

Early Childhood Council of Kern

General Council Meeting

September 6, 2017

Minutes

Members Present

Myetta Beavers, Mike Bledsoe, Jo'L Braden, Lisa Brum, Tina Cox, Lisa Duncan-Purcell, Kerri Jones for Linda Eberhart, Maribel Galvan for Marilyn Golleher, Linda Haddadin, Meghan Hall-Silveira, Alesha Hixon, Veronica Munoz, Shannon Oastler, Linda Oates, Jamie LaFavor for Shirelle Perez, Betty Phillips, Courtney Purcell, Jennifer Slayton, Amanda Tumblin, and Tammy Burns.

Members Absent

Jennifer Thompson-Solis.

Guests Present: Destinee Sims, Britnee Schuyler, Megan Gretona, Stephanie Teodosio, Joyce Toenjes, Priscilla Silva, Angelica Villaseñor, Mirtha Andrade, Rosie Cazares, Christine Lollar, and Carlos Lara.

Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Duncan-Purcell at 5:33 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves. Betty read the Council Mission statement. The consent items were read.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes the September 6, 2017 Meeting Agenda, the August 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes, final June 2017 Financial Reports and July 2017 Financial Reports (including the Foundation Account, Project Account, Early Care and Education Retention Project Account, TK/CSPP Reimbursement Project Account, the Kern Early Stars Project Account, Infant Toddler QRIS Account, IMPACT Grant Account, and Migrant QRIS Account). A motion was made by Mike to accept the consent items. A second to the motion was made by Betty Phillips. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Financial Report Summary
July 2017**

Foundation Account

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$4,423.99
Contract of \$4,380 & carry over of \$43.99	
Expenditures	\$ 0.00
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$4,423.99

Migrant QRIS Account (903)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$255,235.00
Expenditures	\$ 0.00
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$255,235.00

Project Account (906)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$57,219.00
Expenditures	\$ 3,304.15
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$53,914.85

Early Care & Education Retention Project Account (975)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$256,196.00
Expenditures	\$ 38.54
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$256,157.46

TK/CSPP Account (905)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$292,895.02
Expenditures	\$ 3,908.00
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$288,987.02

Kern Early Stars (QRIS-CSPP) Account (904)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$1,650,660.00
Expenditures	\$ 46,659.67
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$1,604,000.33

Infant Toddler QRIS Account (908)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$498,146.00
Expenditures	\$ 4,317.97
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$493,828.03

Kern Early Stars (IMPACT) Account (907)

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2017	\$814,410.00
Expenditures	\$ 25,941.33
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$788,468.67

Project Balances

Infant Toddler Balance - \$11,307.97
AB 212 Training Balance - \$1,779.34
Wendy Wayne Scholarship Balance - \$19,515.56

General Public Comments: None**Old Business:**

- June Financial Report Review: Tammy stated that different areas of the 2016-17 budget were underspent. Areas included utilities, rent, and janitorial services, which was due to the multiple moves made by the council and Kern Early Stars. Now that they are in a permanent location, the fixed costs should stay steady. The AB212 budget was underspent by \$9,600. The county accountant with whom Tammy works recommended planning to overspend on these budgets, and pull from other budgets to cover possible overages. Tammy stated that the budgets will be more closely watched during 2017-18 and in future years.

New Business:

- Annual Document Review: Amanda constructed an on-line review through kahoot.it, which members were able to access through their smartphones during the meeting. Members enjoyed the review using this format.
- Safe Halloween: Tammy has received the registration form for the council display and chalk distribution at the event. She circulated the sign-in sheet. The labeling of the chalk will take place during the October meeting.
- Annual Council Member Survey: Tammy thanked those who had completed their survey. She would like to have everyone complete the survey tonight, or send it in to Tammy. Lisa stated this information will help to plan future meetings, making the meetings more meaningful to

council members. Lisa also asked members to get to Tammy names of possible guest speakers.

- ***Strategic Plan Ad Hoc:*** Tammy stated that it has been three years since the current Strategic Plan was developed, and it is time to make changes. An ad hoc will be formed to decide format will be used to review and change. The actual building of the plan will take place during council meetings. Those volunteering for the ad hoc include Mike, Jo'L, Amanda, Betty, and Christine.

Quality Committee Report: Tammy stated that the Kern Early Stars Rating Celebration will be Sept. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Hodel's. About 170 people are expected to attend, including representatives from family child care homes, private centers, and CSPP centers. First 5 Kern executive director Roland Maier and Kern Early Stars staff will speak, and items will be given away to centers and child care homes. The East Kern celebration will be Oct. 14 in Ridgecrest.

New Kern Early Stars Coach I Yadira Mendoza started this week. She ran a large family child care home in Lindsay, and participated in Tulare County's QRIS pilot. She is bilingual, and has actively used Environmental Rating Scales, CLASS, and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. Two additional Coach I positions will close Sept. 13, which would bring the total number of coaches to nine. A new training track is being created for programs on the elements of the Kern Early Stars rating scale (Beginning, Middle, and Advanced groups). A director's series entitled So You Think You're a 5 will also occur. The Center Directors PLC for 2017-18 will focus on support staff on the Teaching Pyramid to help reduce challenging behaviors. Sandi Walters from WestEd will conduct the sessions. Teaching Pyramid training sessions will also be presented in English and Spanish. Making the Most of Classroom Interactions trainers will present based on the CLASS. An Infant/Toddler component has been developed by TeachStone. The next consortium meeting is Sept. 14.

Public Policy Report and Discussion: Lisa Duncan-Purcell explained the life cycle of legislation. She would like someone to assume the Public Policy presentations to the council. She will help train. Tammy also stated that county local planning councils are extremely active, and are working to educate legislators.

Council Member Highlight: Courtney Purcell has been a council member for two years, but has attended council members with her mom Lisa for many years. She works as a therapist for Bakersfield Behavioral Health Hospital. Her connections with child development started with her own attendance in preschool and after-school programs at YMCA. In high school, she coached four-year-olds, and also volunteer with Court Ordered Special Advocates (CASA), in which both of her parents were involved. In college, she worked with children in different programs in addition to two years with Americorps. She also worked for CalWORKS as a case manager. For six years, she worked at a preschool center with children up to age 3. A site coordinator for Boys and Girls Club (covering from ages 5 to 18), she looked at activities to make sure they were developmentally appropriate. She has looked at Nature vs. Nurture in both child development through Lisa, and medical through her father Ray (a nurse practitioner). Courtney feels a very strong passion for Early Childhood Education.

Member Reports:

- Mike stated that Kern AEYC's first workshop is Sept. 27.
- Christine discussed the Cape, Cope, Connect guide being distributed by First 5 Kern, which will help parents in communities under stress to talk with their children.
- Jennifer stated there is an effort to bring Boys and Girls Club back to Ridgecrest. There is a chance of a Winter Camp.
- Linda Oates stated that in rating 1,333 health centers throughout the United States on quality measures, Omni Family Health ranked third in the nation.

- Tammy thanked Jennifer for her help on the Center Survey. She also discussed the Child Development Entrepreneurial Career Day on Sept. 26, and the March 10 Infant/Toddler Seminar at First Nazarene Church.
- Lisa Duncan-Purcell stated that there are many spaces open on the council. This includes five consumer positions (in which people would qualify if they have used child care within the past three years), and several Community and child care provider positions. Tammy can send additional information on the spaces.
- Veronica thanked the council for assistance with Ready, Set, School in both Bakersfield and Ridgecrest.

Approval for Adjournment: Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Betty. All members were in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Next meeting: October 4, 2017, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Bledsoe, Secretary