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Calaveras Child Care Council
Calaveras County of Education
August 19, 2025 9:00am

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Minutes

Members: Jeanette Allen, Amy Eaves, Kristi O'Donnell, Alissa Bain, Karen Frazier, and Rochelle Sweet
Absent: Sarah Kelly
Staff: Sheri Noble
Guests: Sierra Stackpole, Mia Huss, and Melissa Rynd

1. **Call to Order at 9:04 am**
   Roll call was taken

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 August 19th Agenda (Action Item)**
   Motion: Amy Eaves
   Second: Jeanette Allen
   Ayes: 6
   Abstentions: 0
   Opposed: 0

4. **Approval of May 20, 2025, Minutes (Action Item)**
   Motion: Rochelle Sweet
   Second: Karen Frazier
   Ayes: 6
   Abstentions: 0
   Opposed: 0

5. **Approval of New Officers, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (Action Item)**
   - Sheri put forth if anyone was interested in being the new Chairperson or

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Vice-Chairperson

- Sheri explained that the Chair would be running the meeting, Vicechair is back-up, if both are not available then Sheri would run the meeting.
- Rochelle offered to do it, Sheri asked which one? she said either one.
- Karen offered to do Vicechair.
- Motion was made to approve Rochelle as Chairperson and Karen as Vice-Chairperson
  Motion: Jeanette Allen
  Second: Amy Eaves
  Ayes: 6
  Abstentions: 0
  Opposed: 0

6. **6-LPC Form 6002 – Review and Approval (Action Item)**
   A copy of the Comprehensive Countywide Child Care Plan Draft was included in meeting packet.
   - Sheri gave a brief overview she already submitted the form back in July.
   - Sheri went through a copy of the form, explaining it is a snapshot of the year, has major activities, any hurdles that might have been encountered.
   - Sheri stated that the form can be resubmitted if there is something anyone sees that needs to be added or if there are any errors.
   - Sheri explained that it's an Alchmer survey and her handwritten notes are what was added to it.
   - Sheri stated that sent it out last month, but couldn't get final approval until this meeting, so she submitted it so it wouldn't be late.
   - Rochelle stated that Sheri did a good job and it was thorough
   - Motion was made to accept.
     Motion: Amy Eaves
     Second: Rochelle Sweet
     Ayes: 6
     Abstentions: 0
     Opposed: 0

7. **Rochelle Sweet's membership - consumer (Action Item)**

Review and approve Rochelle Sweet's Membership.

- Sheri let Rochelle know that she needed to step out of the meeting for this part.
- Sheri let members know that Rochelle's membership is up at the end of this month.
- Application was submitted at the end of July, however there was no meeting so it was placed on this month's agenda for approval.
- Sheri stated that she has two options, she is a community rep for first 5, and also a consumer.
- Question was asked if they need both or just one or the other
- Sheri stated that they still don't have any parents, but they would need a community representative as well.
- Question was asked if there was anyone currently under the community representative spot and Sheri replied no.

- It was suggested to just put Rochelle under Consumer so they have someone under that placement.
- Sheri stepped out to check with Rochelle about it.
- Sheri stated that Rochelle is open to either one, she said that if it was Consumer works that would be great.
- Motion was made to approve Rochelle's membership.

  Motion: Kristi O'Donnell
  Second: Jeanette Allen
  Ayes: 6
  Abstentions: 0
  Opposed: 0

8. CCCC Meeting Locations – Continuity - Presentation - Zoom –

Council revisited the idea of possibly moving Council meeting locations to receive more public input. CCOE, CUSD, or Zoom option.

- Sheri wanted to revisit this item, it was talked about a couple of years ago about trying to move the CCCC locations throughout the county.
- At the time it was something that the council wanted to do, but there were some things that came up, Brown Act training, extra requirement if locations are moved.
- Sheri asked if it was something that everyone would be interested in revisiting?
- Brown Act, it would need to be published, wherever the meetings are held they need to be able to post it.
- There're a few other extra steps, but Sheri thinks it would be worth it if they go to different locations within the county they might get some more feedback from the public or keep it as it is and talk about it again.
- There was some concern from Kristi about people not being able to find them, whereas now it's held at one of two spots so it makes it easier to find them.
- Sheri stated that her concern would be if they had a quorum and they all couldn't get to one place in the county, which is why she wanted to discuss it.
- Sheri stated they had talked in the past of doing it in West Point or Arnold in the spring time so there's less chance of snow, and one in Copperopolis so they can try to get more public input.
- Sheri said she can look more in to it, but maybe they can offer a Zoom option, however, Council would still have to come in person, that is a requirement, but that would give the public that option.
- Alissa said she agreed with Kristi about finding it when you move it, but that it would be beneficial to go to the different areas, to at least have presentations of what this is. Have a meeting maybe in June when there's not a lot of things that they need to have a quorum for to go to the outskirts and do something there. Zoom would be good also, or at least try one of these and see how it goes.
- Sheri stated that she has a lot of public comment that comes through her office so that may be a struggle
- If Council agreed to a Zoom she could look into that.

