

Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council

Public Policy Committee Minutes September 7, 2022

"The Mission of the Public Policy Committee is to support the mission of the Planning Council by monitoring and developing early care and education legislation, policies and regulations that impact children, families and childcare providers and recommending appropriate action to the Early Care and Education Planning Council."

Attendees:

Ana Rasquiza (First 5 AC), Eric Peterson (Bananas), Janani Krishna (EBCAAEYC), Jennifer Cabán (City of Oakland), Katie Honegger (4Cs of AC), Kym Johnson (Bananas), Lorita Riga (ACECE Program), Page Tomblin (Consultant), Sally Chou (4Cs of AC), Shruti Agarwal (FCC), Susan Jeong (Alameda COE), Trisha Barua (Oakland Starting Smart and Strong), Veronica Ufoegbune (Ephesian Children's Center), Vincent Piscar (4Cs of AC)

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Co-Chair, Ana Rasquiza called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and facilitated welcome and introductions.
- State Facilities Construction Grants, applicants are being notified of outcome daily through the end of September.
- Jennifer Cabán transitioned from SSA to the City of Oakland. She will be the Measure AA Implementation Officer with the City of Oakland. She will remain in her current capacity with the LPC.

Consent Calendar

- Review and approval of <u>Agenda</u> and the <u>June</u> and <u>July</u> Minutes.
 - Ana motioned to approve the agenda. Katie moved. Trisha seconded. Roll call vote taken. All approved,
 Shruti and Ana abstained for July minutes, motion passed.
 - Ana motioned to approve extending this agenda to 12:00 PM. Katie moved. Jenn seconded. Roll call vote taken. All approved.

Review Planning Council Approval Process

- Public Policy Platform
 - o Susan reviewed the process of how the LPC acts on agenda items
 - o Page provided background of LPC

Legislative and Budget Updates

- Update on Congress's Budget Reconciliation Bill
 - Update provided by Page Nothing provided for childcare. There is a commitment to review again after the midterm elections.
 - Eric shared about Childcare Aware (https://www.childcareaware.org/). Commented on how we really need to engage parents and providers through mentorship.
- Updates State Legislation

• Legislation Tracking and Positions 2022

Page presented, provided detail and led discussion for legislative tracker.

Note: The legislation tracker is a live shared document. Please use for your questions or to share links

Agenda items for October

- Review what was signed by Governor
- Begin reviewing Public Policy Platform

Adjournment – Co-Chair, Ana Rasquiza adjourned the meeting at 11:27 AM

Next Meeting – October 5, 2022