COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
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December 13, 2017 ♦ 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration ♦ Conference Room 743
500 W. Temple Street ♦ Los Angeles, California 90012

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

10:00	1.	Comments from the Chair		Terry Ogawa
10:10	2.	Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2017	**Action Item**	Terry Ogawa

Strategic Priority Work

10:15	3.	Follow-up on Old Business	Terry Ogawa/
		a) Strategic Planning Progress	Jackie Majors
10:30	4.	Workgroup Reports	
		a) Subsidy Child Care System – CalWORKS Stage 1	Jackie Majors
		b) Los Angeles County's Prevention Plan – Improving Access to ECE Programs	Jacquelyn McCroskey
10:45	5.	Priority Work Updates (brief to allow all updates)	
		a) Board of Supervisor Designees	
		i. Comments	
		b) Roundtable Members	
		i. Exploring Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	Aden Michael
		ii. First 5 LA Policy Agenda Updates	Becca Patton
		iii. Child Care Planning Committee and Roundtable Workgroups Collaboration	Nellie Ríos-Parra
		iv. Measure H – Homeless Initiative – Child Care	Cristina Alvarado

Public Policy

11:15	6.	Updates	
		a) Parameters for Weighing in on Shaping the Gubernatorial Candidates' Positions on Early Care and Education (ECE)	Michele Sartell
		b) California Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education Highlights	Jacquelyn McCroskey
		c) ECE Roundtable Convened by Speaker Rendon and Assembly Member Thurmond	Michele Sartell and others

Wrap-up

11:30	7.	Announcements & Public Comments	Meeting Participants
11:50	8.	Meeting in Review & Call to Adjourn	Terry Ogawa

Pending Priority Items:
- Proposed Board Communication Document – Karla Pleitez Howell
- Status on Strategic Plan Development
- Exploring Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation – Kalene Gilbert
- Supporting Gubernatorial Candidates – Michele Sartell
- Measure H – Homeless Initiative – Child Care - Cristina Alvarado

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Mission Statement: The Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development builds and strengthens early care and education by providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems and infrastructure improvement.

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Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

1. Call to Order and Comments by the Chair

Chair Terry Ogawa opened the meeting of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development (Roundtable) at approximately 10:10 a.m. with self-introductions.

2. Approval of October 11, 2017 Minutes

Upon a motion by Dr. Jennifer Hottenroth and second by Dr. Dawn Kurtz, the minutes for October 11, 2017 were approved. Dr. Dean Tagawa and Dr. Richard Cohen abstained.

Strategic Priority Work

3. Follow-up on Old Business

a. Strategic Planning Progress - Overview of Workgroup Screener

Chair Ogawa reminded attendees that a new member orientation packet is being prepared for the Roundtable.

4. Workgroup Reports

a. Subsidized Child Care System – CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care (Stage 1 Workgroup)

Chair Ogawa introduced the general format of the workgroup screener document, which is designed to be included in the orientation packet. She reemphasized the need and the importance of involving non-member experts in all workgroups as necessary.

b. Los Angeles County's Prevention Plan – Improving Access to Early Care and Education Programs (Prevention Workgroup)

As the lead of the Prevention Workgroup, Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey provided an overview of the anticipated work as well as the expected outcomes. On June 30, 2017, the Office of Child Protection published its prevention report with seven strategies including *Improve access to early care and education programs.* The OCP has turned to the Roundtable to lead this effort. The Prevention Workgroup will be convened to frame and discuss issues, develop recommendations for the Board of Supervisors and other stakeholders, and work collaboratively with the OCP. Several members agreed on the need to include volunteers from the Child Care Planning Committee (CCPC) on the Prevention Workgroup to utilize their expertise, and to avoid duplication of efforts.

5. Priority Work Updates

a. Board of Supervisor Designees

Dr. Richard Cohen provided an update about a meeting that he attended with Roundtable leaders and Deputies from the Third Supervisorial District, Ms. Lisa Pinto, Child Welfare Deputy, and Ms. Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Education and Social Services Deputy. The Deputies expressed great interest in receiving updates on issues relating to CalWORKs Stages 1, 2 and 3 Child Care as well as general access issues. Chair Ogawa reminded everyone that Dr. Karla Pleitéz Howell is drafting a Board Communication Document which will be used to provide updates to the Board offices. The Roundtable anticipates reviewing this document at the January 2018 meeting.

