

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019 • 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
LACOE Head Start and Early Learning Division Conference Center  
10100 Pioneer Boulevard, Conference Room 110  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

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| 1.<br>12:00 | Welcome and Introductions<br>▪ Opening Statement and Comments by the Chair<br>▪ Theme for 2019-20 – “Lifting Up Leadership” | Julie Taren, Chair   |
| 2.<br>12:10 | Approval of Minutes<br>▪ June 5, 2019   | <b>Action Item</b><br>Ernesto Saldaña, Vice Chair                  |
| 3.<br>12:15 | What’s Your Story?  | Ernesto Saldaña  |
| 4.<br>12:30 | The Road Ahead<br>▪ Welcome and Settling In<br>▪ Strategic Plan Review: Preparing for Approval and Next Steps               | Debra Colman, Director   |
| 5.<br>12:50 | Preparing for the Census 2020<br>▪ Context of the Political Climate and Why Important to Count                              | Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate<br>Political Voice at Advancement Project |
| 6.<br>1:25  | Preparing for the Census 2020<br>▪ Strategies and Tools for Helping Families with the Census                                | Tina Ochoa<br>Families In Schools                                  |
| 7.<br>1:50  | Announcements and Public Comment  | Ernesto Saldaña  |
| 8.<br>2:00  | Call to Adjourn   | Julie Taren  |

**Next Meeting**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Pacific Oaks College  
45 Eureka Street, Classrooms 7,8 and 9  
Pasadena, CA 91103

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Child Care Planning Committee is to engage parents, child care providers, allied organizations, community, and public agencies in collaborative planning efforts to improve the overall child care infrastructure of Los Angeles County, including the quality and continuity, affordability, and accessibility of child care and development services for all families.*

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**Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2019**

Members in Attendance (23)				
Parents	ECE Program	Community Agency	Public Agencies	Discretionary
Nellie Ríos-Parra	Monica Barahona for Andrea Joseph	Norma Amezcua	Ranae Amezcuita	Christina Acosta
	Ricardo Rivera	Mallika Bhandarkar	Angela Gray	Toni Isaacs
	JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia	Eli Pessar for Alex Himmel	Cyndie Allen for Laurel Parker	Kimberly Dobson-Garcia for Kelly O'Connell <i>1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
		Ritu Mahajan		Dianne Philibosian <i>5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
		Cyndi McAuley		Michael Shannon
		Joyce Robinson		Sarah Soriano <i>4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
		Ancelma Sanchez		Julie Taren <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
		Kathy Schreiner		Veronica Torres

**Guests and Alternates:** – Rocio Bach – Catholic Charities, Anne Blackstock-Bernstein – UCLA Center for Improving Child Care Quality, Avis Boyd – Child360, Rachel Champagne – Continuing Development, Inc., Cathy Coddington – Vital Research, Kimberly Cooper – Department of Public Health/MCAH/Help Me Grow, Eileen Friscia – Child Care Resource Center, Nora Garcia-Rosales – Department of Public Social Services, Tinatra Glaspie – Learning Care Group, Krystal Green, First 5 LA, Jessica Guerra – Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Maura Harrington, Strategic Planning Consultant, Nicole Lopez – Little Tokyo Service Center, Marcella McKnight – Alternate for Joyce Robinson, Ariana Oliva – Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Cristina Peña – First 5 LA, Patricia Reed Cunningham – Heavenly Vision, Cynthia Renteria – Child Care Resource Center, Edilma Serna – WestEd, Rodgers Shalehvakhdyn – Department of Public Social Services, Heather Shook – Public Counsel, Ruth Tiscareño – Department of Mental Health, Cecilia Urrea – Special Education Specialist, and Emma Watson – Advancement Project

**Staff:** Michele Sartell

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Nellie Ríos-Parra, Chair, opened the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) meeting at 12:02 p.m. She welcomed members and guests and then read the opening statement. Ranae Amezcuita read the mission statement. Nellie next asked members, alternates and guests to make self-introductions.

