

Minutes for Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission

December 14, 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

Chair Karla Pleitéz Howell welcomed Commissioners, alternates, and guests to the meeting and invited all participants to turn on their video to enhance communication. Chair Pleitéz Howell highlighted the Commission's theme "Whole Child, Whole Family: A Collaborative Approach Across LA County Systems" and various ways the Commission is working to support this theme. Chair Pleitéz Howell also shared that starting January 2023 she will be the Executive Director at First 5 LA and she will continue to serve as a Commissioner and Chair on the Policy Roundtable.

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3. LA Thriving Families, Safer Children – *Thriving Families, Safer Children: Priorities for Change from Community Visioning Sessions Report*

Commissioner Jacquelyn McCroskey and Annie E. Casey Foundation's Doreen Chapman presented key points from the *Thriving Families, Safer Children: Priorities for Change from Community Visioning Sessions Report*. Thriving Families, Safer Children is a national effort designed to create proofs of concept for system transformation focused on child and family wellbeing. Twenty-two sites are participating in Thriving Families and LA County is part of the first round to receive additional technical assistance and resources. LA County is focused on demonstrating effective community-led innovations at the local level that can go to scale and be replicated; documenting an authentic community partnership model sourced from best practices of community leaders, residents, and individuals with lived expertise across LA County; and creating anti-racist policy, systemic, mindset, and structural changes at the local, state, and national levels. The PowerPoint presented provides more detailed information.

Chair Pleitéz Howell opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Jackie Majors echoed the importance of non-traditional voices being involved and at the center of this effort.

Consent Calendar

4A. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2022

4B: Approval of Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development Commission End of Year Report FY 2021-22
Vice Chair Alejandra Albarran Moses presented the Consent Calendar which includes minutes from the Policy Roundtable's November 9th, 2022 meeting and the End of Year Report FY 2021-2022; she then asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Jennifer Cowan made the motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Jessica Perea seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar passed with no abstentions.

BREAK

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

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5. LA County Local Planning Council Child Care Needs Assessment

Local Planning Councils (LPC) are required to conduct a child care and development needs assessment in their respective county at least once every five years. LA County's Child Care Planning Committee (LA County's LPC) is in the process of completing LA County's Child Care Needs Assessment (Needs Assessment). Debra Colman, OAECE Director, introduced Katie Fallin Kenyon, to present the initial findings from the Needs Assessment and shared that the Needs Assessment data provides a roadmap for policy recommendations that drives systems change. Kenyon highlighted Needs Assessment findings from the following areas: children and families, ECE supply and demand, barriers to access, and the ECE workforce. Kenyon noted that the child population (0-12 years of age) is projected to decline 13% from 2023-2032. She also noted that the estimated median household income for LA County from 2000-2020 rose to \$75,624; however, ten LA County neighborhoods that have the lowest median income, under \$30,000 include: Downtown LA, University Park, Chinatown, Watts, Pico-Union, Westlake, Vermont Knolls, Elysian Park, Florence, and South Park. Kenyon reported that there has been a 21% decline in the number of family child care homes between 2012 and 2021. She also shared that 72% of children (birth to 35 months) are eligible for publicly subsidized care, 45% of eligible children are enrolled in subsidized care, and 55% of children who are eligible are not enrolled in subsidized care. The PowerPoint presented by Kenyon provides more detailed information and data about the key areas she highlighted.

Vice Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Cowan offered ideas regarding messaging when sharing the data more broadly. Commissioner Justin Blakely noted the importance of highlighting different demographics within the workforce, particularly child care providers who are black. Commissioner McCroskey echoed this importance as well as providers who speak different languages. Commissioner Perea highlighted another subgroup, traditionally unhoused families who need overnight care or support.

[COVID-19 and Early Care and Education](#)

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

OAECE Director Colman reported that COVID-19 cases are increasing in LA County and is considered in high community transmission. Colman encouraged everyone to get their COVID-19 boosters and flu vaccines. She noted that early childhood programs can receive free COVID-19 resources by going to www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

[Wrap Up](#)

7. Announcements and Public Comment

Vice Chair Albarran Moses opened the floor for public comment. Vice Chair Albarran Moses noted that the Long Beach Early Child Care Symposium is scheduled for April 21, 2023. Organizers are currently seeking presenters.

8. Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn

Vice Chair Albarran Moses thanked all the presenters for sharing their work and adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Commissioners Attendance

1. Karla Pleitéz Howell, *First Supervisorial District*
2. Jessica Perea, *First Supervisorial District*
3. Justin Blakely, *Second Supervisorial District*
4. Jennifer Cowan, *Third Supervisorial District*
5. Amber Rivas, *Third Supervisorial District*
6. Alejandra Albarran Moses, *Fourth Supervisorial District*

7. Ricardo Mota, *Fourth Supervisorial District*
8. Jennifer Hottenroth, *Department of Children and Family Services*
9. Jeannette Aguirre Carrillo, *Department of Probation*
10. Jackie Majors, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
11. Dean Tagawa, *Los Angeles Unified School District*
12. Ofelia Medina, *First 5 LA*

Alternate Commissioners Attendance

1. Debra Colman, *Department of Public Health*
2. Paul Pulver, *Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles*
3. Debi Anderson, *Los Angeles County Office of Education*
4. Jacquelyn McCroskey, *Commission for Children and Families*
5. Marcy Manker, *First 5 LA*

Guests Attendance

1. Cristina Alvarado
2. Priya Batra
3. Gus Bribiesca
4. Doreen Chapman
5. Ana Chico, DSS
6. Kimberly Dobson Garcia
7. Katie Fallin Kenyon
8. Manuel Fierro
9. Regan Foust
10. Crystal Jones
11. Jaime Kalenik
12. Abbe Land
13. Whitney Leathers
14. Luis Molina
15. Esther Nguyen
16. Yvonne Perez
17. Jose Ramos
18. JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia
19. Julie Taren
20. Nadia Varela

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*
6. Betsy Jacoby, *Staff Analyst*
7. Zenaida Meza, *Staff Analyst*