

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Location: 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA



Date: 5/16/2018	Time Convened: 6:18 PM	Time Terminated: 8:00 PM	Reco

Recorder: Imelda Prieto Martinez

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Review Desired Outcomes and Meeting Rules	 Veronica Gutierrez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Emma Duran, Secretary, reviewed the desired outcomes. Rosmery Guevara, Parliamentarian, reviewed ground meeting rules.
Public Comment	None
Correspondence	None
Staff Recognition	 The following staff were recognized for their excellent work with the children and the families: Leticia Mariscal, Experience Level Clerk at George Miller III Children Center and Zermina Zadran, Teacher at Los Nogales Children Center were presented with a certificate and a book to acknowledge their dedication to the children and their families. Special thank you was given to CSB staff providing support during May 16, 2018, Policy Council meeting.
Ice Breaker	Policy Council Representatives participated in an icebreaker group activity to open communication and build connections among members.
Administrative Reports • CSB Director • Division Manager • Fiscal	 Camilla Rand, CSB Director, welcomed Policy Council representatives and thanked parents for nominating staff receiving recognition this month. Camilla referenced the following key agenda items to be presented during this meeting: Training on Stress Reduction/Taking Care of Ourselves from COPE. Introduction to the Central Eligibility Unit - Sarah Reich, ASA III will share more information. Program updates: As part of our corrective action plan to address not being fully enrolled in all of our allotted Early Head Start slots due to a staffing shortage. CSB is launching two initiatives to recruit participants to become Associate Teachers: In partnership with Contra Costa College, 2nd Cohort II of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program will be held at Balboa Children Center. Upon successful completion of this program participants will earn 12 core units in Early Childhood Education and will be eligible to apply to become Associate Teachers.
	2. In partnership with Diablo Valley College (DVC), an orientation was held on April 16, 2018 for prospective applicants interested in joining the new linked cohort to support ESL students. This opportunity is designed for trainees who are interested in earning an Associate

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	Teacher's permit and beyond. Katharine Mason, Division Manager, welcomed Policy Council representatives and presented enrollment and attendance statistics for the month of April:							
	 Enrollment: 98.7% for Head Start; 100.32% for Early Head Start; 100% for Early Head Start Child Care Program Partnership #1; and 66.84% for Early Head Start Child Care Program Partnership #2. 							
	• Attendance: 83.5% for Head Start; 84.2% for Early Head Start; 92.41% for Early Head Start Child Care Program Partnership #1; and 83.7% for Early Head Start Child Care Program Partnership #2.							
	Program Highlights:							
	 CSB celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day, many thanks to our program parents for taking the time to show their appreciation to the teachers. 							
	• On April 20, 2018, the Contra Costa County Dental van visited Contra Costa College's Early Head Start center to provide dental exams, fluoride varnish, cleanings and treatment to 19 children.							
	 On April 7th, 35 CSB teaching staff attended the 24th Annual Early Learning Conference at Diablo Valley College (DVC). Participants heard from renowned early childhood advocators about statewide initiatives, public policy trends and workforce pathways for teachers. Additionally, participants received college credit or professional growth hours towards their child development permit. 							
	• Early closures days in April focused on interactive science activities. Early closures in May for Head Start staff will focus on CLASS and PITC for Early Head Start staff.							
	• On May 19 th , teaching staff will attend half-day training on Creative Curriculum and how to implement with fidelity.							
	 CSB met with TA's from Regional Office to address recruitment, enrollment due to low staffing and strategies to serve more children with disabilities. 							
	Haydee Ilan, Accountant III, presented the following fiscal reports:							
	 2017-2018 Head Start Program: March 2018 year to date cash expenditures were \$2,035,675 YTD, which represents 13% of the program budget. 							
	 2017-2018 Early Head Start Program: March 2018 year to date cash expenditures were \$714,098 YTD, which represents 20% of the program budget. 							
	 2017-2018 Early Head Start – CC Partnership: March 2018 year to date cash expenditures were \$695,073 YTD, which represents 59% of the program budget. 							
	 2017-2018 Early Head Start – CC Partnership #2: March 2018 year to date cash expenditures were \$1,069,219 YTD, which represents 17% of the program budget. 							
	 Credit Card expenditures for all programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start, for the month of March 2018 were \$18,036.48. 							
	• Child and Adult Care Food Program: March 2018 total meals served including breakfast, lunch, and supplements were 40,691.							

