

**YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 1, 2009**

Members Present:

**Barbara Ashby
Christina Flores
Dotty Huber
Laura Ivans
Armida Kaun
Ed Lewis
Sue Lomax
Regan Overholt
Oralia Rodriguez
Patricia Rodriguez
Melinda Waring**

Members Absent:

**John Hillis
Nancy Mack**

YCOE:

**Gail Nadal, Coordinator
Rebecca Foster, Grant Specialist**

Guest:

**Lynn Arner, Early Years
Gail Floyd, Probation/Alaska
Shawntel Simeone,**

1. Call to order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by L. Ivans at 2:04 p.m.

- A. Introductions of Members and guests.

2. Public Comment:

- A. Lynn Arner shared information about the “All of Us Together...Moving to Inclusion” program through WestEd that the LPC has supported since early 2009. WestEd no longer has available funding for the project, but Yolo County’s group has maintained meetings and working towards inclusive practices for the county through inter-agency collaboration. A centralized website has been identified to house a calendar of all events related to inclusion in Yolo County (<http://www.warmlinefrc.org/index.html>). The group has discussed having a case of a Yolo County family and having the group come together to discuss how to best serve the family. There is also hope that the group will be able to arrange site visitations to model sites which exhibit best practices in inclusion. At the last meeting, CPIN, SCOE/SEEDS was able to come and support Yolo County’s group and efforts towards inclusive practices.

3. Consent Calendar:

- A. Action: Approval of September 1, 2009 Agenda: MSN (R. Overholt, C. Flores – Unanimous)
B. Action: Approval of April 14, 2009 Minutes: MSN (B. Ashby, P. Rodriguez – Unanimous)

- C. Action: Approval of June 9, 2009 Minutes: MSN (E. Lewis, P. Rodriguez – Unanimous)

4. Backpacks for Kids:

- A. E. Lewis shared that the LPC used funding to purchase 400 backpacks for preschool and incoming Kindergarten students which were filled with school supplies. The backpacks were distributed under the Backpacks 4 Kids umbrella on August 1st at the Yolo County Office of Education. Remaining backpacks were taken to different locations around the county (Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, and Esparto) for a more focused distribution.

5. Education Code Section 8275.5:

- A. L. Ivans reviewed the management bulletin regarding EC 8275.5 regarding the voluntary transfer of funds between center-based state-subsidized programs. The LPCs have been assigned the responsibility of assisting programs within counties with the process.
- B. G. Nadal reminded that all counties have an LPC whose main purpose is to support the state-funded programs and shared a PowerPoint outline with the council which was shared with the LPC Coordinators. The LPC will develop a structured, safe and neutral environment where the state-funded programs can come and learn about this opportunity and develop an environment of trust. The requirements to accept funds from another agency are to be in good standing with both CDD and licensing. The LPC is not the decision maker, but provides the opportunity within the county for this discussion to take place. There are two windows of opportunity when this can happen: (1) November 1 – 15, and (2) May 1 – 15.
- C. L. Ivans volunteered to lead in this discussion with the state-subsidized programs as her agency does not have a conflict of interest with this process. M. Waring and R. Overholt volunteered to assist.
- D. The informational meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2009 from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Yolo County Office of Education, Conference Center.

6. First 5 California Project Legacy:

- A. L. Ivans attended one of the Project Legacy input sessions which was held in Woodland on August 27, 2009. First 5 California has gathered public input to prioritize programs that will continue to be funded for the next several years. There are four different areas related to the needs of families: family functioning, child health, child development, and systems of care. There will be a survey on the web for public input to prioritize their goals and needs which First 5 California will then use to decide what kinds of programs need to be developed to meet the priorities of the public.

7. Collaboration LPC/F5Yolo/CCS:

- A. R. Overholt shared that the Board of Supervisors were concerned that there may be a duplication of services between the LPC, F5Yolo and Child Care

Services. There was a separate meeting to clarify that there is not a duplication of services between these organizations, and that instead there is outstanding collaboration within Yolo County. There is a presentation scheduled in October for the First 5 Commission which focuses on the collaboration between these organizations and BOS Rexroad will be invited to attend.

