



Tuesday, March 23, 2021

1:00-2:30 PM

**\*Virtual\***

**Council Members:** Michele Blake, Kimberly Butcher, Ericka Summers, Kathy Woods, Leslie Cena, Denice Burbach, Adrienne Maloney, Jodie Keller, Jennifer Ybarra, Julie Price, Kristi Johnson, Ivona Mikesell, Fawn Ueberschaer

**Council Members Absent:** Michelle Lightle, Lena Webb, Paul Tupaz

**Council Staff:** Tonya Byers, Matt Eddy

**Guests:** Jon Bell, Kristie Drahos

Meeting called to order at 1:06 PM by Leslie Cena.

**I. Introductions**

**II. General Information Sharing.**

None at this time.

**III. Approve February Council Minutes - Action Item**

**Motion to Approve: Michele Blake**

**Second: Denice Burbach**

**Motion Carried**

**IV. Reports**

**A. Standing Committees**

**1. Quality Improvement and Capacity Building**

Denice shared QICB met on March 10<sup>th</sup> where there was an update on the Workforce Pathways grant. First semester stipend paperwork has been completed. The committee discussed Keys to Quality and the Region 3 Hub meeting, where hub payment of 21-22 Pinwheel fees, equity, dual language learners, and inclusion were topics. The committee reviewed a study report discussing the link between quality measures and family fees in early education settings.

**2. Public Policy**

Tonya shared that Public Policy met on March 9<sup>th</sup> with discussion regarding the most recent information in terms of COVID response and COVID relief. The committee reviewed the ECE Coalition letter delivered to the Governor and the Legislature regarding early childhood funding and priorities and advocating for the advancement work done through the Blue Ribbon Commission and the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care. The Childcare Transition Plan was discussed. Jodie shared that there is a new director for the federal Head Start. The committee reviewed The Kids are Essential Coalition, a new national coalition advocating for early childhood.

**3. Executive Steering**

**a. Membership Applications – Action Item**

**The Council will reviewed and recommended approval to the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools for Kristie Drahos' application for membership.**

**Motion to Approve: Denice Burbach**

**Second: Jodie Keller**

**Motion Carried**

**B. Keys to Quality**

**1. Keys to Quality QCC Program– Update**

Tonya shared that soon there will be requests for the last paperwork needed for workforce stipend program completion. The survey that will be going out to the participants to provide feedback on the Keys to Quality program has been finalized. Staff are still reaching out and engaging with new sites for quality improvement work. Calming kits have been distributed to providers. There was a QCC state meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> and one of the major pieces shared during the meeting was the intention to move forward focusing on equity and access to QCC.

**2. Spring Conference Event - Update**

Tonya discussed that the Spring Conference was successful event based on feedback that has been received through surveys. Professional development hours are being received for those who provided their workforce registry number.

**C. Budget Update**

**1. Review Year to Date LPC Expenses**

Tonya reviewed the Sutter and Yuba County LPC funds. There were some adjustments made that will not run through the system until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Outstanding funds will be used for the Needs Assessment survey.

**D. Update on First 5 Commissions**

**1. Sutter CFC**

Michele shared that Sutter CFC just completed a nutrition program in partnership with Public Health. There is a Diaper Drive on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Child Abuse Prevention Month is in April – on April 15<sup>th</sup> SCCFC will be at Live Oak Head Start from 2:00-4:00 PM. April 16<sup>th</sup> Sutter CFC will be at Richland Housing working with the food distribution and helping hand out child abuse prevention information. COVID emergency funding is still available for families. There is funding available from the Packard Grant for the digital divide program.

**2. First 5 Yuba**

Ericka shared First 5 Yuba released an RFP for strategic partners in alignment with the strategic plan, and letter of intent will be due on March 26<sup>th</sup>. First 5 Yuba will be partnering with Sutter on the Home Visiting Initiative. On March 29<sup>th</sup> First 5 Yuba will be partnering with Peach Tree and MJUSD to do a drive through fluoride clinic at Cedar Lane School.

