



## Local Child Care Planning Council of Colusa County Minutes

**Date:** October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Time:** 11:00AM-12:00PM  
**Location:** Colusa County Office of Education (In Person)  
345 Fifth Street  
Colusa, CA 95932

### Members in attendance:

- [ ] Carissa Bowers (*Community Representative*, Program Manager Community Advocates for Parents and Children)
  - [ X ] Kim Owens (*Community Representative*, Coordinator First 5-Colusa)
  - [ X ] Stacey Zwald Costello (*Consumer*, Colusa County Librarian)
  - [ X ] Danielle Padilla (*Public Agency Representative*, Department of Health and Human Services)
  - [ X ] Pam Niehues (*Discretionary*, Appointed Community Resident – Colusa)
  - [ X ] Maria Ayala (*Public Agency Representative*, Resource & Referral Coordinator)
- Other People in Attendance:
- [ X ] Bianca Talamantes (Colusa County Coordinator for Local Planning Council)
  - [ X ] Joe Moye (*Guest*, Colusa County Director of Support Services)

**I. Call to order:** by Pam Niehues at 11:02 AM

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

**III. Public Comment**

**No public comment made**

[ X ] **Review and Approve the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 LPC Meeting Minutes** (*Action Item*)

Result: Approved  
Motion: Stacey Zwald-Costello  
Second: Maria Ayala  
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Abstained: 0

#### IV. Council Reports and Updates

CCCCA Conference- Joe attended the state LPC conference and was able to learn more about the local child care planning council duties and current activities in other counties. Learned that some LPCs have strong coordination with their R&R networks. Also mentioned about the opportunities for Universal PreK transitions for family daycare providers as well as teachers at the schools who would like ECE training for TK to have some knowledge that would support the children.

Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool (ELNAT)- Joe and Bianca watched a Zoom about ELNAT a tool with the purpose of being about to report information on children between the ages of 0-5 years old, children eligible for state preschool, number of English learners, etc., that are needed for the LPC priorities plan, for the child care funding for the county. It is accurate if looking at data over 5 years, but not precise if looking for data for 1 year.

Renewal of LPC membership- Stacey's term is ending and would need to be recertified, but as a community representative of the Colusa library. Carissa's term is also up for renewal.

Update/Status on new LPC members- A need for consumers and childcare providers is needed to fill vacancies on the council. Maria mentioned the vacancies on the council at provider meetings and some providers were interested, but timing of the current meetings did not fit their schedules. Stacey suggested potential use of incentives such as gas cards or stipends for providers in order for them to be able to have someone cover while they attend the meetings. LPC coordinator will find out about the specifics in the By-Laws and consult with neighboring Yuba and Sutter LPC, Tonya Byers, about the possibility of using funds in that discretion. Potential candidates were mentioned from ECenter, in-home daycare providers and Hand N Hand.

LPC brochure and Webpage- At last LPC meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. 2022, the council approved the LPC brochure proof, so LPC coordinator will be ordering through J & J Print for the brochures. LPC coordinator will also be contacting Alissa Maas, CCOE communications and public relations director, for the purpose of updating the LPC page on the CCOE website with agendas, minutes, and vacancies. Coordinator will also be seeking social media posts to advertise council vacancies.

#### Members Reports

(Discussion)

- **Stacey Zwald Costello-** The Colusa Free Library is having offsite Storytime sessions at the Family Action centers and childcare providers homes for 6 months due to grant funding the library received. There are story walks in the mornings for children with the youth services coordinator, Gabby. The library in collaboration with

CAPC is doing a pumpkin painting even for children again for Halloween. The library is also holding a 'Pizza & Politics' event on November 1<sup>st</sup> to provide non-partisan information on ballot measures, candidates, or help filling out voter registration cards.

- **Danielle Padilla-** More foster homes are needed within the county for the Department of Health and Human Services. As of right now there is one designated staff member for those interested to call and be instructed for the process.
- **Kim Owens-** Arbuckle Family Action Center is having their first Parent Café of the year at Pierce High School on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. First 5 Colusa is still doing the ASQs for anyone in the county that would like one.
- **Pam Niehues-** At the Education Village in Williams, the Master Gardeners have a demonstration garden area with dinosaurs that have been planted for children to find and discover new plants along with parents.
- **Maria Ayala-** R&R is still conducting provider trainings on a regular basis. An upcoming CPR training will be on November 28<sup>th</sup>, for anyone interested, they should get in contact with Maria.
- **Carissa Bowers-** Did not attend

#### LPC Coordinator Report

- Update/Information on AB212-The application incentive/stipend for those actively participating in professional development opportunities. See what updates have been made for the program.
- Budget Update- Will provide the council with an updated budget report from the fiscal specialist for FY 22-23 to look at the LPC budget.
- LPC webpage/ brochure- Will be ordering the LPC brochures and will provide them to the council. Will also be working on updating the LPC webpage with the CCOE communications and public relations director and social media use for council vacancies.

## **X. Advance Planning**

- a. Next LPC Meeting: November 15th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

**XI. Adjourn:** by Pam Niehues @11:53 a.m.

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Submitted by Bianca Talamantes, LPC Coordinator

Agenda, minutes, and supporting documents are available for review at the Colusa  
County Local Child Care Planning Council Office  
Located at 345 Fifth Street, Suite B, Colusa, CA 95932.  
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