



Meeting Minutes|
Monday, September 14, 2020

Call to Order by Erika Simmons 1:05 pm via Zoom

Present via Zoom: Erika Simmons, Sheri Noble, Joni Drake, Denise Moreno, Donna Custodio, Donna Jackson, Shannon Puente, Angela Kessenich, Lory Sage, Guest Nina Machado from First 5 Amador and Karen Frazier

Public Matters not on the agenda: No public matters not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic minutes from the last meeting were not available. Minutes will be tabled for a future meeting. Donna Jackson approved that the minutes could be tabled for a later date and Joni Drake seconded. The motion passed

Approval of Agenda

Donna Jackson moved and Joni Drake second to approve today's agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

COVID-19 Information/Sharing/Support – Council discussed how distance learning was working for the TK-12 schools. Some of the CARES money is being used for hot spots to support students that do not have internet access where they live. The Council also discussed resources that could be made available to our TK-12 partners and if we found any to share with our group and we would get the information to the right people. Shannon shared one resource which was question cards for students to hold up if they wanted to make a comment or had a question. Shannon shared the file with members.

The Church of Nazarene in Sutter Creek gave a generous donation to the Amador County Extended Learning Program to help families that need financial support to help pay the extra hours of childcare.

Donna Custodio discussed the need for a website for the Council that can be linked to the

Amador County Office of Education/Amador County Unified School District's website. The cost for the initial setup for the website would be around \$500. Donna Custodio would maintain the site once it was up and running. A motion was presented to approve the \$500 cost of the website development. Donna Jackson motioned to approve and Denise Moreno second. Passed unanimously.

Workforce Pathways Grant – FFNs will be required to complete a Workforce Registry Profile. CDE is still in the process of creating the report template with required data points. Some prospective data points/reporting areas include: demographics (including, race/ethnicity and gender); number of permits received; how participants move along the Career Lattice; participants' home and work zip code; how stipends are administered; and the data points on the Workforce Registry Profile.

Strategic Goals for this year will be discussed at our next LPC meeting

Donna Custodio will schedule a day to speak at a Board Of Supervisors Meeting regarding childcare in Amador County. Nina Machado, Denise Moreno and Joni Drake would like to also be part of the team to speak at the meeting

Council had a discussion regarding the Governor's Master Plan for Early Learning. The Plan was scheduled to be released in early October. Part of the plan is to move all early learning programs to The Department of Social Services except for CSPP. This would also mean that the LPC would also move to the DSS.

CPIN trainings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Council will look at offerings and make some suggestions for the remainder of the year.

The Needs Assessment is due this year and Donna Custodio has a state wide LPC meeting for coordinators on September 23rd – 25th. A new template is scheduled to be released during this time. Once we have the new template we will begin the process of gathering information.

The council received an additional \$18,000 last year to conduct surveys of the community. That money was not spent and the deadline for expenditures was extended through December. One discussion on how to spend the money was training for LPC members on Outdoor Classrooms. Donna Custodio found out that the training was full but there may be another option for an online shorter class. More information to follow. Another use of the money will be a postcard to send out to community members to gather information for our Needs Assessment. Once we have gathered the information we would like to put together an Infographic with the information gathered. We would pay someone to print and put together both the infographic, mailing and postcard.

Updates from the field.

Angela shared information about her playgroup. She is making resources available for parents to pick up with a different theme each time. Families are enjoying the resources.

Denise's program is back in session and she shared how working in a childcare center during a pandemic was going. Families are happy children are back in school.

Shannon shared her Quality for Kids program and how it is going. She is still supporting providers virtually.

Quality for Kids – There will be a revised schedule for incentives. If anyone has any ideas regarding incentives please give Erika a call.

Adjournment: Joni Drake moved and Donna Jackson seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:49pm. Passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on October 5, 2020, at 1:00