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Report: • 2016-2017 Single Audit Results	 Haydee Ilan, Accountant III, provided a report on the following: The Single Audit for FY 2016-2017 is a County-wide audit performed by external auditors as a Federal requirement. The Single Audit included all County programs including Head Start and Early Head Start which are direct programs under the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. There were no findings on programs administered by Community Services Bureau.
Subcommittee Updates	Fiscal: Delphine Smith, subcommittee member provided a brief update of items reviewed during their meeting to include: March fiscal reports and 2016-2017 Single Audit Results. <u>Nutrition</u> : Veronica Gutierrez, subcommittee member provided a brief update of items reviewed during their meeting to included: healthy food
	 substitutions for carbs. <u>Program Services</u>: Emma Duran, subcommittee member provided a brief update of items reviewed during their meeting to include: Planning calendar that includes all of our activities for the new school year. Self-Assessment report for our current school year that was done at the end of March, and beginning of April. EHS- CCP 2 Enrollment Corrective Action Plan for full enrollment with strategies to support full enrollment in our EHS-CCP2 sites. EHS-CCP1 children with disability 10% enrollment corrective action plan to ensure that 10% of enrolled children in our EHS-CCP1 sites have a certified disability.
Training: • Stress Reduction/Tak ing Care of Ourselves	 Kim Jones, C.O.P.E Marriage & Family Therapist provided training on Stress Reduction/Taking Care of Ourselves. Topics being reviewed included the following: Strategies to improve relationships with children: All children have different temperaments and personalities. Parents need to be aware of what their child's temperament is, for example: extraverted or introverted. Discuss and review expectations when going out with families and friends. Teach children problem solving, self-regulation and skill building. Reduction of behaviors and skill building for children to decrease stress on parents and caregivers: Approach child and give clear instruction of what you're asking the child to do. Model positive behaviors – this will help children learn and imitate the good they see in their parents. A behavior chart is a great tool to set clear expectations with children. It also helps motivate children to improve their behaviors.
Training: • Voter Registration Campaign	Renee Zeimer, Secretary for the Economic Opportunity Council (EOC), shared information about the Voter Education & Registration Project. Statewide Primary Elections will be held on June 5, 2018. In order to vote you need to be registered and there are many ways to register or update your information.

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"Your Vote Matter " pamphlet
 Register online <u>RegisterToVote.ca.gov.</u> Registration need to be made by May 21st. Text "2vote" and put "Contra Costa" in the text line and you can register using your phone. Submit a paper application form in the mail. Paper applications are available at the Martinez Elections Office, Library, U.S. Post Office or Department of Motor Vehicles. Applications need to be submitted at least 15 days before the date of the election.
Accessibility of voting:
 A voter may request an absentee ballot that will be mailed to them seven days before the election and can be returned by mail or dropped off at a polling site on Election Day. A voter may vote one week ahead of time at one of the county's new "Regional Early Voting" program sites (handout was provided).
Contra Costa ballots are available in English, Spanish and Chinese and they offer a ballot translation guide, available at polling sites and for vote- by-mail voters, in Vietnamese, Korean and Tagalog.
Contra Costa County Elections Division has openings for Regional Early Voting Representatives, participants were encouraged to apply and share with the community.
For more information on candidates and measures go to <u>https://votersedge.org/ca</u>
Sarah Reich, ASA III, provided and overview of the Centralized Enrollment Unit.
 Previous Process Each center has responsibility for determining eligibility and continued eligibility for families Paper eligibility files are kept at each center New Process Centralized Unit has responsibility for determining initial eligibility and continued eligibility for families Electronic files are maintained What? Centralized Enrollment Unit manages the wait list, interviews family and collects required documentation Prior to enrollment, the family meets with Comprehensive Services Family receives a call from the Site Supervisor when space is available Why? Support center staff to focus on their specialties Enhance communication with families Specialized eligibility staff

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Action: • Consider Approval of the April 18	 How? Electronic record keeping Electronic signatur Parent Portal Kiosks E-mail & text messaging The minutes of the April 18, 2018, A motion to approve the April 18, 2018,	Policy Coun					reno. The motion	
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	Ana Moreno			Mayra Rodriguez	Lee Ross			
	Paige Chatman			Lucia Mendez				
	Katie Cisco Cheryl Barrett			Kenyetta Harris Teodora Soto				
Action: Nasim Eghlima, ASA III, provided an overview of the 2017 Self-Assessment Plan of Correction. The self-assessment system measures and supports a continuous quality improvement approach to managing CSB's Head Start programs. • Self- Assessment Plan of Corrections Nasim Eghlima, ASA III, provided an overview of the 2017 Self-Assessment Plan of CSB's self-assessment system measures and supports a continuous quality improvement approach to managing CSB's Head Start programs. CSB's self-assessment was conducted during the week of February 26 th by a team of 45 members, which included grantee and debiated board members, community partners and parents.						IS.		
	 The components of the self-assessment reviewed consisted of eight components: Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS[™]) Focus Area 1- Program Design and Management Focus Area 1-Quality Education and Child Development Program Services Focus Area 1-Quality Family and Community Engagement Program Services Focus Area 1-Quality Health Services Focus Area 1-Effective Fiscal Infrastructure Focus Area 1-Effective ERSEA Strategies Health & Safety Checklist – one for Center Based and one for Family Child Care 							