- Sheri stated that they could try one there, it is close to CUSD though.
- Sheri gave an example of a call she took for a family in Arnold and they couldn't believe that there was only one childcare provider there.
- Motion was made to approve the continued locations of CUSD and CCOE, but adding a Zoom component for larger public attendance.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS-REGULAR AGENDA

9. Calaveras Child Care Council update on Budget Information

- Sheri stated that at the August meeting she brings a budget for the upcoming year, however, California Department of Social Services is creating a budget form.
- Natalie who oversees the LPC Contracts for the State said that they are coming up with a specific form, because in the past, each Council could submit whatever budget form, with their own info, so the state is developing one standard form for everyone to use.
- The forms are due September 19th; however, the new form isn't ready so they will be doing extensions until the end of October.
- Sheri will be bringing this back in Sept. for approval.

10. Update on CCCC Projects

- Employer supported care packets
  - Mia and Mel at May meeting, created packet that they are emailing out to employers that gives them support options for employees in need of or looking for child care.
  - Free options i.e.: bulletin board, play groups etc.… to help parents connect with each other.
  - Approved packet and have a list of employers in Calaveras County that they are sending them to.
- Calaveras Child Care Council website
  - In process of revamping the website to help draw them to it, because there was a vote to get rid of the old one due to it being outdated.
  - Sheri signed a contract with "Making Waves," a website designer, it was $2989.00 for website, so no need for State approval.
  - She was, out on leave in July, but has some questions:
    1. What colors they want to use?
    2. Logo?
    3. What info on the current site do you want to keep?
  - Sheri informed her that they need to keep things like the bylaws,

agenda, minutes.

- Possibly will be done by next meeting to hopefully share with everyone for approval from Council.
- A few different ones were looked in to, but she has been in contact with Karen, she's very helpful and already has easy to navigate pages that she has already designed. She will be working on the website.

Questions:

- Alissa asked what business and other places were contacted to facilitate receiving the packet
  - Sheri said that they hadn't actually contacted them yet; they are waiting to link it to a website. Sierra helped create a list, though. She went on the Chamber's site and the EDD site, they are going to reach out to whomever the Chamber has and the EDD website has. There is a disclaimer, because some labor laws are linked, that this is a snapshot in time, so if they look at it in 6 months, if it's not current, they need to also do their homework for it as well.

- Sheri mentioned that they had a couple of people reach out on the employer-sponsored retreat that they did 3 years ago, they have on the website, on how to support their employees in their quest for child care and payments.

- Amador College Connect K16 ECE Commencement
  - Sheri put in her last email that she was able to attend on June 30th when they had their last students graduate; it was amazing.
  - It was catered through Laughton Ranch.
  - All the Board members were able to attend, all the Students but one attended, her friend from Antioch attended and took photos for free, which are all up on her website.
  - There was a cake that was purchased on a huge discount that was made for all of the students, and there was a huge support from the community.
  - It was great seeing the representation from Calaveras, because with the name Amador College Connect, Calaveras students tend to feel weird, thinking they can't use the services.
  - Students gave Mia a lot of praise. She arranged for someone on the school board in Amador County, donated about $500 worth of leis for them.
  - They had about 8 students from Calaveras.
  - They were given the backpacks that were decided on with the laptops, paper, staples and all the other goodies.
  - A lot of the students were doing homework on their phones, they were very grateful for the laptops.
  - Students are scared to ask for help if they need things, it makes a

difference in everything that they do to help support them.

- Possible Professional Development Day, Monday, November 10th. Maggie Rollins
    - Sierra has been helping with that. She stated that with Rochelle's help, they've had a couple of people to potentially reach out to regarding challenging behaviors.
    - Maggie Rollins was the first one they reached out to, she got back and was very excited to potentially work with them.
    - She would love to do a presentation on November 10th.
    - Sierra told her that it was at the San Andreas Town Hall, which might be changing.
    - Sheri stated that she is trying to get Greenhorn if they can because they may be able to get the food in the package.
    - At this stage, they've heard from her on timing as far as what's best for her. She said that she would plan on 15 minutes. before she starts, and 15 min. after to discuss what was said. She would present for approximately. 2hrs. on the challenging behaviors topic.
    - They are at the point where they are discussing funding. She really didn't want to take any funding, but Sierra let her know that they can, so she asked her to please get back to them with that.

