

**CPAC General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017**



Members Present: Ashley Williams, Bev Melugin, , Candace Wong, , Elaine Merriweather, Graham Dobson, Gretchen Ames, Jane Evans, Kelly Dotson, Laura Moye,

Lisa Lee, Monica Walters, Sandee Blechman, Sara Hicks-Kilday, Sheila Norman, Sonia Valenzuela,

Members Absent: Claudia Quinonez, E'leva Gibson, Fonda Davidson, Karin Little, Matt Pemberton, Nur Je Khalique, Sharon Howell, Vanessa Harlin, Winnie Kong.

Non-members Present: Shirley Toy, Liz Cortez, Easter Calvit, Yudy Larraburo, Connie Luu, Melissa Serrano, Teresa Goczy, Jennifer Curran, Kathleen White, September Jarrett, Maria Su.

Meeting Chair: Monica Walters

Minutes prepared by: Tony Tyson

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am.

CPAC Chair's Report-

Monica Walters

- Monica Walters provided a brief welcome and introduction of our guest presenters.
- Approval of February 2017 Meeting Minutes- (**ACTION ITEM**)
- Sonia Valenzuela made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Sheila Norman seconded the motion.
 - All were in favor and none opposed. Ashley Williams, Graham Dobson, and Sandee Blechman abstained.

Budget Presentations

● **Office of Early Care & Education (OECE)**

September Jarrett

- September Jarrett provided a detailed presentation, which included the projected budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.
 - San Francisco has 45,000 young children, which makes up 5% of the total population.
 - Geographically we have high concentrations of people that are low-income and high income populations in our city.
 - Unfortunately, 1-10 people live in poverty in the city and an alarming 1-3 people in the Bayview live in poverty.
 - September recognized First 5 San Francisco on all of their hard work to get the preschool participation rate in San Francisco to 92%.
 - **NOFA – Early Learning Scholarship (ELS)**
 - The concept is to close the gap in funding to for providers to get them to a quality level that is reasonable, which is now set at the Tier 3 level of the QRIS, as recommended from the Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis.
 - The vision is to provide continuity of care for children in San Francisco ages 0-5.
 - **Mayor's Budget Instructions**
 - General fund is going to be cut by 3% in FY17/18 and FY18/19.
 - September reviewed the proposed budget for FY17/18.
- **See attached presentation for full details.**

● **Department of Children Youth & Their Families (DCYF)**

Maria Su

- DCYF is a city department that co-funds early care and education.
 - Revenue:
 - The Children & Youth Fund in FY16/17 is \$68million, for FY17/18 the fund has been approved for \$76 million, but is project to be closer to 79 million. Projections for FY 18/19 put the fund at \$89 million.
- Federal grant- HB 610 cuts the education budget in half. The cuts will impact nutrition and special education. USDA snacks and summer lunch programs would be eliminated. DCYF augments this program with local dollars to ensure that children and youth have healthy meals that they will eat.
- The bulk of funding is directed to grants, with the remaining dollars being allocated to salaries, benefits and consultants.
 - Work orders are also sent to the Office of Early Care & Education, First 5 San Francisco and the Department of Public Health.

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- DCYF has a projected 354,000 dedicated to operational costs.
- DCYF is holding 1.4 million to cover potential cost of doing business increases for non-profits.
 - In addition, they are holding 500,000 for potential impacts for federal cuts.
- San Francisco has moved forward to sue President Trump. If his policies and budget changes move forward we cannot do our jobs and will cause harm to our city.
- See attached presentation for full details.
- Questions:
 - How do you see the growth in Children & Youth Fund growth fit in the unmet need of the infant and toddlers?
 - We are quite aggressive in the allocation plan, but we keep the range plus or minus 5% range.
 - The Children & Youth Fund has grown to \$38 million over the past 5 years. How much of the new dollars goes toward the growth in the 0-5 population?
 - As demographics shift we rebalance what makes up the 0-24 populations.
 - Our charter requires us to go back to the community every 5 years to assess the needs of the community. In 2015 Community Needs Assessment families talk about the ECE and work from an equity lens.
 - We use this to determine how we allocate the funds in a way that meets the needs of our highest need and disconnected youth. Specifically we have identified African American, Pacific Islander and Latino families. We also discussed specific risk factors including children and youth living in low income housing areas and youth with special needs.
 - OECE & DCYF have a very fragile workforce, how does DCYF support the workforce?
 - We are hearing more about program mergers and employment vacancies in the workforce. We need to hit the reset button on living wages and benefits for staff and are providing organizations with technical assistance.
 - We are releasing the RFP at the end of July and will have a 6 month review process. Tough decisions will have to be made on workforce compensation as part of the plan.
 - How much is budgeted for the Early Learning Scholarship to close the gap?
 - We do have those numbers, but I will need to get back to you on the exact amount. Although we are closing the gap to quality we must leverage our state and federal funding first.
 - Traditionally we have invested with a mile wide and an inch deep, but we are not seeing the results that we are hoping to see.

