

## Minutes for Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission

October 12, 2022

### Welcome and Introductions

#### 1. Roll Call of Membership

Debra Colman, Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), opened the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development (Policy Roundtable) Commission meeting at 10:03 a.m. by reading the grounding statement to conducting a virtual meeting. Colman then called roll of the Policy Roundtable Commission.

#### 2. Comments from the Chair

Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses welcomed Commissioners, alternates, and guests to the meeting and invited all participants to turn on their video to enhance communication. Vice Chair Albarran Moses took a moment to reflect on the Policy Roundtable's commitment to equity and collective impact to support the whole child and whole family through a collaborative approach across LA County systems.

### Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

#### 3. Family First Prevention Services Act and Early Care and Education Planning Overview

Commissioner Jacquelyn McCroskey, First 5 LA Senior Program Officer Anna Potere, and LA County Office of Child Protection Program Director Ramona Merchan presented on the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). Commissioner McCroskey shared that the FFPSA is a Federal Act that focuses on preventing child abuse and neglect and offers states the opportunity to plan how to work across systems to support families before they enter the child welfare system, and those who are already involved in the child welfare system. Commissioner McCroskey added that this is the first time that child welfare federal funds can be used for prevention. There are current planning efforts to identify how to implement FFPSA in LA County and these efforts are focusing on prevention and group homes/residential care. Some states are focusing on developing *Community Pathways* to implement FFPSA. LA County's comprehensive plan aims to connect children and families to services and it includes a focus on intersecting Community Pathways with early care and education (ECE) programs. Current planning efforts are exploring potential areas of intersections with the following ECE areas: 1) LAUSD: Health and Human Service; 2) LACOE: Head Start and Early Learning Division; and 3) the City of Long Beach. Further detail is provided in the PowerPoint presentation. Commissioner McCroskey closed the presentation by emphasizing that the planning is in the beginning stages and there is a commitment to identify additional opportunities to establish more ECE program Pathways to help families connect with other services. Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses opened the floor for questions and discussion about potential intersections. Commissioner Paul Pulver commented that the Resource and Referral agencies can reach all areas of the County and are interested in being involved and being part of the solution. Commissioner McCroskey welcomed this and requested a follow up conversation with Commissioner Pulver and others who should be part of the conversation.

### BREAK

Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses transitioned the meeting into a five-minute break.

### General Business

#### 4. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2022

*Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses presented the minutes from September 14, 2022 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ricardo Mota made the motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner*

Justin Blakely seconded the motion. The motion on the minutes passed with 2 abstentions: Commissioners Ariana Oliva and Dean Tagawa.

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#### 5. Department of Public Social Services, Child Care, and Connecting with Other Systems

LA County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Child Care Program Section Director and Commissioner Nurhan Pirim, provided an overview of DPSS supportive programs for young children. Commissioner Pirim highlighted CalWORKs programs such as the Home Visiting Program and Stage 1 Child Care. Other child and family supporting programs administered by DPSS that Commissioner Pirim highlighted included Medi-Cal Coverage, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, CalFresh, and the Child Support Enforcement Program. Commissioner Pirim noted the supports these programs provide as well as barriers to access these programs. Additional detail is provided in the PowerPoint presentation. Commissioner Pirim opened the floor for discussion and questions.

### COVID-19 and Early Care and Education

#### 6. Update on COVID-19 and ECE in Los Angeles County

OAECE Director Colman presented a COVID-19 update and reported that the LA County's transmission rate, the rate of new infections, and virus-related hospital admissions are down. Colman reported that due to low transmission rates the LA County's 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 shared that ECE programs no longer have to require people to wear masks.

### Wrap Up

#### 7. Announcements and Public Comment

Vice Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for public comment.

- Commissioner Fran Chasen shared through the chat that IDA Saturday has returned and will be held Saturday, October 12, 2022, and more events can be found at [www.idaofcal.org](http://www.idaofcal.org)
- Commissioner Ariana Oliva shared information about what was presented and discussed at the September 2022 Child Care Planning Committee (CCPC) meeting. Colman added that the November 2022 CCPC meeting will include a presentation from Help Me Grow.

#### 8. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Vice Chair Albarran Moses thanked presenters and highlighted the importance of connection and collaboration in support of the whole child and whole family and adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

### Attendance

#### Commissioners Attendance

1. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
2. Jennifer Cowan, *Third Supervisorial District*
3. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
4. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
5. Nurhan Pirim, *Department of Public Social Services*
6. Ariana Oliva, *Child Care Planning Committee*
7. Dean Tagawa, *Los Angeles Unified School District*
8. Fran Chasen, *Southern California Chapter – CA Association for the Education of Young Children*

#### Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Nora Garcia-Rosales, *Department of Public Social Services*
2. Debra Colman, *Department of Public Health*

3. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
4. Paul Pulver, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
5. Jacquelyn McCroskey, *Commission for Children and Families*
6. Colleen Pagter, *Los Angeles Unified School District*
7. Marcy Manker, *First 5 LA*

### Guests Attendance

1. Cristina Alvarado, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
2. Gus Bribiesca, *Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services*
3. Melinda Estrada
4. Regan Foust
5. Jessica Guerra
6. Whitney Leathers
7. Ramona Merchan, *Los Angeles County Office of Child Protection*
8. Esther Nguyen, *First 5 LA*
9. Anna Potere, *First 5 LA*
10. Cynthia Reyes, *DDS*
11. JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia, *CA Federation of Family Child Care Association*
12. Christian Villanueva

### Staff Attendance

1. Debra Colman, *Director*
2. Leanne Drogin, *Senior Program Analyst*
3. Erica Weiss, *Intermediate Clerk*
4. Charli Lewis, *Administrative Aid*
5. Julia Bruton, *MSW Intern*