



SF CHILD CARE PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Title 5 Contractors Meeting

3:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

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MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Introductions

Ben Wong/Cheryl Horney

State Legislative and Budget updates

Graham Dobson

FY23-24 Budget Updates:

- *At this point, the Senate and the Assembly have finalized their versions of the 2023-24 budget. Legislative conference committee may meet to resolve differences if needed. Currently, the legislature and the governor are working together to address outstanding issues. The constitution requires that the legislature pass the budget by midnight on June 15 each year. However, this constitutional deadline does not apply to budget-related bills (or "budget trailer bills"), which can be passed at any time.*
 - *Gov's budget - 8.22% COLA only for SRR counties, not SF*
 - *Early Action Items already approved by the Governor:*
 - *AB 100 = funding to support extension of family fee waivers until Sept 30, 2023*
 - *AB 110 = statutory language for fee waiver and authorization to CDE to issue temporary rate increases to contractors that exceed authorized rates*
 - *Family fee waiver – issue NOA extending fee waivers until Sept 30; assess family fees for new families, waived until Sept 30; fees collected from Oct 1 new NOA.*
 - *Contractors will receive allocation to cover cost of family fee waivers.*
 - *Temporary CSPP 'rate increases' – not augmentation to contract – lump sum 1-time funding of \$1,442 per CSPP child based on April 2022 enrollment. Will flow through LEAs.*
 - *CDE message also indicates additional allocation to contractors in RMR counties. However, unclear whether SF will receive this. Language is confusing – 'Note that not all CSPP contractors will receive an allocation due to their current rate exceeding the percentile attained by the allocation of these funds.'*
 - *Senate Budget Plan proposals:*
 - *\$1 billion for reimbursement rate COLA*
 - *Overhaul of family fee structure*
 - *\$1.1 billion for workforce needs*
 - *Reject reductions to facilities funding*
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- Assembly Budget Plan proposal:
 - \$1 billion to increase child care funding by 25.44% (CARE COLA)
- Temporary fix as rate reform discussions continue (referred to as 'down payment')

ECE Legislation:

AB 51 (Bonta) Universal Early Care.

- An extended learning opportunity program serving TK pupils must be developmentally appropriate for pupils in TK.
- It provides that "income eligible" means that a family's adjusted income is at or below 120% of the area median income or the SMI, whichever is higher, adjusted for family size.
- The Early Education Act authorizes school districts and charter schools that administer a CSPP to place 4-year-olds in a TK & establishes the CA Universal Preschool Planning Grant Program to expand access universally to preschool programs for 3-&4- YO's through a mixed-delivery system and would authorize children in CSPP to be commingled with children from other state-subsidized programs and private funding.

AB 555 (Carrillo) California state preschool programs.

- The 3rd priority for services to be given to eligible 3-and 4-year olds who are not enrolled in a state-funded TK program & would revise the remaining priorities accordingly.
- Reimbursements would be based on the lesser of the max reimbursable amount stated in the contract, the net reimbursable program costs or the product of the adjusted child days of enrollment for certified children times the contract rate outlined in the above described provisions.
- Additionally apply those adjustment factors for children who are at risk of neglect, abuse, or exploitation or who are dual language learners to part-day preschool children & would remove that prohibition for children who meet more than one of the criteria eligible for adjustment from being reported.

AB 596 (Reyes) Early childhood: childcare and education rate reform.

- This bill would require the State DSS, in collaboration with the State DOE, to develop an alternative methodology for calculating subsidy rates for child care and development services and CSPP services that build upon and align with the recommendations of the working group and Joint Labor Management Committee, and that uses a cost estimation model.
- It would require the department to develop an interim transition plan to implement the alternative methodology, as specified, and to seek preapproval from the United States DHHS to amend the state's current Child Care and Development Fund State Plan to change its current methodology for determining childcare and development and preschool reimbursement rates to the alternative methodology.
- The bill would require an equitable sliding scale for the payment of family fees and would suspend the collection until the new equitable sliding scale is implemented.

