



State Contractors Committee Meeting Minutes February 23, 2023 Meeting

Attendance taken by Patricia Ramos

Attendees:

Susan Jeong, **Alameda County Office of Education**; Lorita Riga, Consultant, **Alameda County Pilot Manager**; Meuy Saephan, Pamm Shaw, Kathy Anderson, **YMCA East Bay**; Darrell Whitacre, Marina Moreida, **Regents of UC Berkeley**; Beverly Taub, **Fremont USD**; Monique Liebhard, **Pleasanton USD**; Kevin Lacy, Lorraine Provost, Gwen Babaoye, **24 Hour Oakland Parent-Teacher**; Christi Roscigno, Maria Carriedo, **Berkeley USD**; Ofelia Menoza, **Oakland USD**; LaTae Willis, **Ala Costa Centers**; Mia Lopez, Natasha Hall-Sevilla, **The Primary School**; Dave Sandoval, Jennifer Caban, Robyn Levinson, **City of Oakland**; Mona Shirk, Mary Hekl, **Hively**; Mira Djuric, **4C Alameda**; Carmen Baires, Alexandra Hilario, **Saint Vincent Day Home**; Alyssa Corrigan, Nereyra Houle, **Kidango**; Elizabeth Eguizabal, **Unity Council**; Anjali Jain, **Albany USD**; Carmen Ortiz, **Chabot College**; Lynne Moore Kerr, **Alameda Family Services**

- I. Call to Order (Welcome, Introductions, Attendance)
 - The co-chair, Darrell Whitacre, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
- II. Public Comment on Agenda and Minutes
- III. Review and approval of [Agenda](#)
Approval of January [Minutes](#)
 - Review and approval of January 26th minutes:
 - o Jennifer Caban made a motion to approve the January 26th minutes. Mona Shirk seconded.
 - o Roll call was called for approval by the members. The January minutes were approved unanimously.
 - Review and approval of February 23rd agenda:
 - o Jennifer Caban made a motion to approve the February 23rd agenda with the updated corrections (from approval of November minutes to January minutes). Pamm Shaw seconded.
 - o Roll call was called for approval by the members. The February agenda was approved unanimously.

IV. Welcome new co-chair: Darrell Whitacre

V. 1:1 Breakout: What's on your non-work related mind?

VI. Presentation & Discussion

Lorita Riga, Alameda County Pilot Manager

- Management Bulletin (MB)
 - CDE released MB 23-02 in regards to serving children with exceptional needs in CSPP contracts.
 - CDE also held a webinar where they discussed:
 - The change of definition of a “child with exceptional needs”
 - Went into detail about the categorical eligibility for children with exceptional needs and the required set aside that CSPP programs need to have to serve children with exceptional needs
 - Reviewed the enrollment priority
 - Discussed the increase of the adjustment factor and the new data collection requirement which will happen in April
 - More information is to come.
- Child Care Bulletin (CCB)
 - CDSS released CCB 23-04 in regards to the new eligibility category for families who are receiving other government programs (e.g. enrollment in CalFresh, Headstart) effective immediately as of January 1st, 2023.
 - This new eligibility category is available for contractors, CSPP, CCTR, CAP, C2AP, C3AP, and CMEG now making the alignment for eligibility categories across the contracts the same.
- Pilot Update: [AB 1352](#)
 - Our pilot bill has a number now, AB 1352.
 - There will be continuous updates for how and when there may be requests for support letters to be sent out.

VII. Discussion

- AB 51 - Review & Approve Draft Recommendations from Alameda County State Contractors Network
- Meeting with Assembly member Bonta
- There were several conversations on how we can provide feedback about investment in the 0-5 workforce and came up with the below. There was an open discussion on those topics.
 - The overarching ask is for the state to consider similar investments in the 0-5 workforce as the TK pipeline investment.
 - Infant/toddler certification
 - ECE college unit attainment
 - Degree attainment

- More in-classroom mentorship through the CA Early Childhood Mentor Program
- Change the waiver policy for Assistant Teacher
- CSPP contracts should provide specific language that allows reimbursement rates to go towards workforce compensation
- The initial plan was to invite Assembly member Bonta staff to the State Contractors meeting but instead there will be a small group of folks who will meet with the staff.

VIII. Week of the Young Child - April 1-7

- Programmatic plans/events
- In the next meeting, there will be a discussion on some ideas for the Week of the Young Child.

IX. Agenda items for March meeting

- Follow-up/Update from Asm Bonta meeting
- Hybrid Meeting
 - i. Assembly Bill 2449 takes into effect March 1, 2023 of the in-person meeting with the option for those who are not part of the quorum count to participate through Zoom.
- In-person meetings will be effective in March for chair members.
- Follow-up on Week of the Young Child

X. Community Updates/Public Comment

XI. Adjourn– Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.