



**Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County  
MEETING MINUTES**

November 4, 2016

SCOE, 5340 Skylane Boulevard, Redwood Room C, Santa Rosa CA 95403

**Minutes Approved on January 6, 2017**

*The mission of the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County is  
to convene and inspire the community through collaboration, leadership and advocacy  
to promote and plan for quality child care and development  
for the benefit of all children (birth to 12), their families and Sonoma County.*

**Members Present:** Carrie Anabo, Debbie Blanton, Missy Danneberg\*\*, Soledad Figueroa, Lisa Grocott, Rebecca Hachmyer, Alice Hampton, Megan Hede, Kathy Kelley, Alicia Morales, John Paul, Jason Riggs, Sonya Valiente, Cathy Vaughn, Terry Ziegler

**Members Notified Absent:** Melanie Dodson, Noel Mitchell, Kellie Noe, Marianne Schwarz-Kesling, Heather Sweet-Krikac, Margie Vondrak

**Guests Present:** Wendy Adams, Leah Benz, Jenny Copeland, Carol Diemer, Taylor Falbisaner, Rebecca Heron, Susan Langer, Lara Magnusdottir, Sandra Ruiz, Lorie Siebler

**Staff Present:** Susy Marrón, Kaye Moore, Patty Bernstein

\*\*Indicates pending Board of Supervisors appointment

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order**, Introductions, Inspiration		Co-chair Jason Riggs called the meeting to order at 9:03am. He offered congratulations to the Chicago Cubs on their World Series win, then reflected on conditions that existed in 1908 and the differences between then and now, when our country has an opportunity to elect a woman as President of the United States. Introductions were made around the table.	
2. Approval of/Revisions to Agenda**		The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.	

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3. Consent Calendar a. CCPC Meeting Minutes of 10/7/16		The meeting minutes of 10/7/16 were approved by unanimous consent.	
4. Follow-up on October's Hot Topic: Youth Resources presentation by SAY and CPI	Jason asked for follow-up on last month's Hot Topic. * Kathy Kelley expressed concern about the gap in ages that are served by SAY and CPI. * Lorie Siebler felt that there was really too much information for one Hot Topic. *Missy Danneberg suggested that people sign up for SAY's newsletter <a href="https://www.saysc.org/">https://www.saysc.org/</a> . *Kathy Kelley would like a follow-up on Strengthening Families ( <a href="http://www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies/about">www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies/about</a> )		
5. Hot Topic: Quality Counts	Leah Benz, from First 5 Sonoma County, spoke about Quality Counts, the Quality Improvement and Rating System (QIRS) for early care and education programs in Sonoma County. Funded by First 5 California, First 5 Sonoma County, and the California Department of Education, Quality Counts's goal is to help improve early care and education in our community. *She invited everyone to attend meetings that are open to the public first		

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	<p>Wednesday of each month (no meeting in December) beginning at 9:00am.</p> <p>*Leah explained that our regional QRIS program chose to emphasize Improvement rather than Rating and so is called QIRS or Quality Counts. Quality Counts is currently serving about 80 providers and 273 teachers.</p> <p>*The collaboration of agencies in our county has put us ahead of many other counties. Coaching is the key element to success. There are currently 8 coaches, each of whom is assigned about 15 sites.</p> <p>*Feedback: Terry Ziegler indicated that parents are skeptical of the language “Quality Improvement” (thinking that their program needs improvement) and is using “Quality Counts” instead.</p> <p>*Question: What is the role of parent engagement? It is not on the matrix, as it’s too hard to quantify/assess/rate.</p> <p>*Several recommended frameworks including Strengthening Families.</p> <p>* The data from the READY project will be presented at the December 5 meeting of the First 5 Commission, 3:30-5:30pm. The public is welcome.</p>		
<p>6. Child Care Consumers/Child Care Providers Input/Member Announcements</p>	<p>* Terry Ziegler asked “How can we improve the quality of our programs if there are no teachers to hire?”</p> <p>* Employers in general are struggling but needs and impact are different in</p>		

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	<p>education.</p> <p>* Lara Magnusdottir spoke about the concern that increased training requirements for state permits may make it even more difficult to hire early childhood educators.</p> <p>*Alice Hampton spoke about three surveys relating to ECE professionals' program standards, performance expectations, and permit matrix. She suggested printing out the matrix before taking the survey (by November 30).</p> <p>*Kathy Kelley suggested that this would be a good Hot Topic.</p> <p>*Lorie Siebler mentioned that the next Parent Café is on November 16 at 5:30pm at Monroe Elementary School.</p> <p>*Kathy Kelley announced that the Early Learning Institute is hiring.</p>		<p>CCPC will put this in ENews</p>
<p>7. Public (<b>non-members</b>) Comment on non-agendized items</p>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>		
<p>8. Children's Initiative</p>	<p>Jason gave a quick synopsis of the October 13 meeting which was well attended by a good cross-section of business, K-12 system, and policy makers. A steering committee was formed to decide the next steps to take.</p>		
<p>9. CCPC Annual Self Review</p>	<p>Susy Marrón presented the annual self review (July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016). On motion by Cathy Vaughn and second</p>		

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	<p>by Lisa Grocott, the vote was unanimous to approve submitting the review to the California Department of Education's Child Development Division as presented.</p>		
<p>10. 2016-2017 Budget Revision</p>	<p>Susy explained that changes in staffing resulted in monies being available to other budget areas and presented the details. It was the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve this revised budget.</p> <p>On motion by Lisa Grocott and second by Soledad Figueroa, the vote was unanimous to approve the revised 2016-17 budget.</p>		
<p>11. Executive Committee</p>	<p>Kathy Kelley reported that the next Executive Committee will meet on Monday, November 21, 9-10:30am. The purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to get the CCPC Plan out into community via gatherings in each of the five supervisorial districts. She explained that the Executive Committee is looking for community and business partners to help with this effort.</p>		
<p>12. Finance Committee Report</p>	<p>Missy reported that the Finance Committee met, reviewed budget revisions, and recommended that the Council approve the revised budget.</p>		

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13. Child Care Plan Presentation	Susy Marron reported that the Board of Supervisors have put the 2016-2021 presentation on their November 15 8:30am consent agenda, so there will be no formal presentation. We're still planning on meeting with each member of the Board regarding our Plan.		
14. Public Policy Committee Report	*Lara Magnusdottir reported about Title 5 potential revisions. Input from stakeholder groups is being sought.		
15. Adjournment	Reminder to turn in In-Kind forms and meeting surveys.	Meeting adjourned at 10:45am by unanimous consent.	