**V. FY 2021-2022 Child Care Priorities – Discussion**

The Council discussed data for the funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The funding priorities are one of the state mandates and an activity that CDE requires, not only to report back the subsidized services that are accessible in the counties, but also to help inform future allocations of new funding that might become available through the California Department of Education. Tonya reviewed a spreadsheet that breaks down the data from the Early Learning Needs Assessment tool. The Council then discussed the options to resubmit current county funding priorities or adjust them based on the data presented. Denice suggested staying with the current priorities due uncertainly regarding

the early learning landscape due to the pandemic. Jodie and Kathy both agreed that they are concerned about the data in light of the pandemic. The Council will review the information and take action next month.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Children Now Letter Sign-on: State Budget Priorities – Action Item**

The Council reviewed the letter from Children Now and considered adding CCPC endorsement.

**Motion to Approve: Jodie Keller**

**Second: Kathy Woods**

**Motion Carried**

**VII. Old Business**

**A. CCPC Needs Assessment/COVID Survey - Update**

Tonya will be meeting with ASR to go over a draft and finalize survey questions. The hope is to have a survey out in the next couple of weeks, one for families and one for providers.

**VIII. Lakeshore Learning Update – Jon Bell, Regional Manager CA & Nevada**

Jon shared the best way to gather free resources via Lakeshore’s website, YouTube, Instagram and Facebook. There are printable resources, virtual backgrounds and printouts all ready and available. Jon also reviewed many new products that prioritize hands-on learning through individual kits useable for classrooms or at home. Lakeshore is now able to provide mobile furniture that prioritizes flexibility and versatility to best utilize space for home-based settings or in classrooms.

**IX. Report from Staff**

**A. CDSS Transition Plan**

Tonya discussed that the CDSS will have the final plan ready on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**B. CA CCDF Plan**

Tonya shared that the CCDF Plan is out for review and that there will be an information session on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The CCDF Plan is how California reports the utilization of the Federal Childcare and Development Block Grant funds. It also goes over how California will meet all the requirements of that funding source.

**C. Save the Children: Childhood in the Time of COVID**

Tonya discussed the ranking of states in terms of their COVID responses and children. California ranked in the middle. The US has 4% of the world population but 24% of the world's COVID cases and 19% of COVID deaths; 18% of American families have lost a family member or close friend due to COVID; over 2 million children have had COVID, or one out of eight cases nationwide; three in four families are experiencing anxiety or depression; one in five caregivers or parents who are not working say it is because they are caring for children, and half of those families say their children are spending less time learning; 85% of counties in the United States with the highest rate of COVID cases and death rates are rural counties.

**D. Federal COVID Relief – Child Care Law Center summary**

Tonya shared about the latest Federal COVID relief funds coming to the states soon. California is expecting 10% of the total allocation.

**E. Cal Matters Article: Coronavirus Cases and Childcare**

Tonya reviewed the article discussing COVID-19 cases in childcare. Overall there is not enough evidence that childcare has been a contributing spreader of COVID-19.

**X. Good of the Order**

Adrienne shared the upcoming Family Soup events.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Fawn Ueberschaer motions to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 PM.**

**Second: Jodie Keller**

**XII. Next Meeting: April 27, 2021**

**Standing Committee Information**

**Public Policy Committee**

Members: \*Ericka Summers, Jodie Keller, Adrienne Maloney, and Julie Price.

**Next meeting:** Second Tuesday of each month, 10:30-12 Noon.

**Quality Improvement & Capacity Building Committee**

Members: Denice Burbach\*, Kathy Woods, Fawn Ueberschaer, Michelle Lightle, Karen Woods, and Jennifer Ybarra.

**Next meeting:** Second Wednesday of each month, 1:00-2:30 PM

**Executive Steering Committee**

Members: Leslie Cena\*, Lena Webb, Kristi Johnson, Paul Tupaz, Ivona Mikesell, Kimberly Butcher, and Michele Blake.

**Next meeting:** Fourth Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 PM

\*Committee Chairs