Questions:

1. Kriti asked if the event would be open to everyone?
    - Sheri let everyone know that yes, it would be and after last meeting, they had their UPK mix delivery so Jessica Doris was going to also share it with the TK teachers to see if they were interested.
2. Alissa asked when Sheri will have an answer on the location.
    - Sheri stated that she would call Greenhorn again when she got back to the office, if they can't then she's not sure where to have it, she doesn't think that Ironstone does food anymore
    - Rochelle said that yes, they do, it's all in your contract. They contract it out, too, but you pay Ironstone.
    - Sheri said worst case, they can do San Andreas, but she would have to figure out the food part, because with contract funds she can't do it, unless it's built in to the event.
3. Kristi asked if Copperopolis was too far out of the way, because they have a Gold Creek over there with a really nice meeting space.
    - Jeanette said that La Contenta has a space and they do food too, but not sure if the space there is large enough.
4. Sheri asked: to make it worthwhile, when would they want to know if this was something they wanted to pursue with their

staff?

- Kristi said that she would need to know no later than the end of August.

5. Sheri asked if it was something that the Council still wanted to pursue?
    - Alissa answered that she thinks so.
6. Karen asked if Sheri was going to have an RSVP so they would know a count?
    - Sheri said yes for sure for food. She was hoping to do a breakfast spread buffet where they could eat throughout the event.
7. Karen asked where Greenhorn was located?
    - Sheri let her know that it's in Angels Camp.

Comments:

- Alissa stated that - it's just figuring it out and getting that information out sooner rather than later, because she is already trying to plan her Core day, but if she can put her plans on hold and have her staff do this.
    - Sheri said yes, that was the goal, and she figured that half a day was better, because then they would go back to the classrooms.
- Sheri stated that she is going to try Greenhorn first because it's tucked away and nice and quiet. She will work on it and get it ironed out.

11. Amador College Connect

- Mia Huss will share current information regarding the ECE program.
    - Shari wanted Mia to share what it looks like for the upcoming year and a little bit about the previous Thurs.
    - Mia did quick recap of year one. She came to them pretty confused about what early childhood education could encompass and now she's immersed in it and loves it.
    - The group last year was a small group of 18 Early Childhood Education students, 8 from Calaveras and the rest from Amador.
    - They had a great year, a larger amount of numbers, but then towards the spring semester they had a lot of drops due to personal reasons. They tried to keep them and retain them, but they had family stuff the kept them from it.
    - Summer season was great they applied everyone to their permits, they got their backpacks.
    - There were only two issues with permit apps., needing new letters from their employers because they were eligible for a different permit.
    - Full speed ahead for year two, had orientation last Thurs. Sheri and Karen were both there at the site.

- Great event, all students checked registration status to see if they were in class or not, they paid any fees they had, and they had them learn more about the CCC, Resource Connection and all the resources that are available to them.
- Resource Connection is working on placing their students; she doesn't know the exact number at this moment, but they have a good chunk already working in the field.
- There is the other half that really needs that experience, they so are trying their best to get that. She feels it is really hard to ask child care facilities to pay for the students, so they just put it up front that they might be doing up to 3 hours. a week of unpaid work, they will do their best to make sure they are supported, and maybe down the line, they can do some gas stipends.
- Her goal was to double numbers and get more Calaveras students and she has done it.
- There are 33 students in the Early Childhood Education program, it starts next week and there is 11 from Calaveras.
- She's hoping down the line to get a more funding where they can offer a second track where they offer two other child development classes. That way they can do a special ed. Class or infant toddler and have a two-year program instead of one.
- K16 funding is being extended for the next 5 years. Not sure how much they are going to get, she eventually wants to see a satellite campus there for them, because they are growing in so many ways in that community.
- Sierra helped Sheri reach out to the 8/9 students who need placement in mid-July, sent a text out to providers to see who would be willing to take it on and they have a handful of providers that will.
- Mia let everyone know that if they know anyone interested in the program she will take them last minute, classes start next week, but if contacted before that Friday she will take them.
- Everyone recognized that Mia is doing a great job.
- Mia let everyone know that placement is just their students getting their 200 hours. if anyone has positions that needs to filled she can have the students connect with them through Sheri, so they could potentially work there. Once they have the permit and go through the program, they could stay long-term or be a sub.
- Mia is flexible with the hours she could even go to mid-June with it.
- Working on a Spreadsheet for it, because every student is different.
- There was a student that was hired with the Resource Connection.
- For the assistant teaching you don't have to really show documentation for the 200hrs. The students who applied for the associate needed a letter from their employers.

