secrets of Baby Behavior.”
(<http://www.secretsofbabybehavior.com/>)

11. Next LPC Meeting:

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2010. This will be an outreach meeting hosted by John Hillis. Information about where we will meet to tour two locations will be shared via email and in the member packet mailing.

12. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. for subcommittee work.