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**Calaveras Child Care Council
Calaveras County of Education
April 15, 2025 9:00am**

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Minutes

Members: Jeanette Allen, Amy Eaves, Karen Frazier, Sarah Kelly, Kristi O'Donnell, Rochelle Sweet

Absent: Alissa Bain

Staff: Sheri Noble

Guests: Sasha Kristoffersen

1. Opening Remarks

- **Called to Order at 9:12am**
- **Roll call was taken by Chair**

2. Public Comment-NONE

Members of the public will be provided with an opportunity to address the Council on items of public interest within the Council's jurisdiction not listed on the agenda. Public comment is accepted on all agenda items as they are addressed.

Action Items – Regular Agenda:

3. Approval of April 15, 2025 Agenda (Action Item)

**Motion: Amy Eaves
Second: Janette Allen
Ayes: 6
Abstentions: 0
Opposed: 0**

4. Approval of March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

**Motion: Karen Frazier
Second: Amy Eaves
Ayes: 6
Abstentions: 0
Opposed: 0**

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Public Hearing-

1. Open Public Hearing began at 9:14am
2. Presentation regarding LPC priorities
 - Sheri Noble stated that for the last year she has sat on the California Child Care Council Association Executive Committee.
 - Sheri presented a Zip Code Funding Priorities power point (copy was included in meeting packet) with the main takeaways being:
 - Sheri informed the Council that the Zip Code Funding Priorities Report is due annually on May 30th to both the California Department of Education and California Department of Social Services. It is the 1 report that is still submitted to CDE.
 - Sheri explained that the report looks at the zip codes for each county and then prioritizes those counties based on the data. She stated that if funding becomes available, for example a CCTR contract, the state knows where the priority is and where to direct the money to.
 - Sheri pointed out that when applications come in, the county who determined the zip code, can not be in the process of voting in that contract, but an outlying county will be contacted to sit on the board to review the report.
 - Sheri mentioned that the report is also looked at when they have a voluntary transfer of funds, which happens about twice a year.
 - Sheri said that the data is collected is the same way it is collected for the Needs Assessment, information is pulled from the American Institute of Research (AIR). Sheri reminded the Council that the California Department of Social Services contract was not renewed with the state so the data is still from 2020. She informed the Council that there is a meeting with the Executive Committee of the Child Care Council Association on 4/16/25 to see if the contract with the state will move forward for the next year.
 - Sheri stated that the cost is substantial, saying that at one point they even had the Child Care Councils look into seeing if they could afford it, but the costs would have been over \$5,000.00 and the data still wouldn't have been available in time for the Priorities Report. It was decided by Child Care Council that it would not be cost effective.
 - Sheri also mentioned that the entire state uses the same system log in and password to view this data.
 - Shari explained that the AIR data is pulled from the Census Bureau and looks at CDE Child Care Subsidy spots as well as CSPP, CDSS, Head Start and Early Head Start programs. They also look at ELOP.
 - Sheri said that the report compares the total number of children eligible for subsidies with the total number of subsidized slots.
 - Sheri shared the data calculation, stating that it was made very

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clear that the data collected was still not current and numbers included COVID-19 and CSPP shift.

- Sheri explained that the priorities are based differently on how many children are underserved in those zip codes and went over how the Eligible Children Underserved is calculated.
 - Sheri also explained each priority level.
 - Sheri went over with the Council the Zip Code data from last year and the projections for next year.
 - Sheri stated that the Council will need to discuss and decide if the data will be used or if they see another data numbers that should be used for a specific zip code.
 - Sheri said that next years data will be from 2022.
3. Questions and Comments from the public
- None
4. Questions and comments from the Council
- The Council agrees that this is great information to have when looking to see where the true need is.
 - It was asked if other counties sit down to review this report and make changes?
 - Sheri answered yes, other counties look over the report and have changed things in the past. Especially since the data is from 2020 and being in the field, we know where those changes will be needed.
 - It was asked if Sheri has any recommendations for changes to the data?
 - Sheri said that last year they changed Angels Camp, and confirmed with Kristi O'Donnell that she was ok with the data reported.
 - Kristi stated that she has slots available but asked if Sarah Kelly had any input.
 - Sarah stated that she is overfull and takes children from all over. She said that her waitlist for preschool age is over 40 and after school age is over 20.
 - Head Start said they also had space available.
 - It was confirmed that Sarah Kelly applied for her contract in the last fiscal year and the numbers were not changed due to that switch. Sara voiced some of the issues she's experiencing with her contract.
 - It was asked if Murphys was truly a Priority 1?
 - Sheri confirmed that Murphys is a Priority 1.
 - The comment was made that it's hard to update data when there isn't current information and feels that the Council should go with the data presented.
 - The Council discussed and agrees with changing the West Point and Mokeulmne numbers.
 - It was asked if when all the surveys that went out to providers during COVID contributed to the data?