Ms. Maria Calix shared an overview of the Process Communication Model, which is a staff development training tool designed to help the school staff in their approaches to children and their families based on personality types.

b. Roundtable Members

Ms. Janet Scully of the Department of Public Health reminded everyone about the Hepatitis A breakout in the Los Angeles County and the need for the population at-risk to get vaccinated. Dr. Katie Fallin Kenyon mentioned that First 5 LA is working on obtaining approval of its Policy Agenda; it was agreed to have a presentation on the approved Policy Agenda at the upcoming Roundtable meeting. Dr. Dawn Kurtz announced that LAUP has changed its name to Child360 and the organization has moved to a new location. Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey announced the upcoming California Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education's meeting scheduled for November 17, 2017 to occur in Oakland.

Members, alternates and guests engaged in a conversation and exchanged ideas in response to AB 752 (Chapter 708; Approved October 28, 2017) that, effective January 1, 2018, will prohibit California Department of Education (CDE)-contracted California State Preschool Programs (CSPPs) from expelling or un-enrolling a child due to behavioral concerns unless certain conditions are met. Concern has been raised that the bill did not address the resources and supports needed by programs and their staff to meet the social-emotional needs of all enrolled children and their families. In addition, questions relating to liability and compliance with licensing were raised. With respect to the latter, the licensing analyst inspecting a program may be the impetus for dis-enrollment of a child if that child is considered a danger to others.

Several ideas of potential resources for CSSP's were exchanged among the participants. The California Inclusion and Behavior Consultation (CIBC) Network funded by CDE and coordinated by the WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention was mentioned as an example of technical support available CDE-contracted programs. In addition, the Department of Mental Health Children's Systems of Care Administration under the leadership of Ms. Kalene Gilbert is exploring using Mental Health Services Act/Prevention and Early Intervention (MHAS/PEI) funds to provide early childhood mental health consultation in early care and education programs.

Ms. Ellen Cervantes provided an overview of the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children, which is set to launch in January of 2018. Applications from counties wishing to administer the program are due on November 30, 2017. Policy issues around this topic were

also discussed, and Chair Ogawa recommended having a presentation on the progress of this program and its related policy issues in a few months after launching.

Public Policy

There were no public policy or legislative updates.

Wrap Up

6. Announcements and Public Comments

- Ms. Shoghig Khadarian announced the revamped Child Care Licensing website (www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Child-Care-Licensing)

7. Meeting in Review

a. Action Items

Item Description	Lead
The Prevention Workgroup to provide an outline of its progress and anticipated stages of work, deliverables, outcomes, etc. in June 2018	Jacquelyn McCroskey
First 5 LA to present updates on its Policy Agenda in December 2017	Katie Fallin Kenyon
CCPC to reach out to its members seeking volunteers to join the workgroups currently formed by the Roundtable	Nellie Ríos-Parra
Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles to present the updates on the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children in March 2018	Ellen Cervantes

b. Follow up Items

Item Description	Lead	Pending
Board Communication Document	Karla Pleitéz Howell	Initial Draft
Measure H – Homeless Initiative: Board of Supervisor's Child Care Motion	Cristina Alvarado	Updates
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	Kalene Gilbert	Updates
Letter of Recommendation to Gubernatorial Candidates	Michele Sartell	Research
Convene Workgroup on Subsidized Child Care System – CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care	Jackie Majors	Presentation of Screener

8. Call to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Members Attending:
Boris Villacorta, First Supervisorial District
Dawn Kurtz, Child360
Dean Tagawa, Los Angeles Unified School District/Early Childhood Education Division
Fran Chasen, Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children
Jacquelyn McCroskey, Commission for Children and Families
Jeannette Aguirre, Probation Department
Jennifer Hottenroth, Department of Children and Family Services
Kalene Gilbert, Department of Mental Health

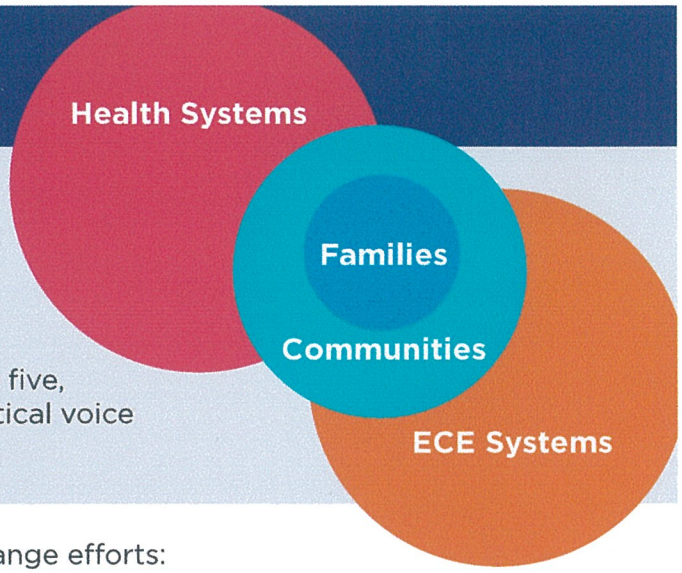
Katie Fallin Kenyon, First 5 LA
Maria Calix, Second Supervisorial District
Nellie Ríos-Parra, Child Care Planning Committee
Nurhan Pirim, Department of Public Social Services
Richard Cohen, Third Supervisorial District
Terry Ogawa, Third Supervisorial District