12. Strategic Plan Checklist

- Sheri added checklist to keep on track, based on plan that was approved.
  - The bullet points are where they are at with that checklist and what's

happing.
- Pointed out to Mia that there's something on there around page three for trying to get an extra class for connecting with Amador College Connect to get that going.
- Sheri will keep it ongoing for every meeting. If anything gets missed just let her know.
- The boxes are what the sub goals are and the circle bullets are what has actually happened since they approved it.
- Sheri wanted a note made that on the first goal towards the bottom they put on a strategic plan to track participation in feedbook via the ECE workforce registry, unless it changes at this moment it's no longer going to be funded as of March 2026.

13. Membership Update

- Council membership will receive updates regarding CCCC's potential membership
  - Sheri reached out to Mia to see if she was willing to join them as a council member. She said yes, Sheri will put that on the application for next month.
  - They are still looking for a parent.

14. California Budget Update

- Council Members will receive updated information regarding the California Budget, specifically in the area of early childhood.
  - Sheri printed forms to review, explaining what senate bills were happening that week.
  - The one that stands out the most is AB-563, she put that in there because it will affect the Child Care Council. They are looking for the Council to have more reports due every year. Due June 30th of each year. They will all have the same due date now. They are also creating a monitoring tool that will check things off.
  - The executive committee does technical assistance to other LPC's through the state, just because Sheri has done 3 monitoring tools through R&R in the last year through CDSS, she volunteered to do the technical assistant training for the monitoring tool when it does come out for the other LPC's.
  - Sheri found that they are urging for an increase in Federal money.
  - CalMatters a non-profit, had information about the reconciliation bill.
  - Thriving Families California is a non-profit that supports alternative payment programs, but she does a really nice summary bill. The documents were last updated when the Governor signed his final bill in June. Outlines everything that is coming out that he signed.
  - Biggest change is to the Emergency Bridge contract, it is being cut 50%, there is no allocations for that, so they don't know where that lands yet.

They are hearing that 25/26 will be a different year for them, as of right now it's a little more stabilized.

15. Updates from the field, including any Coordinator updates

- Council members will share program updates.
    - R&R, working on workshop booklet, it's pretty much done, Karen is working on instructors getting dates set. She's hoping by the end of the month it will be out and circulating. She's going with more play-based this year. She connected with Gold Country Art to do some trainings with providers on art classes. The first one will be more process over product, going through that with providers. CPR will be out she connected with Rhonda for that so she got those dates set for the next 3 classes. Provider night is Thursday. There is a Sign Language Class this year "Little Hands Big Words," that covers the first 100 words for infant toddler. Looking at October 14th for that.
    - Jeanette – all sites are open looks like they will be fully enrolled. With all the changes that have been made, shutdowns on regional offices, it looks like that's been settled. They have a program specialist that she has to report to every month, that has been assigned to them. They got an information memorandum out from the office of Head Start about supplemental funding for nutrition that they can use for updating kitchens or parent trainings and things like that. She applied for it, most sites have gardens, she's hoping if they don't get some or just update what they have or soil and seeds. She found portable bags for a patio garden. They used to work with the food bank, they did famers markets at the sites, so she's hoping to do something like that.
    - Kristi-they were fully enrolled.. School starting has been challenging she's down staff. She's having to keep her numbers low at one site, because she's low staff, she has 22 kids on a wait list because she doesn't have enough staff. The preschool numbers are very low, she only has 8 kids and has room for 16, due to TK.
    - Alissa stated that CUSD started back on the 30th of July, sickness is going through. Trying to move staff to cover. On preschool end she has a couple of spaces between Jenny Lind and Valley Springs that she has kids that have interest in, it's just her having the time to sit and do the calling and the enrollment. She had good numbers going in to the summer, but at the end of the year she had to stop the enrollment so she could do all of her other end-of-year things. She has young groups all the way around, good because hopefully they come back. After school programs things are going well. The schoolboard asked in the middle of last year about expansion. . She hired two more staff, one for Jenny Lind, one for San Andreas. Jenny Lind will be the first site that they will be adding 15 more students to as of September 2nd. They will be using a

shared classroom. Moke Hill site promoted someone in to instructor position. They have 40 students on the roster there now compared to the 24 from last year. For now, as long as they have ELOP funds they aren't charging. Valley Springs has a wait list of 40, they are waiting for a person to be able to add them. West Point has more students starting yesterday, they are up to 30 kids now there, the most since prior to COVID.

- Sheri let everyone know that Columbia College is printing these forms for Calaveras, requiring their students to do them, but everyone can get a copy of the Learning Foundations.
- Sheri will relook at the Padlet Job board link, Sheri will relook at it and fix it. It goes to Mia's site, Mia told Sheri that she will get her a new link if she needs one.

16. Adjournment- 10:15 am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ Calaveras Unified School District

Date: _____

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Powers

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