



Meeting Minutes|
Monday, February 1, 2021

Call to Order by Erika Simmons 1:05 pm

Present: Erika Simmons, Denise Moreno, Donna Custodio, Sheri Noble, Donna Jackson, Angela Kessenich, Shannon Puente, Lory Sage, Lori Martinez, Joni Drake
Guest: Nina Machado, Misty Pegueros

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

Approval of Minutes Donna Jackson moved and Shannon Puente seconded that the minutes from January 4, 2020 meeting be approved. The motion passed

Approval of Agenda

Angela Kessenich moved and Joni Drake moved to approve today's agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Celebrate Our Children – This the in person event has been canceled. We will begin planning for the drive through event. The date will be April 24, 2021. Erika and Donna Custodio will start by making a list of what needs to be done.

From the Field:

Shannon shared that she has started Coaching Companion with five providers and she is excited to be able to offer assistance to so many providers.

Donna Jackson discussed that she is currently very busy helping the health department with COVID related responsibilities. She misses visiting school sites and hopes to return soon.

Angela shared information about the K Readiness program. Families are excited with activities Angela is providing.

Denise shared that her program is busy with observations and she has thirty-six current students.

Lori Martinez shared that Adult Education is starting the ESL classes again and they will have their Playcare program available for children of ESL parents attending classes. Adult Education is also offering GED classes.

Sheri shared that they are offering some classes, "Family Care at its Best" and "Strengthening Families." They are also in the process of moving to their new location where their Lending Library will be located. They will be open some Saturdays and after hours.

Updates:

Donna Custodio shared information gathered from the quarterly California Child Care Association Meeting

CDE is looking to expand TK for 4 year olds. The new Master Plan has a focus on all 4 year olds being in either TK or preschool. Children are eligible to attend TK if their birthdays fall between September 2nd – December 2 TK programs are also taking children until 1/31 in an Early TK program. Four year old children attending TK has had an impact on preschool with 4 year olds. Many rural areas do not have enough children between the ages of 3 and 4 ½. This year CDE asked State Preschool Programs to send TK eligible children to TK. In the past parents were able to choose the program that best fit their child, TK or Preschool.

The new Master Plan is also looking to local planning and the council will provide leadership as we move to the new plan.

They want services connected and supported

New requirements for the ECE Workforce – The focus will be on competencies. A foundation of care for everyone then build on the foundation. Units would be tied to the competencies and there will be various career pathways. They will focus on support of children development. CDE wants a consistent skill set for everyone. CDE is developing an online platform for professional development. There will be modules and local professional development that will be state wide. Coaches will be part of the training because research says this helps individuals the most. Practice based professional development and coaching around the work the individual is performing. Everyone to build competencies even FFN.

Quality ratings will be tied to support – they want to help people grow – coaches for level 5 as well.

Governor's Budget

QRS funds some will stay with CDE some will go to Social Services

Workforce Pathways Grant - we are supporting 3 students with college level work

Department of Social Services transition – July 1 the plan for the transition will be released soon

Needs assessment template has been developed and has been shared with the Child Care Association members. Donna Custodio shared the document with the Council Members and she has begun the process of gathering information.

The Child Care Council Strategic Plan is due in July. The Needs Assessment will be used to provide data for the plan.

Quality for Kids:

Many providers are participating in the Incentive Program.

Workshops are being offered through CPIN and the Resource Connection

Curbside activities are being shared with families.

Adjournment: Donna moved and Joni seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:55pm. Passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on March 1, 2021, at 1:00