



Child Care Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

October 5th, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

1. Opening and Roll Call of Membership

Lisa Wilkin, Chair to the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee), began the meeting at 12:03 p.m. by reading the standardized opening statement to conduct a virtual meeting. Wilkin announced that the vision and mission statement will no longer be read at the start of the Planning Committee. Debra Colman, Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), called roll for the Planning Committee.

Lisa Wilkin announced that the Board of Supervisors will start meeting in person, therefore the Planning Committee will start to meet in person soon. Wilkin announced that there were several pieces of legislation that will be going into effect in January and February that will be discussed at the next meeting.

COVID-19 Update for ECE Program

2. Debra Colman, Director of the OAECE, presented a COVID-19 update and reported that COVID-19 transmission rate, the rate of new infections, and virus-related hospital admissions are down. According to the CDC's community level of framework, related to the strains on the hospital system, Los Angeles continues to be in a "low COVID community level." Colman reported that due to low transmission rates, the Department of Public Health has moved from highly recommending masks in all settings except for health care settings, to a recommendation of wearing masks as a personal choice. Colman reminded committee members that safety is a priority for ECE providers. Colman encouraged members to reach out to the Public Health Department with any further questions. Colman invited Ritu Mahajan to share suggestions for how ECE providers can stay safe with the new masking recommendation.

Mask Options for Early Care and Education

3. Ritu Mahajan, Public Counsel, presented a PowerPoint to speak about mask options for early care and education programs. Mahajan provided an overview of the current LA County DPH mask guidelines, reviewed best practices for ECE programs, options for ECE programs for those that wish to require masks, exemptions from mask requirements, and allowed time for questions and concerns.

Lisa Wilkin and Elizabeth Marquez asked questions about mask requirements and COVID related liabilities at ECE centers. ECE can still require masks even if LA County does not. Further details



are listed in the PowerPoint. Workers compensation insurance should cover incidents that occur on the job related to illness or injury. Mahajan invited members to reach out with any questions or concerns and directed members to Public Counsel's Early Care and Education Law Unit.

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4. Vice Chair Ariana Oliva presented the minutes from September 7th, 2022 and asked for a motion to approve. Sarah Soriano made the motion to approve the minutes; Ana M. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion on the minutes passed with 5 abstentions.

Sense-Making Session

5. Home-based Early Care and Education Landscape

Susan Savage, Child Care Resource Center, and Fiona Stewart, Child Care Alliance of LA, presented on the Home-Based Early Care and Education Landscape. Stewart provided background information on Home-Based Child Care analysis; First 5 LA initiated the analysis to gauge the current home-based child care landscape to learn how to best support providers. Stewart and Savage presented a PowerPoint that listed the preliminary findings from the landscape analysis, the phases of the project, and goals and timeline of the project. The team is currently in the data analysis portion of the project. The findings for each research question used were presented with the opportunity for members to subsequently comment or ask questions. There is more detail listed in the PowerPoint.

Announcements

6. Vice Chair Ariana Oliva invited members to make announcements. Colman announced that members need to sign up for planning committee workgroups; members need to be a part of one workgroup and alternates are not required to sign up for workgroups but are encouraged. Sarah Soriano announced that EveryChild CA Fall Technical Assistance is in Long Beach this year. Fran Chasen announced that there will be a reflective supervision session on Friday/Saturday 10/7-10/8.

Call to Adjournment

7. Chair Lisa Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members

Community Representative

Early Educator

Parent Consumer



Cathy Coddington

Rocio Bach

Dominic Armendariz

Manuel Fierro

Brittie Crawford

LaRae Cantley

Samitha Givens

Angela Gray

Mona Franco

Losmeiya Huang

Veronica Herrera

Crystal Jones

Joelle Landazabal

Nellie Ríos Para

Eli Pessar

Ariana Oliva

Jacqueline Torres

Anna Markowitz, Alternate

Edilma Serna

Micha Mims

Jessa Costanzo, Alternate

Kathy Schriener

JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia

Stephanie Garcia, Alternate

Shanna Warren

Lisa Wilkin

Angela Lucero, Alternate

Public Agency

Discretionary

Ranae Amezquita

Jennifer Cowan

Scott Herring

Kevin Dieterle

Tom McFadden

Toni Isaacs

Gabriel Muñoz

Kelly O'Connell

Tom Woodward

Jessica Guerra

Peter Piñon, Alternate

La Tanga Hardy



Nadia Varela, Alternate

Sarah Soriano

Regina
Alternate

Angelo-Tarango,

Dianne Philibosian
Fran Chasen, Alternate

Lester Garcia, Alternate

Attendance Continued

Additional Alternates

Carla Hegwood, Gina Rodriguez, Giselle Navarro-Cruz, Humberto Estratalán, Maricela Guzman, Mariel Kyger Doerfel, Sally Valenzuela

Guests

Rocio Bach, Laura Cardenas, Andrea Fernandez, Veronica Herrera, Craig Kirkwood, Abbe Land, Robin McConnell, Michelle Millan, Cynthia Renteria, Joyce Robinson, Carly Rosenstein, Tom Seifert, Elise Soto, Amy Sullivan

Staff

Debra Colman, *Director*

Leanne Drogin, *Senior Program Analyst*

Erica Weiss, *Intermediate Clerk*

Erica Torres-Ness, *Administrative Aide*

Julia Bruton, *MSW Intern*