Approval of CPAC Goals 2017 (ACTION ITEM)

Monica Walters

- Lisa Lee made a motion to approve, Elaine Merriweather seconded the motion.
- All were in favor and none were opposed.

10:10- CPAC Coordinators Report

Tony Tyson

- Provider recognition event. Sunday, April 23 1:00pm-4:00pm Green Room
- Legislative visits to our state Assemblymembers Phil Ting's Staff and David Chui

10:20- CPAC Committee Reports (as needed):

● **Legislation & Public Policy Committee (ACTION ITEMS)**

Sandee Blechman

- State Legislative Packet, Local Advocacy and AB 273 Support Letter
- In your packets there is a number of things-
 - We revised our State policy priorities after the changes were accepted by CDE for the Pilot. Highlights included 24 month eligibility and 12 month seeking employment- Do not apply to the rest of the state. We now have to support AB 60, for other counties to get 12 month eligibility.
 - Overview of priorities:
 - Increases to the state reimbursement rates,
 - Support for Out of School Time funding (ASES)
 - Ensure Governor Brown's proposal of ratios of 1 teacher per 20 children is not implemented.
 - Standard Median Income needs to be updated across the state-
 - Holding the Governor to his funding commitments for FY17/18 and opposing the hold.
 - Vote to approve- Action Items
 - Sandee moved to approved the State Priorities and Gretchen Ames seconded the motion, all were in favor and none opposed. There were no abstentions.
 - **Vote to approve Local Advocacy & Budget ask of \$10 million in FY17/18 FY18/19 (Action Item)**
 - Sandee Blechman made a motion to approve and Gretchen Ames seconded the motion.

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o All were in favor and none opposed. Laura Moye and Graham Dobson abstained.

- AB 273 Support Letter
 - o Sandee Blechman moved to approve and Graham seconded the motion. All were in favor none opposed.
- **Workforce Committee** **Sara Hicks-Kilday**
 - o The committee will be meeting here after this meeting.
 - o Elaine Merriweather will be updating the committee on the proposed changes to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Matrix.
- **Needs Assessment Committee** **Graham Dobson**
 - o We are getting there, and gathering the small amount of missing data. The committee will be presenting some of the early findings at next month's meeting.

10:35- Public Agency Reports (as needed)

Open

- Office of Early Care & Education (OECE)
- First 5 San Francisco
 - o The SF Quality Consortia will be meeting this Thursday in the West Ed 4th floor Board room.
 - o Thank you to Sara Hicks-Kilday for the leadership conference. It was well attended. Congrats on a fabulous conference.
- Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF)
- San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD)
- City College of San Francisco (CCSF)
 - o Free City College will become effective Fall 2017
 - o Joint Advisory Committee will meet on April 11th from 10am-12pm at the Ocean Campus, all are invited to attend.
 - o On April 25th during the Week of the Young Child CCSF will be hosting a Career Fair.
 - o Late start classes are now available for enrollment.
 - o Students attending the Leadership Conference received one unit.
- San Francisco State University (SFSU)
- Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Community Care Licensing (CCL)

10:45- CPAC Representative Reports (as needed):

- DCYF Oversight & Advisory Committee
 - o The next OAC meeting is being moved to April 17th
- SF Child Care Providers Association **Sara Hicks-Kilday**
 - o Thank you to the presenters, people that tabled and provided great workshops. It was great to get a have a CPAC voice at the conference.
 - o April 28th walk around the block- Get parents and teachers out to extend the call for funding.
- Budget Justice Coalition **Tony Tyson**
 - o We have put together the budget ask and have had several meetings. We are also scheduling additional meetings with the remaining Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Budget office.

10:55- Community Announcements

Open

Members of the community are welcome to comment on CPAC business or present any events, activities, or resources available to the child care community.

- Advocacy rally on March 24th at the Capitol meet at the Governor's mansion. Reserved space inviting legislators in Sacramento, increase funding to 800mill. We need more money, so please make it a top priority to attend. There will be free transportation for up to 5 buses. Contacting our counties in the bay area and anticipate getting a large group of parents families teachers advocates etc.
- The Quality Consortia made recommendations to purchase of visual and hearing screening equipment, support for the translation of materials in Chinese, including the DRDP, additional cameras for video coaching and infrastructure for infant and toddler care.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04am

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017 from 9:00am-11:00am

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