



CHILD CARE PLANNING & ADVISORY COUNCIL

Title 5 Contractors Committee | Dec 12, 2024 | 3:00-4:30pm

MEETING NOTES

Welcome (Ben Wong, Cheryl Horney)

Every Child California Policy Updates (Adam North)

- With the ending of Hold Harmless on horizon the moment is ripe to make significant changes to rates.
- There is a rate reform workgroup who is looking through the lens of actual cost of care so they can provide recommendations to legislature. Consideration in cost of care = raising staff salaries; dual language learners (receive adjustment factor), cost of printing dual languages, appropriate toys, reading materials. Providers are being mandated to do certain things, but the mandates are not being funded. Infant/toddler – expenses like turnover of toys, cleaning products.
- More on cost of care - e.g. children with special needs; flexibility of funding and supporting whole family and teacher wellness; days of care to provide while being a high-quality program; days of professional development; days of operation leads to burnout, low quality care.
- For those serving immigrant families- with new federal administration, there is a concern about seeing a drop-in attendance because families are afraid to attend. May be an imposing issue next year.
- DSS engaged family home providers. Every Child is bringing in Center-based contractors. Then will share findings with DSS, and they will be an advocacy piece to take back to lawmakers.
- Timing on this? June is when Hold Harmless sunsets. If rate reform is not complete, contractors will not be penalized. Contract will continue to be based on enrollment, not attendance.

What else can contractors do to advocate?

- Link for the webinar <https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/53586ab1-8b7f-432e-92dd-b35fe3409035/select>
- Join this group: <https://www.everychildca.org/ece-voices> initiative for training in advocacy and skillsets how to meet with lawmakers, talk with them. No cost service for community. They put meetings into action. Join that group.
- <https://www.ece4all.com/members>

Reporting – State and Local

Add questions to the padlet.

<https://padlet.com/cherylhorney/sf-ece-contractors-w87iirnhvqp0ep6e>

Update on Indirect Cost Response from DEC

- Group made a recommendation to DEC through a letter.
- DEC is talking about it internally then they are getting back to us soon, for a meeting with the smaller group.

Questions, Announcements

Anne K is retiring in 2025. If you know anyone interested in her position, send a resume.

Anne email: anne@childrencenter.org

Adjournment

Next Title 5 Committee Meeting: Thursday, Jan 9, 2025; 3:00-4:30pm