

Sacramento County Children's Coalition
Minutes of Meeting
October `15, 2014

Membership Attendance

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| Angelina Woodberry | P | Kimberley McDaniel | P | Nicole Rushing | A |
| David Ballard | P | Laura Kerr | P | Philip Ung | A |
| Ernie Brown | P | LeOndra Clark Harvey | P | Rachel Raymond | P |
| Gina Roberson | P | Lynn Thull | P | Sheridan Miyamoto | P |
| Jane Claar | A | Melinda Geiser | P | | |
| Julie Bornhoeft | P | Molly McCall | P | | |

Guests: Carly Smith

Meeting Called to Order: 4:02pm

- Rachel Raymond called the meeting to order
- Introduction
- Minutes approved with edits

Chair's Report (R. Raymond)

- New member orientation: Planning to sit down before next meeting to discuss binders
- Consensus from doodle is to keep meeting time the same
- 4E waiver: upcoming CPS presentation on Tuesday, October 28th from 4-7pm. Location is at the Board of Supervisors on H Street. RSVP requested
 - Gina Roberson debriefed coalition on 4E presentation from Board of Supervisors. Dr. Heller laid out a good environment of the potential risks and how the funds are planned on being used. The Board is focused on system level change and investing money into keeping kids out of the system.

Presentation: Child Care and Early Education: An overview of the Early Learning and Child Care Subsidy Systems in Sacramento County

Presenter: Melinda Geiser

- There are 498 child care centers in the Sacramento county and 1,413 family child care businesses. That is enough capacity to serve 47,930 children which is only enough licensed capacity for 29 percent of the need (numbers are not to be shared).
- There are 2 main types of subsidized care, Alternative payments and direct contracts. Direct Contacts can be state pre-schools, child development centers, and Head Start. Alternative Payment Plan comes out of Welfare. If a parent is on Welfare or has been in the past 24 months, they are entitled to a child care voucher which can be redeemed at any child care center that accepts the vouchers. One third of vouchers goes to licensed exempt care.
- Child Action encourages the use of license exempt family care for people who have nontraditional hours and families with infants and toddlers due to center based care being very expensive and impractical for infants and toddlers.
- People in CalWORKS are entitled to high quality licensed child care, which is not common knowledge amongst people in CalWORKS. 11,000 children are in the CalWORKS program. The

waiting list for non-CalWORKS families is based on income. CPS referral is priority zero which means no wait. Priority one is a 5 month wait and priority 2 is a 5-8 month wait.

- To be eligible for subsidies/waivers, one needs to prove that the income is low enough to qualify and that one actually has a need for child care.

Work Plan Status Report

- Rachel Raymond pushed back this report to the November meeting after committees get together and discuss it amongst themselves first.

Committee Updates

- Oversight Committee
 - Gina Roberson updated Coalition. She said they have not met since last Coalition meeting due to a strange calendar month, therefore they did not have any updates. She did mention that the Child Death report will be presented to Board of Supervisors on Nov 4 at 11:30 am. She will plan on reporting it at the November Coalition meeting as well.
- Policy and Advocacy
 - Laura Kerr updated Coalition. They are planning on meeting the first Thursday of every month starting Nov 6 from 4-6pm. The short term plan will be to meet in person but with long term goals to hold phone conferences.
 - The Committee's main focus is to have a united policy agenda driven by budget and formatted in a campaign style packet (i.e. problem and solution). The goals of the committee is to become a key player in child advocacy in the county, attending county supervisor meetings and to align their focus with the Board of Supervisors. The draft of policy agenda will be submitted to the Coalition in December.
- Children's Trust Fund
 - Ernie Brown updated the Coalition. The total numbers of the fund have been correct but there is not enough to fund anyone for the next few years. Committee will be relooking at the numbers to figure out when they will be able to fund things again. The current contracts will be ending in December except for CAPC.
- Ernie Brown updated the Coalition that First 5 came out with a clean audit and on October 15th, they released 5 RFPs.

Announcements

- Angelina Woodberry invited the Coalition to the 14th Annual Children of Promise Conference on October 25th.
- Molly McCall is looking for resources for foster care kids that are aging out of the system and/or receiving SSL.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:34pm.