Nellie noted that this was the final meeting of the year and her last day serving as chair. She turned the meeting over to Michele Sartell for an Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE) update. Michele announced that Debra Colman has been hired as the new director of the OAECE with a start date of June 25<sup>th</sup>. Debra is a senior program officer at First 5 LA with 20 years' experience in the early care and education field in Los Angeles. DPH leadership believes she will be an excellent director and members all will be inspired by her passion, energy, and enthusiasm.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

*Julie Taren, Vice Chair, reviewed the minutes from May 1, 2019 and asked for a motion to approve. Norma Amezcua made the motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Sarah Soriano. The motion on the minutes passed with abstentions from Kimberly Dobson-Garcia, La Tanga Hardy and Cyndi McAuley.*

## **3. Public Policy – 2019-20 State Budget Proposal and Status of Priority Legislation**

Michele Sartell, staff to the Planning Committee and speaking on behalf of the Joint Committee on Legislation (Joint Committee), referred meeting participants to their meeting packets for a copy of the Public Policy Platform as approved by the Planning Committee and Roundtable at their respective May meetings. Next, she referred to the preliminary budget summary and the document with the matrix of items summarizing the items to be resolved by the Budget Conference Committee.

Governor Newsom released his revised budget proposal on May 15<sup>th</sup>, which included some modifications to his original proposals and a couple of new items. The May Revise does not address the need for early care and education services that would meet the needs of families with infants and toddlers nor attends to reimbursement rates or reimbursement system reform. Both the Assembly and Senate budget committees held hearings following the May Revise and prepared their proposed budget packages. The Assembly's budget package is the more generous of the two proposals while both houses would increase funding for the Alternative Payment and General Child Care programs, which could mean more infants and toddlers served. The Assembly sets forth funding to establish a single reimbursement system and proposes adding funding to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Fund for Children in Foster Care and the local child care and development planning councils.

The Budget Conference Committee began meeting, but to date has held all items. The County has prepared a letter supporting the Assembly package items.

With respect to legislation, May 31<sup>st</sup> was the last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house. Bills prioritized by the Joint Committee are still active inclusive of those addressing increased funding for services targeted to infants and toddlers, reimbursement system reform, facilities grants, and augmentations to AB 212.

## **4. Child Care Planning Committee Membership for 2019-20**

La Tanga Hardy and Ancelma (Selma) Sanchez, Co-chairs of the Governance Work Group, referred members to their meeting packets for the proposed membership slate listing the proposed members by category for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 – parents/consumers, child care providers, community agencies, public agencies and discretionary. The second document, Certification Statement Regarding Membership, required by the California Department of Education once the membership has been shepherded through the approval processes including signatures of the County Superintendent of Schools and representative of the Board of Supervisors as well as the Planning Committee Chair also was included in the meeting materials and has the alternates associated with each member listed.

*Kathy Schreiner made the motion to approve the membership slate for FY 2019-20; the motion was seconded by Veronica Torres. The motion passed unanimously.*

Notices will be sent to new as well as returning members to welcome them to the Planning Committee and invite them to an orientation prior to the first meeting scheduled for September 4, 2019.

Next, La Tanga and Selma presented the Governance Work Group's nomination for Chair and Vice Chair after thanking Nellie for her two years as of service as Chair and Julie for stepping up last year as Vice Chair. The Governance Work Group nominated Julie Taren as the incoming Chair of the Planning Committee and Ernesto Saldaña as Vice Chair. Julie continues to demonstrate leadership, representing the Planning Committee on the smaller Strategic Planning Work Group. Ernesto has deep experience in leadership development and community engagement. Nominations were open to the floor; there were no nominations.

*Joyce Robinson made the motion to elect Julie Taren as Chair and Ernesto Saldaña as Vice Chair for FY 2019-20; the motion was seconded by Cristina Acosta. The motion passed unanimously.*

La Tanga and Selma offered their congratulations! La Tanga and Selma were thanked for their leadership on the Governance Work Group as both are stepping down as their term of service with the Planning Committee has expired.

