

**COUNCIL FOR QUALITY EDUCATION & CARE OF CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**SJCOE, Wentworth Education Center, Greenwood 3**  
**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Amy Chi called the regular meeting of the Council for Quality Education & Care of Children (CQECC) to order at 8:34 a.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

A quorum to conduct business was established.

**Consumers Present:** Rena Damele, Valerie Denero, Zulema Gomez, and Tiffanie Panella

**Consumers Excused:**

**Consumers Not Present:**

**Discretionary Present:** Amy Chi, Suzanne Coleman, Katy Downs-Stroh and Angie Lopez

**Discretionary Excused:**

**Discretionary Not Present:**

**Public Agency Present:** Jeff Dundas (for Debra Keller), Nancy Leal, Kandi Lind, and Brandi Harrold

**Public Agency Excused:**

**Public Agency Not Present:** Florence Costamagna

**Community Present:** Oletha Murry and Marijayne Patterson

**Community Excused:**

**Community Not Present:**

**Providers Present:** Carolyn Lenz and Franzi Lilly-Rockey

**Providers Excused:** Gabrielle DeHoff

**Providers Not Present:**

**Guests:** Billi Jo Zopfi (First 5), Olivia Ortiz, Aileen Lord, Lety Sida, and Deborah Hourcade (SJCOE)

**Staff:** Cathy Long, Christine Carrier, Melinda Stapleton, Ann Siegel, and Jamie Baiocchi

**Staff Excused:**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- Cathy mentioned that SJCOE will be at Family Day at the Park in Alphabet Alley handing out literacy books that CQECC purchased at the end of last year. The new QCECC logo has been placed on all books. She passed around a sign in sheet for anyone who would like to volunteer to help in the afternoon.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Approval to accept the minutes from the August 5, 2015 Meeting**

Rena Damele made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed.

**M** (R. Damele)                      **S** (O. Murry)  
**Ayes** – 13  
**Nays** – 0  
**Abstentions** – 3

**B. Secretary Election**

Cathy distributed the ballot listing Angie Lopez and Marijayne Patterson for the position of Secretary. Computation of the ballot resulted in an Angie Lopez receiving 8 votes and Marijayne Patterson receiving 6. Tiffanie made a motion to approve the election of Angie Lopez for Secretary. Motion passed.

**M** (T. Panella)                      **S** (Z. Gomez)  
**Ayes** – 16  
**Nays** – 0  
**Abstentions** – 0

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee**

Cathy shared the overview was attached to our handouts

- Family Day at the Park – books purchased by CQECC with the new logo will be handed out to children.
- The need for a Special Election for the Secretary was filled by Angie Lopez.
- The Annual Plan evaluation and discussion of all goals will take place during the committee breakouts.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Toot Sweets at 2:30pm.

**Budget Update**

Amy shared the following:

- There are no expenditures at this point.
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**Consumer & Provider Advocacy**

Zulema shared discussion by the committee as follows:

- Recruitment to fill vacancies. Zulema asked Cathy to send her the flyer with the logo.
- The committee is going work on the advocacy packets for providers and parents. Committee members will bring materials to include in that packet.

**Governance**

Tiffanie shared discussion by the committee as follows:

- The bylaws, trifold, and single page flyers are still in the process of being completed.
- Cathy stated that the Board of Supervisors will need to approve the updated bylaws.

**Quality & Accessibility**

Billy Jo shared discussion by the committee as follows:

- Discussion on strategic plans on previous plans mirrored the discussion from last meeting. The only suggestion was on bullet 4, to work with CPIN, RTT, AB212, TK block grants to do the trainings.
- Reviewed the upcoming trainings. Engaging Children on September 24<sup>th</sup> and Using Your Outdoor Classroom on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- CPIN will have training on Physical Science on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Amy said she would email everyone a survey about all the different agencies and about workshops and trainings that are going on for staff members.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Staff Report**

Cathy shared the following:

- Cathy went to a CA Child Care Coordinators Association meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The Department of Education has changed the requirement on the Infant/Toddler QRIS dollars they will now open it up to all 45 counties who have QRIS funding, instead of just the first cohort of counties. It will be a competitive process.
- Jamie introduced the new ECE Director and Head Start staff.

### **AB212 Update**

Jamie shared the following:

- A plan was submitted to the Department of Education in order to prioritize infant/toddler support through stipends and professional development. An Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

### **QRIS**

Jamie shared the following:

- Jamie introduced new staff, Aileen Lord as Program Manager for QRIS. As well as, QRIS Project Facilitators Edie Garcia-Aikawa, Kelly Lund-Hopkinson, and Deborah Hourcade.
- That Edie will be going to CLASS training and once she completes it, everyone will be CLASS certified and will be making contact with the state preschool programs.
- They will be ordering 100 IPods and cameras.

### **TKS**

Olivia shared the following:

- She has been going out to the Districts to staff to talk about the stipend program.

### **First 5 Update**

Billi Jo shared and distributed handouts for the following:

- Passed out handout in English and Spanish regarding health care options.
- Beyond Our Gates will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>, registration is low. The training is for providers and people who work with families with young children.
- Race to the Top has 20 spots left; the goal is to fill those spots by December.
- Shared AB 2706 it is an assembly bill that requires schools to provide health coverage to kids

## **VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

- Cathy sent one out last week. Legislators are back in session so they will be sending them out weekly.
- Billi Jo shared Tobacco tax is re-introduced in special session, two dollar tax for cigarettes.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Jeff mentioned that SUSD has a lot of vacancies in Early Childhood, apply on Edjoin.
- Suzanne mentioned that there are late starting classes at Delta College and to check the website, <https://deltacollege.edu>.
- Katy shared a CPIN Save the Date flyer for the Science training. They are also working on TK coursework for Teacher's College of San Joaquin.

- Katy also shared that they are looking at doing literacy trainings based of the National Reading Association books.
- Valerie mentioned CCDAA is on September 11th at Yolo County Office of Education.
- Bobby mentioned DRDP 15 will have an electronic version. Once it is completed, he will send it out.

**X. AGENDA SETTING**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

**M** (A. Lopez)    **S** (R. Damele)

The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. held on October 7, 2015, SJCOE, Wentworth Education Center, Greenwood 3, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton.