

General Council 11.17.2025



3:00-4:30 pm

Alder Boardroom, 2240 Old River Rd, Ukiah

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Number of active Councilmembers: 9, Quorum: 5

Council Members	Present	Virtual	Proxy	Absent	Staff Present
Brandy Maxwell - Co-Chair, <i>Parent/Consumer Rep.</i>			X	X	Maddie Torrey - <i>LPC Coordinator</i>
Teri Sedrick - Co-Chair, <i>Provider Rep.</i>	X				Kristin Hills - <i>EEC Director</i>
Bessie Glossenger - <i>Public Agency Rep.</i>	X				Ruth Mora-Rodriguez - <i>Admin Secretary</i>
Denise Gorny - <i>Community Rep.</i>	X				
Jenness Hartley - <i>Parent/Consumer Rep.</i>	X				
Miriam McNamara, <i>Provider Rep.</i>				X	Guests Present
Molly Thomas - <i>Public Agency Rep.</i>	X				Karla Kohler, proxy for Townley
Townley Saye - <i>Community Rep.</i>			X	X	Sheryn Hildebrand, proxy for Brandy
Julie Whalen - <i>Discretionary Rep.</i>	X				Kersten Dunlap, Pinoleville Head Start

Minutes		
3:00 PM	Start-up and introductions (if guests are present)	
	Meeting called to order at 3pm with introductions.	
	Public Expression The LPC welcomes public input and participation. Comments on matters brought to the LPC that are not on the agenda are limited to 3 minutes per person or 10 minutes per topic. No action may be taken on public expression items.	Discussion
	Karla shares professional workshops flyer offered by First 5 Mendocino and Raise and Shine. Bessie shares Lego Training flyer for Expanded Learning educators offered on 2/7/2026 at MCOE in Ukiah. Maddie is processing over 100 Workforce Pathways applications Sheryn shares information and the importance of running CACI (Child Abuse Central Index).	
3:10 PM	Consent Calendar <i>All consent items, other than any pulled for specific discussion as a separate item, are acted upon by a single motion and vote</i> - This meeting's agenda Minutes from September 15 General Council Meeting	Action
	A motion to approve the consent calendar made by Karla and seconded by Denise. All in favor. Motion passes.	
3:10 PM	Legislative Updates Legislative Grid from EveryChild California - Suggestions for updates? - Asks for 2026? Possible language/bills? - Thriving Families California? AB 495 - Any advocacy efforts or legislation members would like to highlight?	Discussion

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Legislative Updates

Legislative Grid from EveryChild California

- Maddie shares information about a session that was held for people to give feedback on what they think needs to be changed on the legislative grid.
- Focus for feedback was on changes to make it more useful and accessible.
- Maddie suggests going to the website provided in the link on your own time to review, and email her if you want to give additional input you think would be useful.

Asks for next year

- Teri shares that Thriving Families California will be having an advocacy kick off day tomorrow and will be discussing items for February.
- Kristin shares EveryChild California is working on getting legislation to require direct contracting services to earn their entire contract with 85% enrollment.
- Bessie discusses how this would be in alignment with Expanded Learning staying above 85% of your target.

AB 495

- Kristin shares a point of clarification that the purpose of the law was to help families be prepared with new immigration laws.

No other advocacy highlighted.

BUSINESS

3:20 PM

Membership

- Appointments
 - [Jenness](#) to Parent/Consumer, Joint BOE/BOS seat (#8)
 - [Jennifer McGowan](#), TCCAC, to Community Rep (#1)
 - [Kersten Dunlap](#), Pinoleville, to Provider Rep (#10)
 - [Draft Roster](#)
- Updated [membership certification](#)

Action

Maddie reviews membership applications for appointments with the General Council.

A motion to approve all three members made by Bessie and seconded by Denise. Jenness abstains. All others in favor. Motion passes.

A motion for approval to send the Board of Supervisors the updated membership certification showing new appointments made by Molly and seconded by Denise. All in favor. Motion passes.

