

**Executive Committee Meeting** 

## Solano Child Care Planning Council January 17, 2024, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Minutes Attending: Susan Smith, Sabrina Drake, Anna Mansker Staff: Juanita Morales & Lisa Eckhoff

Guest: Cinda-Rae Clement

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:13 PM by Susan Smith.
2. Approval of January 17,	Sabrina Drake asked for clarification on item #4(a). Anna Mansker moved to
2024, Agenda	approve the agenda, Sabrina Drake seconded, motion passed.
3. Approval of November 14,	Anna Mansker moved to approve the agenda, Susan Smith seconded, Sabrina
2023, Minutes	Drake abstained, motion passed.
4. February 8, 2024, 4:00-	LPC coordinator Juanita Morales reported that Thriving Families of CA
5:00 pm LPC General	Legislative Action Day will be held on $1/24/24$ to inform and educate
Meeting Agenda	legislators regarding changing to an alternative rate schedule as well as other
Planning	legislative action pertaining to early care and education.
	She also informed the committee on the 2024-25 budget which continues to honor all previous commitments:
	<ul><li>a. The budget is moving to realize 200,000 new child care slots by 2026-27. The field has already received 146,000 slots.</li><li>b. The CCPU's child care and healthcare agreements continued to be</li></ul>
	honored.
	<ul> <li>c. The budget sweeps \$140.6 million of the General Fund and \$206.3 million Prop 98 in one-time State Preschool funding.</li> <li>d. The budget also provides state preschool and child care nutrition programs with a 0.76 percent COLA.</li> </ul>
	Juanita also informed the committee of opportunities that include a proposal from CDSS Child Care Policy and Program Support to get 43 additional positions.
	Juanita Morales also provided a Blooming Solano update – 20 sites were participating in the program; 3 sites withdrew from the program, and we have added another site from the wait list. The program Support Specialist, Taylor Benson is continuing 1:1 training with participants. Elements of the system currently being used the system for sign in/out, children's records, parent portal; we are monitoring participant use. Taylor is working with participants to input their site agreements, contracts, enrollment application, etc. Staff contacted licensing and received a Program Information Notice (PIN) regarding electronic record keeping. The PIN was shared with all participants.
	Membership: -Two members' appointments expire this month: Kathy Lago and Susan Smith; Kathy is recommending a replacement from Solano Family & Children Services for her position. Recommended Susan submit a membership application for renewal.

	Early Childhood Educator of the Year Program – Committee Update
	LPC Community Presentation – Anna Mansker will provide the presentation at Mary Bird in January, Juanita Morales will send the presentation and sign-up Google sheet to all LPC members.
	LPC Community Forum – Updates & finalize planning
5. March 9, 2024,	Date: March 9, 2024
<b>Community Forum</b>	Location: Solano County Library, Fairfield Civic Center
Planning	2 presentations by Solano Family & Children's Services
	(also monitors available if SFCS wants to play a video loop)
	The librarian will be available to do some story times.
	Juanita distributed 3 sample flyers, suggested edits, staff will share the final
	flyer with the committee prior to distribution.
	Participating Agencies: - requesting 2 staff @ each and a children's activity. - CSPP/CCTR (ask Michelle Burhorn to create provider list)
	- Help Me Grow
	- Resource & Referral
	<ul> <li>Family Navigator (subsidy program or Help Me Grow)</li> <li>Child Start, Inc. (centers list)</li> </ul>
	- Solano County Office of Education – Transitional Kindergarten
	<ul> <li>Extended Learning (Before/After School Care) – Ward Stewart (ELOP)</li> </ul>
	- Solano County Library
	- Travis Air Force Base Military Family Child Care Providers
	Refreshments – grab-n-go
	Black tablecloths ID posters, swag (SCOE)
6. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.