## **5. Help Me Grow – LA**

Nellie relayed that First 5 LA has been leading the effort to bring the national momentum for a Help Me Grow initiative to Los Angeles County. It recently partnered with the Department of Public Health to build upon stakeholder meetings held over several months to conceptualize how the initiative may work to serve the children and families of our county. She then introduced Cristina Jade Peña and Krystal Green of First 5 LA to provide a brief overview of Help Me Grow-LA (HMG) and explore what this could mean for families with children enrolled in early care and education programs.

Cristina directed meeting participants to the PowerPoint that began with an overview of First 5 LA's role as a funder, collaborator and advocate in its four areas of work outlined in the strategic plan for 2015-20. HMG fits within its health systems strategies with an investment focused on early identification and intervention facilitated by the adoption of developmental screenings. To date, children under the age of three are often overlooked for early identification, resulting in delayed connections between children and their families and the services designed to help put and keep them on track. Cristina discussed First 5 LA's HMG model and the implementation co-implementation approach. She emphasized that HMG is not a program; rather it is a systems-based framework that promotes collaboration at the community level.

Krystal presented the findings from the field pertaining to community and family engagement. Efforts are underway to explore the intersect of HMG with the quality rating and improvement system that would both address early care and education program ratings based on their implementation of developmental screenings and ensuring every child is on the road to success. Next, Krystal talked about the demonstration communities that involves key sectors inclusive of health, mental health, developmental disability, early care and education, community-based organizations, and school, districts and coinciding with the regional centers. First 5 LA is interested in supporting diverse partnerships to test strategies.

Meeting participants posed questions and shared their thoughts in response to the presentation. Currently, little thought has been offered regarding the role of higher education, however this could be a critical partner in capacity building of early educators. Also, of interest is how to find and access services; there will be a call line to guide the providers, however it was noted that the system ought to connect with services at the local level. In response to an additional question, more research is needed on how HMG is interacting with the national All Children Thrive Campaign.

## **6. Fair Workweek LA Initiative: Building a Coalition to Help Ease the Burden on Working Families**

Ritu Mahajan introduced Heather Shook, the staff attorney with Public Counsel's Women and Girls' Rights Project and lead attorney for employment rights. More information on Heather's background was summarized in the speaker bios included in the meeting packets.

Heather described Fair Workweek LA as a coalition of labor, community groups, health and legal advocates, and retail workers advocating for fair scheduling practices on the city of Los Angeles. The coalition's concerns are current practices of unpredictable, last minute fluctuating workweeks that disrupt the lives of low-wage workers and their families. Consequently, their ability to access early care and education services is challenge, often compromising their children's safety and opportunities to participate in programs that promote optimal development.

The campaign is advocating for a local ordinance in Los Angeles that would provide workers with predictable work schedules and compensation for last minute schedule changes, among other issues. They are asking the early care and education sector to inform and support the coalition.

## **7. Strategic Planning Update**

Maura Harrington, the strategic planning consultant, presented the strategic planning document that outlines the proposed narrative pieces, listed the two options each for the vision and mission statements, and contained the proposed strategies for each of the five priority areas: Lifting the OAECE as a Change Agent for Early Care and Education; Increasing Access; Enhancing Quality; Growing the Workforce; and Engaging Families and Communities. Each table was assigned a priority area for review with an opportunity to report highlights once reconvened. Maura invited meeting participants to submit their comments in writing from the breakouts to her at the end of the meeting and continue to submit input via e-mail until noon on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition, members were invited to cast their vote by placing a colored dot on their preferred mission and vision statements at the end of the meeting.

