

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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Child Care Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2022

Members/Alternates in Attendance (43)				
Parents	ECE Program	Community Agency	Public Agencies	Discretionary
Dominic Amendariz	Rocio Bach	Maria Harris for Genetric Brown	Ranae Amezquita	Lester Garcia for Jennifer Baca Beltran
Anne Blackstock-Bernstein	Brittie Crawford	Gwen Price for Cathy Coddington	Eileen Carrillo-Lau	Jennifer Cowan
Sally Valenzuela for LaRae Cantley	Veronica Herrera	Manuel Fiero	Scott Herring	Kevin Dieterle & Gina Rodriguez
Mona Franco	Micha Mims	Losmeiya Huang	Ana Lopez	La Tanga Hardy
Crystal Jones	Nellie Rios Parra	Joelle Landazabal	Maria Mora & Alicia Rivas	Jessica Guerra <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
Stephanie Garcia for Christina Moore	JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia & Wendy Tseng	Ariana Oliva	Gabriel Muñoz	Kelly O’Connell <i>1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
Eli Pessar	Jacqueline Torres	Kathy Schreiner	Tom Woodward	Carla Hegwood for Dianne Philibosian <i>5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
	Lisa Wilkin & Ancelma Sanchez	Edilma Serna		Andrea Sulsona for Sarah Soriano <i>4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District</i>
				Julie Taren <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District</i>

**Guests:** Carol Bloom, Debra Camp - DPH Help Me Grow, Ella Cavlan, Mariana Dale - KPCC/LAist, Martha Duenas, Melissa Eusebio - Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Andrea Fernandez – Children’s Academy, Justine Flores – CDE, Rachel Klein, Abbe Land – LA County HR, Whitney Leathers, Claudia Martin, Marcella McKnight, Michelle Millan – LA County Public Health, Araceli Rodriguez, Dane Rold – First UMC Preschool, Celeste Salinas – CPP, Laura Stein - LA County Public Health, Erica Torres-Ness.

**OAECE Staff:** Julia Bruton, Debra Colman, Leanne Drogin, Charli Lewis, 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. 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 roll call, Wilkin acknowledged feedback she received from Planning Committee members regarding the format of the meeting, but no changes will be made until January. Colman announced that Zenaida Meza has been hired by OAECE to lead the Child Care Planning Committee. Colman also announced an additional new staff analyst, Betsey Jacoby, will be joining the OAECE team and supporting infant and toddler work, focusing on facilities and professional development.

## **2. Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC) Self-Evaluation**

Debra Colman, Director of the OAECE, presented the LPC Self Evaluation. The purpose of the LPC Self Evaluation is to assess if the Child Care Planning Committee is compliant with the law. After conducting the LPC Self Evaluation, the Child Care Planning Committee was found to be in compliance with the law. The results of the Self Evaluation are listed in the PowerPoint. Colman called on two members of the governance workgroup to share their response on the LPC Self Evaluation. Scott Herring shared, after having attended over 30 LPCs, that the CCPC is very thorough and detail oriented, and found the review process to be impressive. La Tagna Hardy thanked members for their contribution to the Child Care Planning Committee.

## **3. 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 items on the consent calendar are the approval of October 5th, 2022 minutes and the approval of the LPC Self Evaluation. No members requested that an item be removed from the consent calendar.

### **Approval of Minutes (October 5, 2022) and LPC Self-Evaluation**

Vice Chair Ariana Oliva presented the Consent Calendar and asked for a motion to approve. Jennifer Cowen made the motion to approve the minutes; Ana Lopez seconded the motion. The motion on the consent calendar passed with 3 abstentions: Kelly O'Connell, Micha Mims, and Renae Amezcua.

## **4. Presentation: Help Me Grow Resources for ECE Providers**

Debra Camp, from Help Me Grow, shared a presentation titled, "Help Me Grow LA Centralized Access Point." Camp set the objectives for the presentation:

- Identify and describe the Centralized Access Point
- Know how to access and refer families to the Centralized access Point
- Know when and how to use Help Me Grow LA

The Centralized Access Point, which includes a call center and a website, is a key component of the Help Me Grow model. Further details surrounding the Help Me Grow model and the Centralized Access Point are listed in the PowerPoint. Camp introduced Laura Stein, Help Me Grow, to demonstrate how to navigate the Help Me Grow website. Stein shared a tour of the website to show how to access various tools and resources relevant to early care and education providers. Stein and Camp invited members to ask questions.



## 5. Lead Testing at Early Care and Education Licensed Centers

Missy Eusebio, LA County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, presented a PowerPoint titled “Child Care Provider Training: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.” Eusebio shared that lead poisoning is one of the most common environmental illnesses among one- to six- year old children. The presentation included the health effects of lead, when to test for lead poisoning, sources of lead, and how providers can protect children. Eusebio listed lead poisoning resources for providers. Further details are listed in the PowerPoint.

Scott Herring, Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD), presented on Lead Testing Guidance and Enforcement Procedures of Water in Licensed Child Care Centers (CCC). Herring shared the lead testing requirements for all Child Care Centers in California. CCLD licensing analysts do not have authority to issue citations to CCCs for not having their water tested for lead until after January 1, 2023. However, an Action Level Exceedance of lead in a CCC’s water used for drinking or food preparation will require a citation and Plan of Correction, regardless of timing. Herring shared the immediate facility response upon notification of elevated lead levels: CCCs must immediately make inoperable and cease using any fountains and faucets where elevated lead levels exist and obtain a potable source of water for children and staff at the facility. Herring shared what sources of water need to be tested and walked through the process of testing water. There are more details listed in the PowerPoint. Herring provided resources for lead toxicity prevention and water testing. Herring concluded the presentation by sharing information on grant funding available for testing at CCCs.

## 6. Announcements

Vice Chair Ariana Oliva opened the floor for announcements and public comment. Leanna Drogin shared that the OAECE, along with public counsel, has been working on developing resources for providers to help navigate the LA County facilities development system. The guide will be released in the next week and a training will be provided on November 15th for how to use the guide.

## 7. Call to Adjourn

Chair Lisa Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.