AB 1106 (Soria) PK-3 early childhood education specialist credential: grant program.

- This bill would require the commission to develop and implement a program to award, on a competitive basis, planning grants of up to \$250,000 each to regionally accredited institutions of higher education for the development of plans to guide the creation of programs of professional preparation, and implementation grants of up to \$500,000 each to regionally accredited institutions of higher education for the implementation of programs of professional preparation, that lead to more credentialed teachers obtaining the PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential and a bilingual authorization, as provided.

AB 1192 (McCarty) Transitional Kindergarten.

- *This bill would delay the start of the requirement that a school district or charter school maintain an average of at least 1 adult for every 10 pupils for TK classrooms at each school site until the 2025–26 SY, and would delete the requirement that this provision be contingent upon an appropriation of funds.*
- *The bill would require, commencing with the 2025–26 school year, that any teacher aides assigned to TK classrooms be provided, or begin to be provided, at least 48 hours of professional development and would require the school district or charter school to provide this professional development.*

AB 1352 (Bonta) *Childcare: individualized county childcare subsidy plans.*

- *This bill would extend the authorization for the specified counties to develop and implement individualized county childcare subsidy plans to 7/1/25*

SB 380 (Limón) *Childcare: rate reform. Same as AB 596*

SB 635 (Menjivar) *Early Education and childcare.*

- *Would provide tens of thousands of children with access to early childhood developmental screening and other appropriate developmental screenings with a validated developmental screening tool.*
- *It would also ensure that children ages 0-5 who need additional services after screening are referred for further assessment and intervention at no cost to the parent.*

Q & A

Q- *Will family fees start on Oct 1?*

A- *Yes. Need Providers to help families understand the City is helping them with these fees. Will get messaging out in next couple of weeks. Committee acknowledged DEC for making this happen.*

Q- *Senate \$1 billion COLA?*

A- *That's across the board. 25.4% COLA to your contract.*

Early Education Salary Support Grant Children's Council EESSG team

- *End-of-year reporting from June 15 to July 6.*
- *If you would like to negotiate your due date to accommodate your needs, Children's Council is willing to do work with you on that. Contact at support@childrenscouncil.org*
- *DEC is meeting with smaller Title 5 workgroup for feedback about the first year of early educator salary support grant. What is working/not working? Opportunity for feedback.*

Taskforce on Early Intervention & Inclusion Equity Cheryl Horney

- *Denise Corvino from DEC presented at the last Title 5 Contractor's committee meeting. There is a taskforce. If you are interested in updates, email Yohana, Heidi, Cheryl Horney and they will add you to the email list.*

SF UPK Opportunities Melinda Day

- *Melinda Day gave a presentation on UPK Mixed Delivery Grant from CDE. This is the first year of a 3-year implementation. San Francisco ECE will be working to bring it into alignment with current systems of care; identify and address gaps. CPAC is the grantee of this 3-year grant. The Steering Committee consists of people from CPAC, Title 5 programs, DEC and SFUSD.*

- *The UPK workgroup is working to submit a slide deck to get on Board of Education agenda for June 20. Their signature is needed by June 30th.*
- *UPK webpage is in development to provide transparency around the conversation. Multiple ways to give feedback.*

Q & A:

Q- how will feedback and community involvement be facilitated?

A- initial ideas are for R&R's to be the lead for people to engage in the planning process. UPK will use existing meetings to get word out, receive feedback. Also, will have registered events (translation provided), small and large groups. Encouraged to utilize the 26 FRCs in SF.

Melinda Day email- mday@metiered.com

Reporting

Kira Gunther, DEC

Any other business

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June 6th advocacy at City Hall had many participants.

June 15 at 10:30am. Will have speakers from BOS. Last push for the budget to make the case for not having cuts to Prop C. Flyer [HERE](#)

July 8 Children's Day at Wu Yee.

Adjourn

Ben Wong / Cheryl Horney

Next meeting: Thursday July 13, 2023, 3:00-4:30pm