Comments from each of the breakouts are as follows (see Strategic Planning Workgroup Document for June 4, 2019 as reference):

Priority Area 1 – Comprehensive, addresses all strategies in establishing the role of the OAECE. It is suggested to replace the word “ombudsman” with another term such as “champion” or “centralized agent”.

Priority Area 2 –

2.4 Advocacy is addressed in 2.3; expand upon the facilities item to address new facilities, building, construction and best practices

2.5 Revise the language in 2.5 by expanding the age range to birth to five years old

2.6 This is a key component and may belong in Priority Area 1; data is a cross-cutting theme

Priority 3 – Suggest adding examples of stakeholders; change “parents” to “families; need a definition of families to include foster families, legal guardians, etc.

3.2 What does this item mean, i.e. developing to scale or adapting the model? And to what end, i.e. better child outcomes or presenting the documents?

Priority 4 –

4.1 Raises lots of questions suggesting that wording should clarify the intention, i.e. rating system, reimbursement

4.2 Language needs strengthening

- 4.3 Again, language needs strengthening – what is this item referencing?
- 4.5 Would be amazing if advocacy for compensation commensurate with education, experience and job duties occurs across all funding streams
- 4.7 Add an item to address marketing and showcasing the work

Priority 5 – Change “parents” to “families”

- 5.1 and 5.2 – Conduct a survey to determine the purpose and development strategy with family and community members
- 5.3 Should be the first strategy in this section
- 5.4 Integrate with 5.2
- 5.5 Hosting should occur when families are available, i.e. Saturdays

Additional suggestions included developing a glossary of terms and engaging community voices that are linguistically and culturally diverse.

#### **8. With Gratitude: Final Notes for 2018-19**

Leadership recognized members whose terms have ended with messages of gratitude. Special thoughts of appreciation were extended to members who have assumed leadership roles. Nellie shared a quote from Michael Josephson’s book, *The Best is Yet to Come* (2002), reminding everyone of their important work today and every day.

#### **9. Announcements and Public Comment**

- No meetings in July and August. The leadership team will be using the time for planning for FY 2019-20.
- Child360 will be conducting teacher institutes over the summer. For more information, call 213.416.1200.

#### **10. Adjournment**

<i>The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.</i>
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## **Speaker Bios • September 4, 2019**

### ***Census 2020***

#### **ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ-ZARATE – POLITICAL VOICE, ADVANCEMENT PROJECT**

Ms. Alejandra Ramirez-Zarate is a Policy and Research Analyst for Political Voice at Advancement Project California. Through policy advocacy, actionable research, and facilitating databased collaborative action, Alejandra advocates for public policies and administrative practices that expand opportunities for political participation, particularly for low-income communities of color. Alejandra works with community-based organizations, civil rights organizations, and government officials across the state to eliminate racial and economic disparities in public political participation. Her current research focuses on the 2020 Census, voting systems and elections, public participation in governance, and redistricting.

Throughout the last decade Alejandra has been a fierce immigrant rights advocate, fighting for immigration reform and a path to citizenship for immigrants in the United States. As a seven-year-old, Alejandra came to the U.S. from Guatemala to rejoin her parents who had come to this country to find work and better provide for their family. Alejandra grew up as a DREAMer in the San Fernando Valley and attended local schools. Alejandra received her B.A. in Political Science with an emphasis in Public Policy and Management at California State University, Northridge. Alejandra enjoys traveling the world with her husband and children.

#### **TINA OCHOA – FAMILIES IN SCHOOLS**

Ms. Tina Ochoa brings over 15 years of combined, local, state and national experience in the fields of civic engagement and professional development to her role as the Vice President of Programs. In her various roles with statewide and national educational nonprofits, she has been responsible for developing and updating curriculum, coordinating on-going curriculum evaluation, developing seminar and training collaterals, the administration of statewide law related and civic education trainings and programs, developing mentor opportunities, volunteer coordination and management, and creating opportunities for professional collaboration between schools, community organizations and civic leaders. Tina is a graduate of the University of Arizona and has a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Sociology.