3:40 PM

Early Care and Education Provider Appreciation Month Proclamations

- [BOS](#)
 - Proposal: add "WHEREAS, the 2025 County of Mendocino Legislative Platform supports legislation to broaden eligibility and access to high-quality, affordable childcare and early learning programs, and increases childcare workers' compensation and professional development opportunities."
- [BOE](#)

Action

A motion to adopt this resolution with the edit of 2026 and adding the proposed new language made by Bessie and second by Karla. All in favor. Motion passes.

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3:50 PM	<u>Public Policy Platform</u> Review	Action
Public Policy Platform Review/Comments Maddie reviews comments for revision from the Executive Committee meeting. • Funding: rate reimbursement reform; add context of anticipated rate reform? • For Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOP) clarify with Bessie if this is still accurate. • Access: remove SMI level as all state programs are at 85% • Family Fees: remove not relevant. • Remove Human Services at the state level. • Data Collection & Analysis: Still waiting on information from CDSS regarding data for ZCP/Needs Assessment. No changes based on that and/or ongoing conversation about collecting and owning our own data. Other comments for revision from General Council included: • Take out rate reimbursement and add rate increase reflecting the true cost of care • Per Bessie: maintain necessary funding for ELOP • Remove term “low-Income’ under ACCESS section • Removal of family fees • Take out department of Social Services that was put in twice • Add Mendocino to First 5 to specify county A motion to approve the Public Policy Platform with all edits made by Jenness and seconded by Karla. All in favor. Motion passes.		
4:00 PM	Budget • Special project amount: ~\$10,000 • Possibility to co-host collaborative event that benefits providers	Discussion, possible Action
Budget Maddie opens discussion for ideas on potential use of budget funds suggesting purchasing promotional materials again or co-hosting a provider appreciation event. She also reminds the Council that we cannot purchase food. Other feedback and suggestions included: • Partnering with First 5 • Karla suggests gift cards or possibly a lunch • Feedback from the promotional cups given last year, people appreciated them however some did mention that they had a lot of cups • Bessie suggests having MC McDonald as a speaker, resource materials, wooden stacking stone blocks, or silks from luna • Maddie mentions the item has to have our logo on it to show it's a promotional item • Sharyn suggests having a multi charging block with logo • Co-hosting an event, facilitate trainings, awareness events, and providing materials to providers • Kristin reiterates having commitment needed to co-host an event • Sheryn suggests having April event for child abuse month • Julie mentions using Mendocino College • Sheryn mentions partnering with Tribal Health		

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• Karla recommends incorporating the professional development workshop events • Send a survey out to people who received cups from the last promotional distribution to get feedback on their preference. No motion. Council agrees to convene discussion again at next meeting in January.		
4:10 PM	California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Updates • Updated guidance for Needs Assessment and Zip Code Priorities expected “fall 2025.” CDSS will provide ZCP to LPCs, which we can amend with local knowledge. • Propose moving Public Hearing meeting to March; confirmed timeline with Clerk of the Board for BOS approval (if needed) ◦ If approved, updated calendar reflecting new Public Hearing meeting date, March 16, 2026	Action
Updates provided by Maddie who suggests to move public hearing to March 16, 2026. A motion to move public hearing to March 16th by Karla and seconded by Molly. All in favor. Motion passes.		
4:20 PM	Fall VTTF Timeline • November 1-15 for CDE and CDSS • Reminder sent to all contractors	Discussion
	Complete. Opted not to hold a separate Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Funds (VTTF) meeting.	
4:20 PM	LPC Outreach • Have members shared about LPC with any outside people/agencies and/or invited new membership? ◦ Links: outreach and materials folder; outreach log	Discussion
Outreach Kristin and Maddie: promotional materials given to families at Pumpkinfest Bessie: Mischell Burke Pinoleville Council attendance		
4:30 PM	Closing Comments	Discussion
Next meeting is scheduled for 1/12 and is no longer the public hearing meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:04pm.		

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC: Public comment may be heard on each agenda item.

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