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Action:		-	-				-		anning Calendar provides chronological guidance
Consider Approval of 2018-2019 Planning Calendarand timelines for critical events such as: reviews, audits, and reports that occur within the continuity within the program as well as throughout the Bureau. Included in the calend with the program's governing body, policy groups and program staff.					- ,				
	A motio	n to appro	ve the 2018	-2019 Pla	nning Cale	endar was	made by Delphir	ne Smith and sec	conded by Katie Cisco. The motion was approved.
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Report:	Nasim E	ghlima, AS	A III, provide	ed an over	view of th	e Continu	ation Grant and P	C involvement.	
 Continuation Grant Cycle Head Start/Early Head Start Continuation Grant Components: Parents are involved year-round throu process consists of: <i>Planning Calendar, Community Assessment, Goals and Objectives, Budget, and C</i> Grant is a five year cycle with continuation grants submitted annually. This year is the first year of a Continuation Grant Timeline: 					Budget, and Grant Approval. The Continuation				
	Jan/Feb	Mar/Apr	May/Jun	Jul/Aug	Sep/Oct	Nov/Dec			
	Grant Process Begins	PC Approval Grant Submission EHS-CCP1	PC Presentation Grant Submission EHS-CCP2	Program G/O updates are distributed	PC Approval(s) Grant Submission HS/EHS				

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY
Site Reports	Riverview:
	• Teaching Staff completed the Teaching Pyramid Training offered in San Francisco. Teachers are continuing to receive coaching through
	First 5.
	Room 1AM & PM had their "End of The Year Celebrations" during the last week of class. 14 children from the AM class are transitioning
	to Kindergarten; 10 children from the PM class transitioning to Kindergarten.
	 QRIS funding provided teachers with opportunities to purchase new materials for their classrooms. Focus was outdoors activities and small group STEAM projects.
	Cooking Projects for Room 2: included fruit crepes and fruit smoothies.
	• Riverview Middle School art students visited class and had children in room 2 draw their version of a monster (the students will create a pillow and clay figure for each child resembling their monster).
	Gateway High School students are reading stories to the children bi-weekly.
	 Site Supervisor and Gateway High School counselor are collaborating to encourage parents in the community to participate in certificated parenting classes through Mt. Diablo Adult Education.
	Site Supervisor and Room 1 Teachers participated in Contra Costa Health Service Grant training.
	Marsh Creek:
	Parents joined their children in the End of the Year celebration.
	 Classrooms received new toys and learning materials for the new program year.
	Aspiranet:
	 We celebrated "Mother's Day" - 26 mothers with their babies participated.
	CSB staff is conducting Hearing tests for the babies.
	 Michelle Mankewich, CS Assistant Manager, provided Child Abuse Prevention training and shared information on Early Language Development.
	Las Deltas:
	• We celebrated in the toddler room Cinco de Mayo for the whole week and the staff and children danced and played music, read stories and art projects that reflected happiness.
	The Children and parents celebrated the teaching staff for teacher appreciation.
	Family cleanup day was during the Week of the Young Child, Friday April 20, 2018.
	Crescent Park:
	 Crescent Park will submit a large in-kind contribution for the Month of May. A huge thank you to all the families that helped make our Community Work Day a success. Community Work Day brought out 30+ families. Home Depot donated a large variety of supplies (mulch, plants, soil, flowers, and seeds) to help support Community Work Day.
	• Our Play Yard gardens are beautiful. Fresh Mulch has been added, Fruits and vegetables are blooming and thriving. The butterfly garden is attracting butterfiles and caterpillars. We are looking forward to adding mud kitchen's and outdoor privacy nooks to help extend learning opportunites from inside the classroom to outdoors.
	 Teacher Apprentice Opportunities gave been added to the Resource Bulletin Board for families.
	 Various Professional Growth Opportunities have been posted in the teacher break room for staff.

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	• Thank you to Kenya Pierce who stepped up and fulfilled the responsibility of Policy Council Representative for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.							
	George Miller III:							
	• Make Parenting a Pleasure training series has completed all 10 sessions so far. Parents are welcomed to the final 2 sessions which will cover Child Development and Discipline Strategies.							
	 We are also at the end of visiting Bay Discovery Museum and each New teacher work stations were completed and fully fuctional for 	n classroom was able to share the last trip there with their families. The the teachers to use.						
		it in which families will explore about our learning journeys and see						
	The Healthy smiles Dental van visited GMIII and was able to provid	de services to the children on site.						
	Parents were invited to participate in a Financial Fitness workshop	b here in GM III.						
	Los Arboles:							
	 Week of the Young Child was a great success, lots of parents participated. 							
	Ms. Josie received a Peer Recognition certificate.							
	 New outdoor toys and new rug was received for the toddler room 	l.						
	• Kindergarten field trip, children were able to visit a kindergarten o	classroom in Oakley Elementary.						
	Parents received kindergarten packets from Oakley Elementary to prepare children for kindergarten during the summer.							
Announcements	Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Services Manager for Parent, Family, Community Engagement, shared in-kind video for the month of May featur parents from the Brookside's Parental Financial Fitness and George Miller's Make Parenting A Pleasure Trainings. CSB's Summer Newsletter i							
	coming soon.							
Meeting	<u>Pluses / +</u>	<u>Deltas / Δ</u>						
Evaluation	COPE Presentation	None						
	Apprenticeship program							