

# Early Childhood Council of Kern

## March 7, 2012 Meeting

University Square Building  
Community Connection for Child Care 2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street Board Room

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### Executive Committee Meeting

March 9, 2012 8:00 a.m.

Community Connection for Child Care - 2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield

### Agenda

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| 5:30 – 5:35 | 1. | Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions</li></ul>   |
| 5:35 – 5:40 | 2. | Approval of Consent Items<br>All items listed with an asterisk are considered to be routine and non-controversial. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or guest wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March 7, 2012 Agenda *</li><li>• February 1, 2012 Minutes *</li><li>• February 2012 Financial Reports *<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Foundation Account</li><li>○ Project Account</li><li>○ Early Care &amp; Education Retention Project Account</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 5:40 – 5:45 | 3. | General Public Comment  |
| 5:45 – 5:50 | 5. | Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of response to Board of Supervisors</li><li>• Approval of statement to Legislature regarding State budget</li></ul>   |
| 5:50 – 5:55 | 6. | New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>  |

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| <b>5:55 – 6:25</b> | <b>7.</b>  | Legislative/State Budget Update   |
| <b>6:25 – 7:00</b> | <b>8.</b>  | Committee Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Service Project</li></ul>   |
| <b>7:00 – 7:25</b> | <b>9.</b>  | Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member/Agency</li><li>• Kern Association for the Education of Young Children</li><li>• Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children</li><li>• Kern County Network for Children</li><li>• First 5 Kern</li><li>• Other</li></ul> |
| <b>7:25 – 7:30</b> | <b>10.</b> | Other Business/Announcements  |
| <b>7:30</b>        | <b>11.</b> | Approval for Adjournment  |

### **Next Meeting**

**April 4, 2012**

**5:30 to 7:30 p.m. University Square Building  
2000 K Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301**

The Early Childhood Council of Kern follows the meeting guidelines of the Brown Act. This is an open agenda. For additions contact Council staff Tammy Burns at (661) 861-5274 or [taburns@kern.org](mailto:taburns@kern.org)

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**Early Childhood Council of Kern  
General Council Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2012**

- ❖ **Members Present:** Jerri Alvarado, Vienna Battistoni, Myetta Beavers, Teri Craft (for Lisa Brum), Irene Cook, Debbie Davis, Lisa Duncan-Purcell, Kerri Jones (for Linda Eberhart), Marilyn Golleher, Ginny Layland, Julie Manning, Ami Moser, Yvonne Munoz, Linda Oates, Kathy Philley, Jennie Sill, Janet Swank, Denine Tucker and Tammy Burns.
- ❖ **Members Absent:** Armida Bermudez, Barbara Best, Casey Knaak, Cary Larson-McKay, Autumn Marler, and Kalina Marquez
- ❖ **Guest:** Betty Phillips
- 1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Irene Cook. All Council Members and guests introduced themselves.
- 2. **Approval of Consent Items:** Irene Cook called for a motion to approve the consent items. A motion was made by Lisa Duncan-Purcell and seconded by Julie Manning to approve the consent items as listed. Motion carried with no abstentions.

❖ **Financial Report Summary – December 2011**

**Foundation Account**

Beginning balance as of November 30, 2011	\$ 3,671.24
Expenditures	\$ 136.14
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 3,535.10</b>

**Project Account**

Beginning balance as of November 30, 2011	\$ 33,517.73
Expenditures	\$ 4,784.44
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 28,733.29</b>

**Early Care & Education Retention Project Account**

Beginning balance as of November 30, 2011	\$322,845.27
Expenditures	\$ 3,141.84
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2011</b>	<b>\$319,703.43</b>

**Project Balances**

School Age balance	\$ 2,075.11
Infant Toddler balance	\$ 6,718.72

❖ **Financial Report Summary – January 2012**

**Foundation Account**

Beginning balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 3,750.05 (corrected)
Credit	\$ .81
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.86</b>

### **Project Account**

Beginning balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 28,733.29
Expenditures	\$ 4,396.46
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 24,336.83</b>

### **Early Care & Education Retention Project Account**

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$319,703.43
Expenditures	\$ 3,369.09
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$316,334.34</b>

### **Project Balances**

School Age balance	\$ 2,075.11
Infant Toddler balance	\$ 6,718.72

## **3. General Public Comment**

- ❖ Two resignations: Candy Coats and Debra Tolle
  
- ❖ Irene thanked Betty Phillips for her service to the Council since 2005. Betty retired and is resigning from the Board, we will miss her. Betty noted her experience with AEYC and said her best moments were when she was working with people who lived in her own town.