Alternate Members Attending:
Aden Michael for Kalene Gilbert, Department of Mental Health
Debi Anderson for Keesha Woods, Los Angeles County Office of Education
Ellen Cervantes for Jackie Majors, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Janet Scully for Robert Gilchick, Department of Public Health
Nora Garcia-Rosales for Nurhan Pirim, Department of Public Social Services

Guests Attending:
Ariana Oliva, Child360
Patrick MacFarlane, Crystal Stairs
Shoghig Khadarian, California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division
Tran Ly, Department of Children and Family Services

Staff:
Gevik Shahverdian

First 5 LA Policy Agenda



First 5 LA, in partnership with others, strengthens families, communities, and systems of services and supports so all children in Los Angeles County enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and life. To achieve this mission, First 5 LA advances community- informed policies that coordinate and strengthen systems supporting families with children birth to five, and promotes the strength and stability of First 5 LA as a critical voice for Los Angeles County's youngest residents.

The following goals guide First 5 LA's policy and systems change efforts:

Strengthen systems and services that promote the well-being of families.

- Expand access to high-quality family strengthening services, prioritizing voluntary home visiting, which optimize child development and connect families with appropriate supports.
- Promote and protect family services and supports intended to ensure families with young children are self-sufficient and can meet their needs.

- Improve systems that enable service delivery to be coordinated and family responsive.

Promote parents and communities as critical voices in policy and systems change.

- Strengthen community leadership to effectively drive and contribute to improvements in the policies, practices, relationships and norms that directly impact families and neighborhoods.
- Increase opportunities for parents and residents to be meaningfully involved in decision-making on issues related to young children and their families.

- Ensure community systems and policies are accountable for the inclusion of family voice in policymaking.

Expand access to affordable, quality early care and education for all children in LA County.

- Increase public investment in quality early care and education for children birth to five.
- Embed quality standards and support ongoing quality improvement in all publicly funded early care and education settings.

- Strengthen the early care and education workforce through increased compensation, competencies, and professional development.

Improve systems to support the optimal development of all children through the earliest screenings, interventions, and connections to family-centered services.

- Ensure all children receive early and periodic validated developmental and behavioral screenings and appropriate interventions.
- Enhance capacity and coordination across systems providing early identification and intervention services.

- Strengthen child and family serving systems to prevent, anticipate, and respond appropriately to adverse experiences, trauma, and toxic stress.

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To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
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Supervisor Kathryn Barger

From: Sachi A. Hamai
Chief Executive Officer

REPORT BACK NO. 2 ON CHILD CARE FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES (ITEM NO. 26, AGENDA OF JUNE 13, 2017)

On June 13, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to work with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the CEO's Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education, the Department of Children and Family Services, First 5 Los Angeles, and any other relevant County departments and community child care providers to report back to the Board on barriers to accessing child care, an assessment of child care needs, and recommendations to increase access and funding for child care for families experiencing homelessness.

On September 11, 2017, the CEO provided an interim response highlighting the formation of the Child Care Workgroup (Workgroup) and an assessment of barriers and potential actions to increase the feasibility of access to both subsidized and unsubsidized child care programs. Since the interim response, the Workgroup and sub-committees have continued to collaborate on the potential actions to overcome barriers to child care access and are in the process of developing a pilot proposal involving co-location of Resource and Referral Agency Navigators within the Family Coordinated Entry System (CES).

The CEO continues to collaborate with DPSS on strategies to enhance the DPSS Homeless Case Manager's role in connecting eligible CalWORKs homeless families to subsidized child care. Additionally, data continues to be collected in the Family CES to determine how many children experiencing homelessness are not eligible to, or able to

be connected to child care entitlement programs on a timely basis. The Workgroup will utilize this data in deciding whether to recommend any funding to enhance access to child care for homeless children.

Unless otherwise directed, the CEO will return to the Board with an update on the Child Care Workgroup's efforts by February 24, 2018.

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Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education

Sustaining an Early Learning Workforce

Friday, November 17, 2017
Elihu M. Harris State Building
First Floor Auditorium
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612
2:00 p.m.-4:00pm

Agenda

I. Welcome and opening remarks

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Co-Chair, 7th District
Assemblymember Phil Ting, Commissioner, 19th District
Assemblymember Rob Bonta, 18th District
Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, 15th District

II. Sustaining an Early Learning Workforce

Caitlin McLean, Ph.D., Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, UC Berkeley
Lisa Wilkin, Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles, Executive Director
Nancy Harvey, Family Child Care Provider, Oakland

III. Subcommittee presentations

Financing and Economic Impact of ECE
Expanding Access to Early Learning Programs
Workforce Retention and Development
Engaging and Meeting the Needs of Families

IV. Commissioners remarks and questions

V. Public comment

VI. Closing remarks

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Management Bulletin 17-21

Early Education and Support Division

Subject: Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children

Number: 17-21

Date: November 2017

Expires: Until Rescinded

Authority: The FY 2017–18 California Budget Act, Senate Bill (SB) 89, Chapter 24, California *Education Code* Section 8212; *Welfare and Institutions Code* Section 11461.6

Attention: Executive Officers and Program Directors of Resource and Referral Agencies and Alternative Payment Programs

Purpose

The purpose of this Management Bulletin (MB) is to provide guidance and information to Alternative Payment Programs (APP) and Resource and Referral Contractors (R&R), in those counties that choose to participate, regarding The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program).

Background

One of the top barriers for potential resource families seeking to take in a foster child is the lack of access to child care following the immediate removal of the child. With the passage of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017–18, California Budget Act, Senate Bill (SB) 89, Chapter 24, *Welfare and Institutions Code* Section 11461.6 and California *Education Code* (*EC*) Section 8212 were amended to provide that relative caregivers, resource families, or parenting youth in foster care are eligible to receive a six-month payment or voucher for child care services as well as help from a child care navigator provided by the R&R if the county chooses to participate in the Bridge Program. Child care programs and providers serving children in the Bridge Program will also receive trauma-informed training from the R&R. Senate Bill 89 allocates $15.5 million in FY 2017–18 to implement the program. The Bridge Program will be administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

Policy

The Bridge Program, funded through the CDSS, consists of three components: (1) emergency child care vouchers, (2) child care navigators, (3) and trauma-informed care training and coaching. The program will be administered by county welfare departments and county welfare agencies in those counties that choose to participate in the program.

Beginning January 1, 2018, for those counties who choose to participate, the R&R agencies in those counties must:

1. Work with APPs to provide Emergency Child Care Vouchers to relative caregivers, foster families, or parenting youth in foster care. Voucher payments may be paid directly to the family or to the child care provider.

2. Provide a child care navigator for each relative caregiver, resource family or parenting youth who have a child in foster care. The navigator shall: (1) work with the child's family, and the child's social worker and child and family team to assess child care opportunities appropriate to the child's age and needs; (2) assist the family in identifying potential opportunities for an ongoing child care subsidy, (3) assist the caregiver in completing appropriate child care program applications, and (4) develop an overall, long-term child care plan for the child. Eligibility for navigator services shall not be contingent on a child's receipt of a child care payment or voucher.

   As a condition of receiving funds, develop and enter into a memorandum of understanding, contract, or other formal agreement with the county child welfare agency in order to facilitate interagency communication and, to the maximum extent possible, to leverage federal funding, including administrative funding, available pursuant to Title IV–E of the federal Social Security Act.

3. Provide trauma-informed care training and coaching to child care providers working with children, and children of parenting youth, in the foster care system. Training shall include, but not be limited to, infant and toddler development and research-based, trauma-informed best care practices. Child care providers shall be provided with coaching to assist them in applying training techniques and strategies for working with children, and children of parenting youth, in foster care.

   The California Child Care Resource and Referral Network will develop and coordinate the training content to be used by all participating local R&Rs.

Other Relevant Information

The CDSS, as the administrator of the Bridge Program has released the All County Letter (ACL) 17-109 with more detailed information and direction for those R&Rs and APPs in the counties that have opted into the program. The ACL 17-109 is on the CDSS 2017 All County Letters Web page at http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/2017-All-County-Letters.

If you have further questions regarding the Bridge Program, please submit them to childcarebridge@dss.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this MB, please contact Becky Halligan, Consultant, Early Education and Support Division, by e-mail at bhalligan@cde.ca.gov or by phone at 916-322-6248.

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