



**Child Care Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**  
December 7th, 2022

Members/Alternates in Attendance (42)				
Parents	ECE Program	Community Agency	Public Agencies	Discretionary
Dominic Amendariz	Norma Amezcua & Angela Lucero	Cathy Coddington	Ana Oregel	Jennifer Cowan
Anne Blackstock-Bernstein	Rocio Bach	Manuel Fierro	Eileen Carrillo-Lau	Kevin Dieterle
Sally Valenzuela	Brittie Crawford	Samitha Givens	Nora Garcia-Rosales	Giselle Navarro-Cruz
Sandra Flores	Veronica Herrera	Losmeiya Huang	Scott Herring & Mariela Ramon	
Crystal Jones	Nellie Ríos Parra	Joelle Landazabal	Ana Lopez	Jessica Guerra <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
Stephanie Garcia	JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia	Ariana Oliva	Maria Mora & Alica Rivas	Kelly O'Connell <i>1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
Eli Pessar	Jacqueline Torres	Kathy Schreiner	Gabriel Muñoz	Carla Hegwood for Dianne Philibosian <i>5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
	Lisa Wilkin	Edilma Sema	Tom Woodward	Andrea Sulsona for Sarah Soriano <i>4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
				Julie Taren & Fran Chasen <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District</i>

**Guests:** Cristina Alvarado - Child Care Alliance, Alba Bautista, Mariana Dale - KPCC/LAist, Abbe Land – LA County HR, Katie Fallon Kenyon – Katie Fallon Kenyon Consulting, Stacy Hae Lim – Children Now, Sharon Murphy – Community Development Division – American Rescue Plan, Yvonne Perez, Cynthia Renteria – Child Care Resource Center, Stephanie Ritoper, Jenny Salazar, Erica Torres-Ness, and Craig Woods - Community Development Division – American Rescue Plan.

**OAECE Staff:** Julia Bruton, Debra Colman, Leanne Drogen, Betsy Jacoby, Charli Lewis, Zenaida Meza, and Erica Weiss.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**Opening Statement and Comments by the Chair**

Lisa Wilkin, Chair to the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee), began the meeting at 12:03 p.m. by reading the standardized statement to conducting a virtual meeting. Lisa Wilkin referred members to the vision and mission statement at the bottom of the agenda.

**Roll Call of Membership and Alternates**

Debra Colman, Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), called roll for the Planning Committee. After the roll call, Wilkin welcomed Zenaida Meza, the newest Staff Analyst at the OAECE. Zenaida Meza introduced herself to the Planning Committee and announced that starting in January, she will lead the Child Care Planning Committee and facilitate the Child Care Planning Committee workgroups.

## **2. Consent Calendar**

Vice-Chair Ariana Oliva introduced the consent calendar. The consent calendar allows multiple items to be voted on at one time. Today's item on the consent calendar is the approval of November 2nd, 2022 minutes. No members requested that an item be removed from the consent calendar.

### **Approval of Minutes (November 2nd, 2022)**

*Vice-Chair Ariana Oliva presented the Consent Calendar and asked for a motion to approve. Kelly O'Connell made the motion to approve the minutes; Jennifer Cowan seconded the motion. Jennifer Cowan made a correction from the November 2nd, 2022, minutes. The motion on the consent calendar passed with 5 abstentions: Andrea Sulsona, Cathy Coddington, Samitha Givens, Giselle Navarro-Cruz, and Nora Garcia-Rosales.*

## **3. Presentation: Los Angeles County Child Care Needs Assessment**

Katie Fallin Kenyon, Ph.D., presented on the 2018 Los Angeles County Child Care Needs Assessment. Dr. Kenyon shared data on the following categories:

- Children and Families
  - The population of children has decreased in LA County and the median household income has increased.
- ECE Supply
  - There has been a 21% decline in the number of FCCs between 2012 and 2021. There has been an 8.6% decline in the number of licensed spaces between 2012 and 2021. In 2021, 51% of FCC provided non-traditional care and 2% of centers provided non-traditional care. Dr. Kenyon reviewed the locations of child care deserts in LA County.
- ECE Demand (Need)
  - In 2021, 25% of child care requests were for infant toddlers, 47% of requests were for preschool age children, and 28% requests were for school age children. 86% of eligible children (birth to 3 years) for subsidized care were not enrolled in such care, highlighting the unmet need for subsidized care. 55% of children (3 to 4 years) who were eligible for subsidized care were not enrolled in subsidized care.
- Barriers to access
  - Cost is the most significant barrier for families to access early childhood care.
- ECE Workforce
  - An estimated 9,734 early educators work in FCC homes, 19,686 in centers, and 2,232 in director or administrative positions, for a total of 31,651 members in the ECE workforce. 71% of FCC owners are educators of color in CA (not specific to LA County), 66% of center educators are people of color in CA, and 45% of center directors are people of color in CA. In LA County, the median annual full-time salary is significantly lower than the recommended provider salary, calculated



using the MIT living wage calculator. 41.8% of FCC providers, 31.6% of center teaching staff, and 16.4% of center directors participate in public assistance programs.

- Next Steps
  - Submit a state report (December 2022)
  - Develop recommendations (January-March 2023)
  - Narrative report/brief (April 2023)
  - Launch event (April 2023)

Further details are listed in the 2018 needs assessment power point. Dr. Katie Fallin Kenyon invited members to ask questions. Zenaida Meza shared a virtual chat board for members to ask questions and leave feedback. Members were surprised by median income in LA County, the number of eligible children not enrolled in subsidies, and the number of children in total in the state. Members would like to see more information on available slots at ECE centers, FFN data, COVID related closures, workforce hourly wages, benefits, and salaries, and solutions for increasing ECE provider salaries and information on the current needs of ECE centers that faced setbacks during the pandemic. Members found the data shared in the needs assessment to reflect their experiences and what they see at work, specifically highlighting the need for more infant and toddler care. Lastly, members recommended sharing the data using high-level infographics that are multilingual and connected to policy priorities.

#### **4. Presentation: Childcare Providers Recovery (CPR) Grant**

Sharon Murphy, of the Community Development Division American Rescue Plan from the LA County Development Authority, presented a power point on the Childcare Providers Recovery (CPR) Grant. The CPR Grant Program stems from the American Rescue Plan Act, which has a \$20 million allocation. The goal of this program is to assist with the licensed ECE sector’s recovery by providing financial support for those providers located within communities most negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to reopen or remain operating and continue to provide ECE services. Funding for each facility will be based on the following funding scale:

- Family Home Childcare Providers:
  - \$15,000 for facilities licensed for up to 8 slots
  - \$30,000 for facilities licensed for up to 14 slots
- Childcare Centers:
  - \$40,000 for facilities licensed for up to 40 slots
  - \$80,000 for facilities licensed for over 40 slots

Funds can be used for personnel costs, rent, equipment, supplies, services, or training, goods, and services to maintain or resume services, or mental health supports for children and employees. Applications will be prioritized and selected based on “Need Tier” level of the COVID-19 Vulnerability and Recovery Index. Further details regarding funding prioritization, the funding process, and the implementation timeline are listed in the power point. Sharon Murphy invited members to ask questions.

#### **5. Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant**

Debra Colman, Director of the OAECE, presented a power point on the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant. The state of California will provide funding through the UPK Planning Grant. The grant was established to expand access universally to preschool programs for 3- and 4-year-old children through a mixed delivery system. \$18.3 million will be allocated across California. The Letter of Intent was submitted on December 5, 2022. The allocation for LA County will be based on:

- Total number of 3- and 4- year-olds in the county
- Number of 3- and 4-year-olds not in subsidized care
- Number of 3- and 4-year-olds with special needs

The role of the Planning Committee will be to form a single workgroup, plan for, but not directly fund, the UPK options in a mixed delivery system, and plan for increasing inclusion of children with exceptional needs in UPK. Further details on other grant activities, allowable use of funds, and next steps are listed in the power point.

#### **6. Announcements**

Vice-Chair Ariana Oliva opened the floor for announcements and public comment. Stacy Lee, from Children Now, shared campaign information on the Child Care Funding Reform. Lisa Wilkin commented on the topic of future meetings being held in-person or virtually. Debra Colman announced that at the earliest, in-person meetings would begin in March 2023, but will continue to depend on infection rates in LA County.

#### **7. Call to Adjourn**

Chair Lisa Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.