



Calaveras Child Care Council Minutes

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Topic: November CCCC Meeting

Time: Nov 16, 2021 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Monthly Meeting (Virtual) -November 16, 2021; The Resource Connection Child Care Resource and Referral Office, Zoom Meeting; 9:00-10:30am

Members Present: Jeanette Allen, Kristi LeRette, Alissa Bain, Linda Roe, Barbara Yook

Members Absent: Katie Abresch

Facilitator/staff: Sheri Noble, Misty Pegueros, Karen Frazier, Dawnia Paul

Guests: Paula E Vestal, Courtney Atnip

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Kristi LeRette called the meeting to order at 9:04AM. We have a quorum.

2. Public Comments

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the Council on items of public interest within the Council's jurisdiction not listed on the agenda. Public comment is accepted on all agenda items as they are addressed.

None

3. Minutes-Action Items

- **Approval of October 19,2021 Minutes**
Motioned: Alissa Bain
Seconded: Jeanette Allen
Ayes: All
Abstentions: None
Opposed: None

4. Agenda-Action Items

- **Approval of November 16, 2021 Agenda**
Motioned: Alissa Bain
Seconded: Linda Roe
Ayes: All
Abstentions: None
Opposed: None

5. PITC -Paulina E. Vestal will present information

- Paulina is with Program for Infant Toddler Care that provides trainings and seminars to programs, providers, & centers who care for children from birth to 3 years in both English and Spanish. They offer units through USC Fresno. Participants would register through the Workforce Registry. They are offering 3 different classes at 4 hours each for a fee. They have 1 ½ hour webinars that are free of cost that they offer as well. Everything is via zoom. She will send all this info to Sheri so she can share with everyone. They do a class size of 10-12 people and books/curriculum included with no cost. They are flexible with times and offer Saturdays and evening classes.

6. Executive Order N-29-20

- December Meeting-A vote is needed to determine if the meeting will be held virtually or in person or a combo. Jeanette motioned to keep it virtual based on the current way COVID protocol is being addressed throughout the county.

Motioned: Jeanette Allen
Seconded: Linda Roe
Ayes: All
Abstentions: None
Opposed: None
Next meeting will be December 21st, 2021 –virtual.

7. Updates in the Field

- Assembly Bill 1363 (Signed) This is the Identifying and Supporting Dual Language Learners in California’s Early Learning System
- Assembly Bill 865 (Vetoed) This bill would allow for family child care providers and centers to be reimbursed based on a family ‘s maximum certified hours of need and not based on attendance.
- Senate Bill 50 (Vetoed) This bill increases efficiencies in the direct contracting early learning and care system, removing barriers to serve more children in high-quality centers and family child care homes. It would open up the State Preschool Program (CSPP) to serve children 0-5.
- Build Back Better Summary for Child Care- The registration creates a child care and early learning entitlement program for children under six who have not yet started kindergarten.

Sheri screen shared the attached bills and supporting documents and Misty and Sheri summarized with brief descriptions with their meanings.

8. Upcoming and Current Resource/Projects for Child Care and Parents in the County

- Child Care Initiative Project-ARPA
This was approved August 1, 2021. 2- year project-goes until June 30, 2023. Supports Providers and FFN opening their business or sustaining their business. Not for centers at this time. Other resources will open up for them.
- Information Shared from Tribal TANF- Sheri shared flyers.
- Parent Workshop Information from First 5-Kristine Bridges will join us for a future meeting and Sheri shared flyers.

9. County Child Care Vacancies

- Current status of child care vacancies; openings and waiting lists in programs
 - Kristi LeRette- She gets calls and emails every day to check on openings. She gets inquiries from parents going back to work with young kids.
 - **Preschool**- 6-8 kids on waitlist. 2-3 kids on a wait list for next year.
 - After School Care- **Hazel Fischer**- 2-3 on waitlist- full w/ 14 kids. Down 1 staff member. When she hires, she can enroll more; **Michaelson**-3 spots open- 25 kids; **Mark Twain**-15-20 kids on waitlist
 - Jeanette Allen-Head start

- Preschools are full. They have waitlists. They are required to keep waitlist and continually accept applications so when a family leaves the program the space can be filled quickly.
- Early Head Start has openings but they cannot fill them until they hire more staff members.
- Alissa Bain
 - Preschool- all three centers are not at capacity. She has waiting lists. Has been calling and filling those on-going.
 - After School Care has vacancies. She also has waiting lists.

10. Membership Update

- Potential Vote of New Member-Courtney Atnip. She is present and if she is still interested-each member will need to send Sheri an email with their vote to vote her in. She confirmed that she is still interested. Sheri will send each member an email to get the vote complete.

11. Announcements, Comments, Debrief, and Adjournment;

- Barbara shared that she is in the very beginning stages of planning a Child Abuse Awareness Summit with a target month of April. Cory Allen is taking the lead and the Crisis Center is interested in helping support as well as the Office of Education. The vision is to have educational components-hands on workshops, networking opportunities and have Law Enforcement, District Attorney's office, CPS, Educators, etc. attend and share what they do and how things work in each of their areas.
- Sheri just read the book "What Happened to You?" By Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey and the focus is on brain development and life experiences. It was phenomenal.
- Courtney Atnip shared that Public Health is still closed to the public. They are not providing any immunizations or TB Skin Testing at this time. They relay to callers to call their insurance, clinics, or the pharmacy for more information.
- Vote on January Meeting instead of December? All said they can make Dec and Jan meetings. Keep Dec and Jan meetings.

Adjourned 9:55AM