## **4. Old Business**

- ❖ Discussion: Letter to Board of Supervisors
  - Tammy noted that about 50% of the cities allow Conditional Use Permits to be transferred to new owner.
  
  - Debbie Davis and Lisa Duncan-Purcell will help Tammy draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors letting them know how they can help the Council.

## **5. New Business**

- ❖ None

## **6. Legislative/State Budget Update**

- ❖ Lisa Duncan-Purcell went over CA Governor's proposed FY 2012/2013 budget
  - Governor's FY 12-13 Budget Proposal – What Does It Mean to Me?
    - ✓ Information that can be distributed to the parents to help them better understand what is being proposed and how it affects them.
  
  - January preliminary proposals
    - ✓ Reduce income eligibility from 70% of State Median Income (SMI) to 61.5% of SMI
    - ✓ Reduce reimbursement rates from ceiling of 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of Regional Market Rate (RMR) to 50<sup>th</sup> percentile
    - ✓ 10% reduction to the Standard Rate of Reimbursement
    - ✓ Elimination of Cost of Living Adjustment
    - ✓ Alignment of eligibility and need with federal income eligibility and work participation requirements
    - ✓ Elimination of Transitional Kindergarten program

- ✓ Redesign CalWORKS program
- ✓ Administrative Restructuring in 2013/2014

➤ Public Policy Platform

- ✓ Message to send to legislators
  - Focus on educational components of programs
  - Taking away people's daycare benefits does not help them return to work
  - Benefits of quality care
  - Note how families will be affected when funds are taken away
  - We oppose the conversion of all funds to vouchers
  - Want center-based to remain center-based program: stay with the Department of Education
  - Well thought-out realignment
- ✓ Debbie Davis, Lisa Duncan-Purcell and Vienna Battistoni will help Tammy draft a letter to the legislature
  - Letter will then go to Dr. Fraser; then Board of Supervisors for approval
  - Letter should go out by the end of March
- ✓ Race to the Top Grant: discussion
  - CA create a quality rating system for childcare (3-year planning, then implement)

## 7. Committee Breakouts

❖ Priorities

- One of the mandates from the Department of Education is to establish priorities.

A motion was made by Lisa Duncan-Purcell and seconded by Kathy Philley that we establish our priorities to be the same as 2011 priorities due to no changes. Motion carried with no abstentions.

## 8. Reports

❖ Member/Agency: None

❖ KAEYC: Irene Cook

- Next workshop will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Next meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- Nominations are needed for Board President Elect and Secretary

❖ Eastern Sierra Association for the Education of Young Children: nothing to report

❖ Kern County Network for Children: Tammy Burns

- Met this morning
  - ✓ Presentation on Foster Services
- This year is their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - ✓ One event will be "Working Together as a Community"
    - Laura van Dernoot Lipsky will be speaking
    - Fox Theater on April 12<sup>th</sup>

- All child abuse prevention funding has been dispersed
- RFP sent out for differential response
  - ✓ Due the end of March
- Changing their assessment tool
  - ✓ New one will be purchased
  - ✓ It will be evidence based – data will be more reliable
  
- ❖ First 5 Kern: Kathy Philley
  - Discussed funding cycle – they are trying to decide what they want to do; no decision made – tabled
  - Strategic plan meeting will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>
  
- ❖ Other
  - Until we hear different, we are moving forward with AB 212

**9. Other Business/Announcements**

- Next ECCK meeting will be held at Community Connection for Childcare
- Valentines needed for homeless shelter

With no further business, a motion was made by Jerri Alvarado and seconded by Janet Swank to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried with no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Oates  
Council Secretary

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**  
**5:30-7:30 p.m. Community Connection for Childcare**  
**2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street**