

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

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| 10:00 | 1. Comments from the Chair | Information | Jackie Majors,
Chair |
| 10:10 | 2. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2020
- Roll Call Vote | Action Item | Jackie Majors,
Chair
Erica Weiss,
OAECE |

Public Policy Update

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| 10:20 | 3. State Budget and Legislation | Information | Dean Tagawa,
LAUSD
Michele Sartell,
OAECE |
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Public Policy

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| 10:30 | 4. The Status of Child Care and COVID-19 | Information | Debra Colman,
OAECE Director |
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Discussion

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| 10:45 | 5. Finding Our Focus During COVID-19
1) <i>What surprised you about the Status of Child Care presentation?</i>
2) <i>What policy issue should be the focus of the Roundtable over the next few months?</i> | Discussion | Jackie Majors,
Chair |
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Wrap-up

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| 11:25 | 6. Announcements and Public Comment | Information | Meeting
Participants |
| 11:30 | 7. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn | Information | Karla Pleitéz
Howell, Vice Chair |

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Vision

Children are healthy, thriving and have equitable opportunities to achieve optimal development and succeed in life.

Mission

Lead, build, and strengthen an affordable and high-quality early care and education system for the children and families in Los Angeles County.



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Special Session Minutes for June 2, 2020

Welcome and Introductions

1. Call to Order and Comments by the Chair

Chair Jackie Majors opened the meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development (Roundtable) at 2:32 p.m. Jackie welcomed members, alternates and guests while acknowledging the stress that everyone may be experiencing due to recent events relating to the protests in addition to managing work under COVID-19. She then introduced the purpose of the meeting to consider recommended pursuits of position in response to the Governor's proposed revisions to the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21. She informed the meeting participants that recommended positions were vetted with the leadership of the Roundtable and the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) last week, noting that the recommendations address those issues of highest priority and are aligned with local and statewide advocacy groups.

Erica Weiss, staff with the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), conducted roll call of the meeting participants.

2. Revisions to Governor's FY 2020-22 Budget Proposals for Early Care and Education: Analysis and Recommended Pursuits of Position

Michele Sartell, staff with the Office for the Advancement of Early, presented a brief overview of the budget analysis that was included in the meeting packet sent prior to the meeting. She reviewed three of the Governor's budget proposals for early care and education: impact of proposed cuts to the reimbursement rate system; use of federal CARES funding to reimburse the state for emergency expenditures; and proposal to shift early care and education programs, except State Preschool, from the California Department of Education (CDE) to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). She commented that the third item pertaining to the shift of programs is not accompanied with a proposed pursuit of position to avoid detracting from the more significant budget items; rather, it is listed as an item that requires monitoring.

Directing meeting participants to the proposed recommended positions for Board approval, Michele read the items as follows:

- Oppose the Governor's proposed cuts to the Standard Reimbursement Rate and Regional Market Rate used to reimburse subsidized early care and education services.
- Oppose the Governor's proposal to sweep of the federal CCDBG supplemental funds to backfill the General Fund costs associated with COVID-19.
- Advocate for using CARES Act funding and redirecting the child care workforce and Infrastructure grant funds, data system funding and reduction to the Early Learning Planning Council to: backfill the proposed rate reductions; continue family fee waivers; hold harmless all early care and education programs ensuring that they continue to receive reimbursement for their full contract amount and keep staff engaged in serving children and their families based on FY 2019-20 contract amounts through FY 2020-21; assist with COVID-19 group



sizes and staffing ratios; allocate funding to programs so that they may re-open and stay open, and provide professional development related to trauma and other COVID-19 related supports.

Jackie Majors asked for a motion to approve recommended pursuits of position for elevation to the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Robert Gilchick made the motion to approve the motion; Boris Villacorta seconded the motion. Discussion addressed a concern regarding the shift of early care and education programs to the CDSS and implications for the long-term. In response, it was reiterated that a decision was made to not allow the item to detract from the other highly significant issues. Erica Weiss took roll call on the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

3. Public Comment

Jackie asked for public comments. None were offered.

