CHILD CARE PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Legislation & Public Policy | March 6, 2024 | 9:30a - 10:30a

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AGENDA

9:30a **Welcome**

9:35a ***Community Education*, Advocacy & Planning**

- *SF ECE AC Timeline*
- *Site visits*
- *Building Message with All Hands/BJC*
- *Child care for SF Union Employees - First Responders*

9:55a **CPAC Policy Consultant Update**

- *Election Work - Town Hall*
- *Tax Measure*
- *Other*

10:15a **Open Items**

10:30a **Adjournment**

Next Legislation & Public Policy Meeting: April 3, 2024; 9:30a - 10:30a

SUMMARY, NEXT STEPS, and LINKS

Summary

Community Education and Advocacy Planning

The meeting was primarily focused on community education, advocacy, and planning. Alex introduced himself as the Senior Manager of Public Policy and Organizing at Children's Council and a member of the SF Ec Advocacy College. Sara shared a timeline reviewed at the last advocacy coalition meeting, highlighting plans to reach out to existing organizations in March for updates on budget developments and to collaborate on messaging. She also mentioned plans for a community meeting to further engage stakeholders and emphasized the importance of coordinating community activities and events. The discussion also touched on the need for early care and education site visits and the possibility of Family Resource Center site visits.

Timing, Funding, and Future Plans

There was a discussion about the week of the young child and its timing, with Anna clarifying that the event happened last year and there's no information about it in 2024 yet. There was also discussion about potential funding cuts for FRCs, with Sara noting that they don't have specific numbers yet. Finally, Alex and Sara discussed an upcoming All Hands meeting and its three different hearings, emphasizing the need for ECE representation within the group and the importance of informing them about ECE's future plans.

Cpac, Union, and Childcare Coordination

Sara initiated a conversation about organizing a Cpac and determining the number of participants. She suggested that the Coalition and cpac could coordinate their timelines. Sara also highlighted potential issues with family child cares organizing statewide with the Union in Sacramento. Patricia confirmed that family child cares are worried about the ongoing legislative activities. Sara proposed sending out a timeline to the entire group to avoid overlap. She also discussed the possibility of collaboration with unions to increase childcare offerings in the city. Liz informed the team that cpac has hired a government affairs lobbyist firm and is planning a mayoral candidate forum in September. She also mentioned a potential collaboration with Melgar's office to prepare for tax measures. Adam brought up a comment from Dr. Sullivan regarding the lack of visibility of city departments in coordinating quarterly childcare in San Francisco. Liz acknowledged the concern and mentioned the need to find a new supervisor for the First 5 Children and Families Commission.

Promoting Childcare and Building Relationships

Liz, Anna, Oscar, Sara, Maria, Jon discussed efforts to promote childcare. They planned to interview supervisors with children about their experiences and share clips on social media. Liz confirmed a meeting with the head of the chamber and emphasized the need to build relationships with various business communities. Maria mentioned resubmitting a special needs one-pager, and Liz suggested connecting with Platinum. They discussed the possibility of a merger between the Bay Area and Silicon Leadership group. Sara proposed integrating regular check-ins into their existing meeting schedule for better communication. Jon raised concerns about the influence of moderates on policy changes and suggested reaching out for friendlier collaboration. They also expressed concerns about the impact of big money on media and policy direction.

Childcare Policy Collaboration and Funding Discussions

Sara and Jon discussed reaching out to Meredith, a former board member of the Children's Council, to potentially collaborate on childcare policies. Sara also mentioned the possibility of connecting with a conservative group that supports childcare, despite possibly having different policy views. In addition, Sara and Ryan discussed the current state of the SPWG and the anticipation of DCIF funding decisions. Ryan noted that while there may be cuts to the OSTs in the next two years, the current funding structure seems secure. The team also expressed concerns about the need to increase compensation despite flat funding.

School Closures and Budget Cuts Discussion

The team discussed the potential impacts of school closures, with Patricia expressing concern for the affected students and their families, particularly those with transportation issues. Ryan added that the closure of district programs could pose additional challenges. Sara and Jon emphasized the need to monitor other budget cuts and their impact on the community. They also discussed the role of early childhood and family support services if schools close. Liz, Jon, Sara, and Ryan concluded their meeting with a discussion on various city matters. They planned to send out a timeline to help organize everyone's thoughts. They also mentioned supervisor interviews and an unspecified meeting. Liz assured everyone that they would keep everyone updated on any changes before their next meeting.

Next steps

- Sara will work on a timeline for community education, advocacy, and planning.
- Liz will reach out to the community about the budget world.
- Sara will hold community meetings to discuss the budget and messaging.

• Sara will send out the timeline for key dates to the group and discuss with All Hands about potential dates for the budget hearing.

• Maria will check the timeline for the submission of the special needs one-pager and inform the team.

• Sara will send an email to Liz and Alex about the California Jobs group.

• Sara and Liz will reach out to the Platinum group about arranging meetings.

• Sara will consider reaching out to Meredith from the Children's Council.

• Ryan will provide updates on the OST World and their efforts to work with early care and education.

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