

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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Child Care Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023

Members/Alternates in Attendance (39)				
Parents	ECE Program	Community Agency	Public Agencies	Discretionary
Anne Blackstock-Bernstein	Brittie Crawford	Gwen Price for Cathy Coddington	Ranae Amezquita	Lester Garcia for Jennifer Baca Beltran
LaRae Cantley	Veronica Herrera & Maricela Guzman	Manuel Fiero	Eileen Carrillo-Lau	Jennifer Cowan
Jessa Costanzo for Jessica Chang	JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia	Losmeiya Huang	Nora Garcia-Rosales	Gina Rodriguez for Kevin Dieterle
Sandra Flores	Jacqueline Torres	Kathy Schreiner	Scott Herring	La Tanga Hardy
Mona Franco & Karen Martin	Lisa Wilkin	Edilma Serna	Ana Lopez	Jessica Guerra <i>2nd Supervisorial District</i>
Crystal Jones			Maria Mora	Kelly O’Connell & Kimberly Dobson-Garcia <i>1st Supervisorial District</i>
Stephanie Garcia for Christina Moore			Gabriel Muñoz	Dianne Philibosian & Carla Hegwood <i>5th Supervisorial District</i>
Eli Pessar				Sarah Soriano <i>4th Supervisorial District</i>
				Julie Taren & Fran Chasen <i>3rd Supervisorial District</i>

Guests: Cristina Alvarado – CCALA, Priya Batra - DPH, Alba Bautista - CalFund, Luis Bautista - LACOE, Debra Camp - DPH Help Me Grow, Laura Drew - Occidental College Child Development Center, Claudia Escobedo – DSS, Rachel Klein, Child Care Initiative, Community Investment for Families Department City of LA, Sarah Forrester - Long Beach USD, Ilyssa Foxx - CCALA, Sharalyn Jenkins-Sweeten - DSS, Shoghig Khadarian – DSS, Terry Kim - Children’s Institute, Abbe Land – LA County HR, Elsa Leal, Whitney Leathers – Mayors Fund for Education, Colin Legerton - LACOE, Yvette Martin, Marcella McKnight - Opportunities Exchange, Ofelia Medina – First5 LA, Ana Palacios – Children’s Institute, Yvonne Perez, Redwood Village Children's Center, Cynthia Renteria - Child Care Resource Center, Jessica Reynaga – Connections for Children, Joyce Robinson – Low Income Investment Fund, Sonja Robinson - LACOE, Celeste Salinas – CPP, Susan Savage - CCRCCA, Fiona Stewart – CCALA, Amy Sullivan – Discount School Supply, Think110, Ruth Tiscareno - DMH, Erica Torres-Ness – Wee Care, Roberto Viramontes – CDC at Fairplex, Kirsten Wallace – LACOE, and Amy Sullivan – Discount School Supplies.

OAECE Staff: Debra Colman, Leanne Drogin, 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. Wilkin referred members to the vision and mission statement at the bottom of the agenda.

Roll Call of Membership and Alternates

Zenaida Meza, Staff Analyst at the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE), called roll for the Planning Committee. After roll call, Wilkin provided an overview of the upcoming meeting, which included two different presentations and a breakout group session to discuss the UPK Mixed Delivery System.

2. Consent Calendar

Chair Wilkin introduced the consent calendar. Today's items on the consent calendar are the approval of December 7, 2022, minutes. Sarah Soriano commented that the agenda noted the committee is approving the November minutes, instead of the December Minutes. This has been updated to reflect the correct minutes for approval.

Approval of Minutes (December 7, 2022)

Chair Wilkin introduced the Consent Calendar and asked for a motion to approve. Julie Tarren made the motion to approve the minutes; Kelly O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion on the consent calendar passed with 1 abstention: Gwen Price.

3. Presentation: Transition to Serving More infants & Toddlers, Lessons from Implementation

Chair Wilkin introduced Ana Palacios, Vice President of Whole Family Strategies at Children's Institute (CII), to provide a presentation regarding the approach that CII uses to serve infants and toddlers. Palacios provided background on CII and noted they serve 30,000 children and families across Los Angeles. Palacios added that CII is transitioning to serve more early head start through four steps:

- Prioritizing a 0-5 continuum of care
- Converting HS slots to EHS
- Adding infant/toddler classrooms to existing sites
- Staffing for infant/toddler classrooms -ratios.

The PowerPoint presented by Palacio provides more detailed information about each of the four categories.

Chair Wilkin opened the conversation for questions. Based on a committee member question, Palacios noted that regarding the continuum of care teachers will remain at the same site as students, instead of moving with the student each year. LaRae Cantley, committee member, asked if there are opportunities to support families with training and capacity building when caring for their own children at home. Colman added there are apprenticeship programs that exist which are run by the Los Angeles County Office of Education and Child Care Resource Center (CCRC). Scott Herring and Palacios noted the importance of building strong relationships to ensure a faster process when dealing with licensing, grants, or applications.



4. Presentation: Overview of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Planning (UPK) & Implementation – Planning and Capacity Building Plan

Chair Wilkin invited Luis Bautista, Executive Direct of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), and Sonja Robinson, Assistant Director of LACOE. Bautista provided a high overview of the current Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) plan. He noted that UPK is a mixed-delivery system of UTK, CSPP, CCTR, Head Start, private providers, and more. Bautista highlighted the CDE & LACOE goals:

- Preschool to Third Grade (P-3) Alignment
- Clear and effective implementation of UPK (a mixed delivery system) for all four-year-old's in California
- Built-in equity and anti-bias
- Better outcomes for children and families
- Collaboration with state and outside experts

Bautista noted LACOE's UPK countywide planning and capacity building plan and top priorities. He added the five UPK focus areas which include:

- Focus Area A – Vision & Coherence
- Focus Area B – Community Engagement & Partnerships
- Focus Area C – Workforce Recruitment & Professional Learning
- Focus Area D – Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Focus Area E – Facilities, Services & Operations

Robinson provided insight on the five UPK career development initiatives from LACOE. She noted LACOE is engaging in local job fairs in the community to target students that completed ECE credits. Further details regarding UPK and LACOE's UPK implementation strategy is highlighted in the PowerPoint.

5. Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning – Reflection & Feedback

Colman noted that the Planning Committee will provide recommendations back to LACOE in the coming months. Colman added the group will be separating into breakout groups to discuss the following three questions:

1. What surprised you about the UPK plan?
2. What is missing from the UPK plan?
3. What challenges and solutions should we consider when planning for UPK?

All groups shared their ideas and highlighted main discussion points with the larger group. A key take away from members is why are we dismantling the system as some providers will suffer or close. More highlights from each breakout group are noted on the Ideaboardz attached below.

Colman added next steps which include brainstorming solutions. She noted the Child Care Planning Committee will be launching work groups to develop recommendations that will be presented to LACOE in May and submit to CDE in June.

6. Announcements & Public Comment

Chair Wilkin opened the floor for announcements and public comment. She noted the governor's budget should be released close to January 10, 2023. Colman added that Friday January 13, 2023, is the Vocabulary Learning in Typical and Late Talkers 12 pm - 1:30 and on Monday January 23, 2023, is the 8th ANNUAL Policy23 Update with topics covering Federal and State. More information on both events can be found at www.idaofcal.org.



7. Call to Adjourn

Chair Lisa Wilkin adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.