8. AB 212/Workforce Development Budget:

- A. R. Foster shared a chart outlining the Workforce Development expenditures for the FY08-09 and proposing a few options for FY 09-10. A larger training/workshop that the LPC staff is hopeful to provide for Yolo County this year is on Outdoor Play. The LPC membership discussed the amount of funding to allot for the AB 212 mini-grants, and the council decided to continue having the maximum reward based on the number of staff at the program and noted that this amount may be less than offered in previous years.

9. Mother-Baby-Friendly-Workplace:

- A. B. Ashby reminded that in the spring, the LPC received a presentation on the importance of breastfeeding and lactation from Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health. Discussion has continued to address how the LPC can collaborate with MCAH to include child/family-friendly workplace recognition in future years. B. Ashby shared information on the benefits and importance of breastfeeding and asked that the council membership share information with their agencies which may also promote more locations to receive the Mother-Baby-Friendly award in the future. Information from the Health Resources and Services Administration was also shared regarding “The Breastfeeding Business Case” and that employers need to provide clean, private space for breastfeeding in CA (AB 1025). B. Ashby stated that she would be happy to consult with anyone regarding this topic and also offered to provide tours if requested.

10. Member Updates:

- A. A. Kaun shared that September 1st was the first day of school for all of the Head Start Preschool programs and all the slots are filled. There is still some space available in the Home Base Program.
- B. E. Lewis shared that the CDC programs opened two new preschools.
- C. B. Ashby shared that the Early Childhood Lab at UC Davis earned its NAEYC accreditation this summer. B. Ashby earned a third round (years 9-12) of the CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents in School) US Department of Education grant for low income student parents.
- D. G. Nadal shared that the LPC Needs Assessment will be used to train Woodland Community College administration students about working through a Needs Assessment.
- E. L. Ivans shared the current Yolo County Centralized Eligibility List (YCEL) with the council. She also shared that Child Care Services is now open from

9:00 – 4:00 and most of the R&R staff has a 32 hour work week instead of 40.

11. Goals & Sub-committees for FY 09-10:

- A. R. Foster shared information about the LPC subcommittees for FY 09-10 developed from the LPC retreat and the June LPC meeting. Opposed to having four subcommittees as there were in FY 08-09, there will be three subcommittees due to the current membership size: Educate and Outreach, Community and Workforce Development, and Week of the Young Child. The Educate and Outreach subcommittee has two main goals: (1) increase collaboration and dialogue between Kindergartens and Preschools and (2) increase collaboration and dialogue between colleges and centers. The Community and Workforce Development subcommittee's goals are: (1) to provide opportunities to the workforce in trainings, mini-grants, stipends, etc. and (2) to facilitate the Yolo County Inclusion group activities in the development and administration of a community assessment and coordinate trainings and workshops focusing on inclusion. The Week of the Young Child subcommittee's goals are: (1) to recognize early childhood education through WOYC activities and (2) to increase the recognition of the LPC.
- B. Other goals for FY 09-10 include (1) increasing the LPC membership, (2) revisiting the development of student cohorts at community colleges and CSUS, (3) ensuring that trainings/workshops are available for all providers maintaining at least 51% state-funded participants, and (4) coordinate the voluntary transfer of funds between center-based state-subsidized programs.
- C. For FY09-10 each subcommittee will identify leadership who will ensure their subcommittees continue progressing and working, be the first point of contact for the subcommittees, and this person will report to LPC staff prior to meetings with their subcommittee updates.
- D. The LPC membership was asked to select their subcommittees for FY09-10 and begin their subcommittee blueprint and plan for accomplishing their goals.

12. Next LPC Meeting:

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the YCOE Superintendent's Board Room from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

13. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. for subcommittee work.