



**The Solano County Childcare Planning Council General
Meeting Minutes**

April 25, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.– 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Breana Marino, Elena
Rodriguez, Sabrina Drake,
Susan Smith, Akon Walker,
Kwiana Algere, Tony Ayala,
Kathy Lago

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tyffany Wanberg, Manisha
Gupta, Anna Mansker, Ward
Stewart, Angelique
Anderson, Dianna Esparza,
Lacy Szczepanski

GUESTS:

Michelle Burhorn, Shannon
Feins, Carla Hurtado,
Manolo Garcia

STAFF:

Juanita Morales, Brenda Hernandez

AGENDA ITEM	HIGHLIGHTS/DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
1. Call to Order – Welcome/ Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Kathy Lago made an announcement that at the May 7th Board of Supervisors meeting SFCS will be presenting the resolution for child care provider appreciation day on May 10. She is inviting LPC members to stand in support of the resolution at that meeting. Akon Walker announced that the foster program with SCOE is partnering with the CROC Center, to promote summer camps.	The meeting was called to order by Susan Smith.
2. Public Comment	No public comment	
3. Approval of General Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024 (Action Item)	The February 8, 2024, General meeting minutes, were reviewed and moved for approval.	Tony Ayala moved to approve; Sabrina Drake seconded. The motion was approved.
4. Approval of April 25, 2024, Agenda (Action Item)	The April 25, 2024, agenda was reviewed and moved to approve with an amendment to item 10 as an action item and item 5 to replace Lisette Estrella- Henderson with Manolo Garcia.	Kathy Lago moved to approve; Sabrina Drake seconded the motion.
5. Swearing in New Members	Juanita called up the new and renewing members so that Manolo Garcia could swear them in on behalf of Superintendent Lisette Estrella-Henderson. Kathy Lago, Kwiana Algere, and Susan Smith were all sworn in and proclaimed members of the Solano County Child Care Planning Council on April 25, 2024.	
6. Coordinator Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislative Policy b. Annual Membership Certification c. Blooming Solano d. Chair/ Vice- Chair Nominations 	<p>Juanita Morales went over legislative policies related to childcare currently moving through the legislative process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 2476 Childcare services: alternative payment programs. will require alternate payment programs to reimburse child care providers prior to a child starting care. This bill was introduced in February 2024. • AB1925 childcare and development eligibility, would extend eligibility for childcare and development programs to families whose child is eligible for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. • AB1930 teaching credentials child development associate teacher permit renewal, would allow 	

teachers to renew their permit without a limitation on the number of renewals if the permitholder completes specified hours of professional growth activities, .

- AB2268 English language proficiency assessments for TK students. Currently all children in grades K-12 are required to be assessed using the ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessment of California). This bill would allow bilingual students in TK to be exempt from taking the assessment.
- Juanita submitted the membership certification to CDSS on May 18th. The membership certification must be approved by the Board of Supervisors and Superintendent. There was a delay in submitting the certification due to a change in the date of the Board of Supervisors meeting but was accepted. There are currently 2 vacancies since submission. This is an opportunity to start recruitment for public agency, and child care provider.
- Blooming Solano business management system is a First 5 pilot program for child care providers. The goal was to have 20 providers participate in the program and there are currently 18. The program will end on June 30, 2024. and HUBBE system will be providing support for participants who continue to utilize the BMS.
- The LPC Vice Chair and Chair positions are open for nominations. In order to be nominated a member must have served one year. The chair presides over all regular and executive committee meetings, may call special meetings and performs any public duties as the Chair. The Vice Chair assumes responsibility should the Chair not be available. Juanita sent out an all call for nominations and reminded members that they can also self-nominate.

7. Community Forum Debrief	<p>Juanita gave members the opportunity f to discuss and give feedback on the community forum.</p> <p>Sabrina shared that the librarian at the Civic Center in Fairfield had some ideas about dates and times for next year’s community forum. The members agreed that they were happy with the turnout. There were about 25 families that attended. Kathy Lago suggested that the school district be made aware of the event for next year as well.</p>	
8. Early Childhood Educator of the Year Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nominations/ Nominees b. Timeline c. Event date/ time, Members are invited 	<p>Juanita provided an update on the Early Childhood Educator of the Year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There have been about 80 submissions and 29 that have been elected. b. The scoring team will have a couple of weeks to score the nominations and then return them to the Early Learning team. The winner will be kept a secret until that evening. c. The Early Childhood Educator of the Year reception will be on Friday, June 21, 2024, at the Joseph Nelson Community Center. Juanita asked everyone to register for the event. 	
9. LPC Community Presentation-Schedule	<p>Juanita encouraged members to get out in the community to provide information about the LPC. Akon Walker and Tiffany Wanberg presented at the foster care kinship program; the presentation went well; all the caregivers enjoyed the presentation. Juanita will send out the presentation PowerPoint to the LPC members. The PowerPoint slides were requested in Spanish in order to serve the needs of the community. Juanita encouraged the members to sign up for community presentations.</p>	
10. 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule (Action Item) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community forum b. Meeting times c. Evening meeting 	<p>Susan presented the new LPC calendar for the members to look at meeting times and the dates. Juanita reminded members that we do have to meet 6 times a year, the retreat is required, and the community forum is optional, and the meeting times are also optional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The members discussed moving the community forum to February, based on recommendations from the Solano County Library. The members also discussed offering the community forum more than once a year. 	<p>Tony Ayala moved to postpone and take action at the June General meeting; Elena Rodríguez seconded the motion.</p>

	<p>b. The members then discussed the current meeting times. The members discussed ways to increase attendance of child care providers and families at the meetings. There was discussion about offering the meetings as hybrid as well. Juanita mentioned the challenges of offering a hybrid option as these meetings are governed by the Brown Act. Members discussed focusing the agenda on the needs of the families and the child care providers.</p> <p>c. The members discussed changing locations, and having the meetings go to a public space where there can be more of an opportunity for the public to attend.</p>	
11. June Meeting	Susan Smith announced the date of the next meeting on Thursday June 20, 2024. The items on the agenda will be the calendar dates, the annual retreat, and the Chair and Vice Chair nominations.	
12. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm	Akon Walker moved to adjourn the meeting. Sabrina Drake seconded; the motion was approved.