Call to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Members Attending:

Fran Chasen, Southern CA Chapter – California Association for the Education of Young Children
Richard Cohen, Supervisorial District 3
Richard Gilchick, Department of Public Health
Dawn Kurtz, Child360
Jackie Majors, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles County
Ofelia Medina, First 5 LA
Terry Ogawa, Supervisorial District 3
Karla Pleitéz Howell, Supervisorial District 1
Dean Tagawa, Los Angeles Unified School District
Julie Taren, Child Care Planning Committee
Boris Villacorta, Supervisorial District 1

Alternate Members Attending:

Debi Anderson, Los Angeles County Office of Education
Debra Colman, Department of Public Health
Carolyn Kaneko, Department of Mental Health
Colleen Pagter, Los Angeles Unified School District
Paul Pulver, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles

Guests Attending:

Cristina Alvarado, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Carolyn Crolette, Early Edge California
Ashley Portillo, Child360
JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia, California Federation of

Staff:

Michele Sartell
Erica Weiss

Public Policy Update

Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development
September 9, 2020



OVERVIEW

- State Legislation
- State Budget
- Ongoing/Emerging Issues

STATE LEGISLATION – SECOND YEAR OF 2019-20 SESSION

- Monitoring 32 bills – 27 Assembly bills; five Senate bills

- Shift in March due to COVID-19

- Focus on employers/employees
 - Workers Compensation (AB 196 – Dead)
 - Employee risks (AB 685 – Governor’s Desk)

BUDGET ACT OF 2020 – EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (ECE)

SB 98 (Chapter 24; Approved June 29, 2020): Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill ~

- \$125 million
 - \$62.5 to reimburse providers
 - \$62.5 to Alternative Payment Programs for one-time stipends
- \$73 million – extend 90 days of ECE for essential workers
- \$47 million – 5,600 additional voucher slots
- “Hold harmless” to fully reimburse CDE contracted providers for child attendance if open in 2020-21 and if closed due to public health closure order; closed providers required to provide distance learning



BUDGET ACT OF 2020 – EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (ECE)

- Shifts ECE programs, except California State Preschool Program, to California Department of Social Services effective July 1, 2021. Following programs to be shifted:
 - Alternative payment programs
 - Migrant alternative payment programs
 - CalWORKs Stage 2 Child Care
 - CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care
 - General child care and development
 - Migrant child care and development programs
 - Child care and development services for children with disabilities
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program
 - Child care and development facilities capital outlay
 - Administration of the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
 - Lead agency for the CCDF State Plan Early Learning and Care Infrastructure Grant Program
 - Early Learning and Workforce Development Grants Program
 - California Head Start State Collaboration Office funded by collaboration grants
 - Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships Grant from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - Resource and referral
 - Local child care and development planning councils
 - California Child Care Initiative
 - Other child care quality improvement projects
 - Child Development Management Information System and other related data systems
 - Memoranda of understanding and partnerships related to program, services and systems



BUDGET ACT OF 2020 – EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (ECE)

- \$9.3 million in one-time federal funds for development and implementation of early learning and care data systems
- “Child Care Trigger” in anticipation of \$300 million in new federal CCDBG aid
 - \$100 million for vouchers to extend child care for prioritized families
 - \$50 million to increase California State Preschool capacity
 - \$25 million to assist licensed programs with COVID-19 costs
 - Stipends for licensed family child care homes
 - Up to \$5,000 per licensed family child care home and up to \$15,000 per licensed centers to support re-opening, administered by alternative payment program agencies

BUDGET ACT OF 2020 – HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION

- California Department of Education correspondence in July 2020
- Programs required to open by September 8th or within 21 days of program calendar year to receive their full funding
- Exempt from opening if closed due to state or local public health order (e.g. Local Education Agencies)
- Closed programs must provide distance learning

SB 820 – BUDGET CLEAN UP – EDUCATION FINANCE

- Reduces from \$62.5M to \$31.25M for one-time alternative payment and migrant payment programs
- Adds 14 day of paid nonoperational days to existing 10 nonoperational days
- Extends waiver of family fees through June 30, 2021 for distance learning of children enrolled in state-subsidized program
- Reduces from \$25 to \$15M in stipends to licensed programs
- Reduces from \$125M to \$90 M for stipends to assist subsidized programs with increased cost of care expensed during COVID-19
- Clarifies reimbursement for programs operating on a school campus when LEA is closed by local or state public health guidance/order to be reimbursed
- Additional items contingent on federal funding



ONGOING AND EMERGING ISSUES

- Workers compensation
- Risk of liability
- Stabilization funds
- Reimbursement rate system
- Compensation/pay equity



COMMENTS/QUESTIONS