



Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County

Quality and Professional Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 8, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

**VCOE-Administrative Services Center
Moorpark Room (Old Bldg./Upstairs)
5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo 93012**

Committee Co-Chairs: Antoinette Dodge and Jennifer Parker

Members present:

Mindy Brookshire, Rachel Champagne, Patty Contini, Antoinette Dodge, Marian Everest, Loretta Galaviz, Suzanne Godinez, Brenda Guzman, Stephanie Heald, Michell Henry, Jennifer Parker, Petra Puls, Jamie Rhone, Wendy Ropes, Elsa Serrano, Kirsti Smith, Belia Soto, Judi Thomas, Noemi Tomasetti

Staff Present:

Heather Johnson, Carrie Murphy, Lisa Hart

Guests Present:

Carla Bates, Jennifer Escamilla, Kathy Auth

1. Welcome , Introductions and Announcements

- Sandi Walters from the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL), will present on January 12, 2010 at the CCPC Council meeting, all are welcome.
- Ventura County Association for the Education of Young Children (VCAEYC) is accepting nominations for president elect in April. This is a 4-year commitment, (1 year as president elect, 2 years as active president, and 1 year as past president).
- Revised Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) is coming out soon. There will be an information session on February 4, 2010 at Child Development Resources (CDR).

2. Approval of Agenda

Mindy Brookshire moved to approve January 8th agenda; Rachel Champagne seconded.
Motion passed.

3. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2009

Mindy Brookshire moved to approve September 25, 2009 minutes; Rachel Champagne seconded. Motion passed.

4. State Update

- California Early Learning Quality Improvement System (CAEL QIS) Interim Report
 - Carrie reviewed a December 9, 2010 email that was sent to committee members addressing quality efforts throughout the state and nationally.
 - These key points were taken from the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arnie Duncan's keynote speech at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conference.
 - Biggest challenge facing ECE is the unevenness of quality.
 - Outcomes should be based on appropriate early learning standards.
 - Better integration of ECE into the K-12 system is needed.
 - A "Birth-to-3rd grade" learning agenda has been adopted by the Dept. of Education.
 - Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)
 - Purpose is to improve the quality of early childhood education programs.
 - States with ELAC can apply for the Early Learning Challenge Fund, which if passed by the Senate, would provide \$8 billion over eight years.
 - They are incorporating the work of CAEL QIS.
 - CAEL QIS and Quality Committee elements compared:
 - Ventura County has 3 tiers in the matrix: Entry, Advanced and Quality.
 - CAEL QIS has 5 tiers.
 - Staff will continue to monitor information and bring back to committee.
 - We are watching the Challenge Grant for funding. Race to the Top is also another funding source to track.

5. Local Update

- Draft Technical Assistance (TA) Support Matrix was reviewed.
 - CPIN is launching a coaching project this month.
 - Brenda Guzman will provide TA in Ventura County.
- Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Project to establish a baseline.
 - ERS Baseline will help us understand the quality level is in our preschools.



- We are assessing throughout the county at First 5 funded programs and programs that are near schools with API 1-5 scores.
 - We will conduct 40 ECERS observations.
 - 8 assessors will be trained.
 - Will include TA to some of the programs along with a quality improvement stipend.
 - Recommendation to include Oxnard College or Ventura College lab schools.
 - May have an opportunity for CPIN to work with sites.
 - Notification will go to administrators and site supervisors.
 - Place phone calls and follow-up letters.
 - \$100 Lakeshore incentive available to programs, once observation is complete.
 - Discussion about inviting 1 or 2 private programs with Type -A deficiencies into the program.
 - It was pointed out that the private programs were not excluded in the process.
- The ERS Flow chart as presented, with lab school being included.
- Review Site Information Form
 - Criteria for providing technical assistance needs to be established.
 - Recommendation to pre-brief assessors, so they know the culture and will be sensitive.
 - Could administrations be notified of debrief?
 - Identify subscales to work on.
 - Incentivize them to go to group TA (workshops).
 - Up to 8-10 hours of TA per classroom.
 - Receive debriefing with assessor without TA.
 - Telephone debriefing.
 - Receive debriefing with assessor and TA.

6. Professional Development Grid - Carrie Murphy

- Tabled for later discussion.

7. In-Kind, Next Quality and Professional Development Committee meeting:

April 30, 2010

8:30 – 10:00 am

Moorpark Room (Upstairs, Old Building.)

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