



Marin County Child Care Commission

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Marin Room MCOE

1. Call to Order / Welcome

Meeting started at 3:40pm. Introductions.

Aideen proposes an amendment of the agenda so that the Commission can vote on new commission member and new chair. The proposal is accepted by all the members.

Aideen introduced motion to vote for Tanya Myers as new chair. Peggy seconds. All in favor

Aidden introduced motion to vote for Ana Rasquiza as new Commission member. Peggy seconds, all in favor.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment

3. Quick Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 3rd, 2014 and September 9th, 2014: the Commission could not vote on the minutes because they were not in the meeting package.

4. Report from Child Care Aware® of America's 2014 Family Advocacy Summit

Michelle reporting out about her Washington experience. Parent voices resented a workshop on storytelling.

A few points mentioned by Michelle and other commissioners: preschool funding is about \$4,500/kid; Head Start funding is about \$13,000

Head Start will be a benchmark for quality

Michelle: in Marin County we should look into who in Marin County is applying to federal grant. There are also funding for social emotional programs.

They talked about how to professionalize the workforce.

Look into a parents task force to look at some of these issues

Safety goes hand in hand with access: if you don't have access to child care you will put your kid wherever.

Michelle also suggesting to reach out to Levine

Peggy commenting on involving parents much earlier in the process: if they want to expand infant toddler services, parents would often choose family child care providers rather than center based care.

5. Presentation of CARES training in the County

Tanya presenting on CARES Plus training. More intensive in its requirements compared to AB212. 30-40h to do the core classes. Done in both English and Spanish.

Reflections: they are actually helpful for them to think about what they are watching at.

Meeting with Tanya at least twice a year. There is a list of training approved by the state that they can attend.

Ultimate goal: workforce retention; moving up the matrix to get to higher certification or renew their permit.

They capped it: \$400 stipend for component A and B. There is a cap on the program

Cycle: with the max # of cycles they can go from \$900 to \$2,000.

Each cycle is 2 weeks. Max 22 cycles. Videotaping obviously during school time but the rest not all. Friday for Head Start, online training lot of opportunity, evening and Saturday.

CARES+ is 0-5.

Cap 45 participants. From 35-40 complete it. Not double dipping. CARES+ open to all. Outreach is done through fliers and presentations.

6. **Organization of subcommittees work**

There was not enough time to work on this but while talking about the workforce survey, several concerns were raised about the survey being too narrow in scope (if it goes only to Title 5 centers and Head Start)

7. **Ongoing Reports**

Staff Report: Peggy remarking the \$15M going to Planning council for Professional Development.

8. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Meeting Attendance

Commissioners Present:

Aideen Gaidmore, Michelle Garcilazo, Peggy Dodge, Carol Barton, Caren Schmidt, Tanya Myers, Laura Trahan, Laurie O'Hara-Torres, Louise Bruce, Jayne Johnson

Commissioners Absent:

Saul Godinez, Jacki Tarantino, Shane Valentine, Lauren Fried, Lynn Kanter-Levy

Commission Staff:

Sara Bonetti

Next Meeting Scheduled

November 4, 2014

3:30 pm - 5:00pm

MCOE

Boardroom