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- Sheri said that if it was before 2020, yes but after 2020, no.
 - The Council feels that lowering the Avery and Wallace to a 1 would be best
 - It was asked what affect it would have on other areas if 1's were bumped to 2's?
 - Sheri replied that it wouldn't affect anything directly, just that if funding became available, where would it go? Someone would need to take on that project as well.
 - Additional discussion on the reported numbers took place with the overall outcome to change the suggested numbers for Avery, Mokelumne Hill and West Point and then use next years data to better assess the other areas.
5. Action Items
- Sheri will make changes and submit the report to California Department of Education and California Department of Social Services.
6. Hearing closed at 9:40am

5. Public Hearing – LPC Priorities Report

A motion was made to go with the recommended changes of moving Avery from a 2 to a 1, Mokelumne Hill from a 3 to a 2 and West Point from 3 to 2 and move forward with submittal.

Motion: Rochelle Sweet

Second: Jeanette Allen

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0

6. Karen Frazier Membership-

Council reviewed Karen's membership application as a discretionary member.

- Sheri informed the Council that Karen Frazier's membership is expiring but that she has reapplied.

A motion was made to approve Karen Frazier's membership.

Motion: Rochelle Sweet

Second: Jeanette Allen

Ayes: 6

Abstentions: 0

Opposed: 0

INFORMATION ITEMS – REGULAR AGENDA

7. Survey Results from Calaveras ECE Student Involved in K-16 Pathways

- Sheri shared that, at the recommendation of the Council, she sent the participants a list of suggested items. Based on the results, that everyone wanted different things, Sheri will be making a backpack for each participant filled with a gas gift card, pack of paper, chrome book and CCCC information.
- The Council was pleased with the idea.

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8. UPK Mixed Delivery Panel Update – March 19, 2025

- Sheri stated that the UPK Mixed Delivery Panel took place on March 19th and she appreciated everyone showing up.
- She shared that there was only one parent that attended, so they were unable to proceed with the meeting.
- Sheri said that it was suggested that she send out the narrative questions to the UPK Mixed partners to create a brochure, so she will be working on getting that information out.

9. Membership Update

- Sheri shared that while at the Children's Fair, she had the CCCC booth that offered a watercolor project, she had quite a few parents that were interested in joining. Sheri expressed her hope that those inquiries will work out.
- A Council member mentioned that she has an employee interested in joining as a parent, but they both can't attend at the same time.
 - It was suggested that the employee be an alternate.
 - Sheri will look into the "Alternate guidelines" in the bylaws.

10. Calaveras Children's Fair

- Karen Frazier thanked Council members who helped out with the success of the 2025 Children's Fair.
- Karen shared that based on the wristbands issued, 350 children and 300 adults attended. Many attendees came in through the upper lots and didn't get bands, so she feels confident that the numbers are closer to between 700 and 750.
- Karen said food lasted until 1:30 and worked out great.
- Council praised the event and how smoothly everything went.
- Karen told the Council that she sent out surveys to attendees and booth participants and shared that everyone has been very happy with the event. She mentioned that even the custodian commented on how appreciative the school was of how things were cleaned up.
- Karen included the Thank You card that will be sent out to participants in the meeting packet.
- The Council noted that a lot of Grandparents seemed to be in attendance.
- Karen stated that she noticed several families attending with older children that may be in the spectrum or have possible disabilities.
 - A Council member mentioned there was one family that they were not able to assist with resources, due to the age of the child.
 - Another Council member mentioned that BMRC serves all ages and were hopefully able to help.
- Karen said that over 5 different counties attended.
- Karen is working on data from booth participants and will share that info with the Council once compiled.
- Children's Fair 2026 will be April 11th 2026.

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11. California Budget Update

- Sheri stated that the California Budget Update in May will be when revisions are made and things are a little more dialed in with another update in June.
- Sheri shared that she and Karen attended the CAYC conference, where she sat in on a great budgeting workshop. There, they stated that there “was no extra money” so to be prepared for possible changes starting in 2026.
- Sheri said that she should have more information at the next Council meeting.

12. Updates from the Field

Council members received the opportunity to share any updates. Council members mentioned

- Sheri shared a few legislative bills that were included in the meeting packet.
 - SB33 which looks at Guaranteed Income Programs
 - Assembly Bill 753 which looks at the Staffing Crisis in Early Childhood Education Programs
 - Assembly Bill 607 which address the CalWorks Home Visiting Program
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Important Dates:

Thursday, May 22nd from 11:00a – 8:00p ~ Open House for ECE Students @ Amador College Connect (Motherlode Job Training Office)

13. Adjournment- 10:02 am.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9am

Date:

Respectfully Submitted by Sheri Noble