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## CHECKING IN – MEMBERS/ALTERNATES

*How are we doing? How could we do better?*

**Total respondents: 18**

Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5 – “1” indicates strong <b>disagreement</b> with the statement and “5” indicates strong <b>agreement</b> .		Rating			
		2	3	4	5
1.	I understand my responsibilities as a member or alternate of the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee).  Comments: ▪ Roles always clear and specific.		1	2	15
2.	I understand the Planning Committee’s mission and its obligations as a County Local Planning Child Care and Development Council.  Comments: ▪ Mission is clear and always referenced.			2	16
3.	The Planning Committee’s structure is clear, including officers, work groups and staff.  Comments: ▪ Group work can be better defined.		1	3	14
4.	The Planning Committee has clear goals that lead to relevant actions.  Comments: ▪ There is a need for more action. ▪ Michele does an incredible job of doing this.	2	1	4	10
5.	The Planning Committee focuses on appropriate issues.  Comments: ▪ Need more issues leading to action. ▪ Great focus and updates for members.		1	3	14
6.	Planning Committee meetings are worthwhile and well attended.  Comments: ▪ Some locations are too far. ▪ Always worth the trip and informative.		1	3	14
7.	Members and alternates are provided with appropriate materials in a timely manner, allowing for informed decision-making at Planning Committee meetings.  Comments: ▪ Email attachments ahead of meeting are very helpful. ▪ Try not to spam multiple disorganized emails in one day.				18

Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5 – “1” indicates strong <b>disagreement</b> with the statement and “5” indicates strong <b>agreement</b> .		Rating			
		2	3	4	5
8.	The Planning Committee meeting format is effective.  Comments: ▪ Items need to lead to action. ▪ Always appreciate how timely meetings are very helpful.	1	1		16
9.	The Planning Committee is effectively utilizing my skills for addressing the overall infrastructure.  Comments: ▪ N/A	1	1	2	13
10.	Other issues we should be aware of: ▪ Michele is awesome! ▪ Can we meet earlier in the morning or late in the afternoon? ▪ If we can meet more often at the The California Endowment.				3
	Name (not required – may help with clarification, if needed):				

## CHECKING IN – COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

*How are we doing? How could we do better?*

Total respondents: 3

Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5 – “1” indicates strong <b>disagreement</b> with the statement and “5” indicates strong <b>agreement</b> .		Rating			
		2	3	4	5
1.	I understand my responsibilities as a member or alternate of the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee).  Comments: ▪ I am new to CCPC as a guest and still learning.	1	1		1
2.	I understand the Planning Committee’s mission and its obligations as a County Local Planning Child Care and Development Council.  Comments: ▪ N/A	1		1	1
3.	The Planning Committee’s structure is clear, including officers, work groups and staff.  Comments: ▪ I think because of strategic planning, things may be shifting.		2		1
4.	The Planning Committee has clear goals that lead to relevant actions.  Comments: ▪ Yes – I am curious about how the agenda is set and how few in advance but meetings seemed very appropriate.			2	1
5.	The Planning Committee focuses on appropriate issues.  Comments: ▪ N/A			1	2
6.	Planning Committee meetings are worthwhile and well attended.  Comments: ▪ N/A			1	2
7.	Members and alternates are provided with appropriate materials in a timely manner, allowing for informed decision-making at Planning Committee meetings.  Comments: ▪ I always wish there was more time for formal and informal conversations!		1		2

Please rate each item on a scale of 1 to 5 – “1” indicates strong <b>disagreement</b> with the statement and “5” indicates strong <b>agreement</b> .		2	3	Rating 4	5
8.	The Planning Committee meeting format is effective.  Comments: ▪ N/A			1	1
9.	The Planning Committee is effectively utilizing my skills for addressing the overall infrastructure.  Comments: ▪ N/A			1	2
10.	Other issues we should be aware of: ▪ N/A				
	Name (not required – may help with clarification, if needed):				