Regular Meeting
Early Childhood Development and Early Learning Task Force
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
5:00 P.M.

Task Force Members Present: Chair Vera Vignes, Efran Aguilar, Geoff Albert, Toni Boucher, Lila Guirguis, Dianne Philibosian, Marie Poulsen, Tony Santilena, Blanca Siebels, Melani Smith-Hill, Susan Wood, Carla Hegwood (Ex-Officio)

Task Force Members Absent: Ree Harris-Hudson (Excused), Ernesto Saldana (Excused)

Staff Present: Michelle Garrett, Danica Borja, Vannia De La Cuba, Pat Bowie (Consultant)

1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
   Chair Vignes called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   It was moved (Marie Poulsen) to approve meeting minutes for April 20, 2022 and seconded (Geoff Albert) to approve meeting minutes. (Motion carried)

   In Favor: Chair Vera Vignes, Geoff Albert, Toni Boucher, Lila Guirguis, Dianne Philibosian, Marie Poulsen, Tony Santilena, Melani Smith-Hill
   Opposed: None
   Abstain: Dianne Philibosian, Susan Wood

3. **Public Comment**
   No public comment.

4. **Welcome & Review Meeting Objectives – Vera Vignes, Task Force Chair**
   Chair Vignes provided essential questions for the meeting regarding what is the current status of Pasadena's youngest children and families, the status of health and development outcomes for children since the inception of the Early Childhood Policy, status of early childhood services within Pasadena, and the status of early childhood priorities/strategies over the past 8 years. Chair Vignes provided a timeline for the proposed meeting structure for the task force.

5. **Preview of Pasadena Early Childhood and Family Demographics & Health Status – Stella Clingmon-Simon, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Program Coordinator**
   Stella Clingmon provided a presentation on a preview of the 2022 Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Assessment. The MCAH Assessment will include information on demographics, maternal health, infant health, child & adolescent health. Essential reports from Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) include the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Greater Pasadena Community Health Needs Assessment

(CHNA), Maternal and Infant Health Assessment, Greater Pasadena Oral Health Needs Assessment. All public health reports are available on the Pasadena Public Health Department website.

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is in the process of being completed. Data from the assessment will not be interactive, however the Pasadena Public Health Department are looking into an online dashboard. Dr. Philibosian suggested separating the data for children ages 0-5. Data will be able to be separated by race, age, and other indicators. Dr. Goh, Health Director of the PPHD, provided insight to the data already collected for the maternal and infant health assessment. In addition to PPHD reports, Stella Clingmon provided information that the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program will be working with a Licensed Social Worker to implement Ages and Stages Social-Emotional SE to address the missing pieces of social and emotional in kindergarten readiness. Dr. Goh informed the task force that PPHD has focused on human-centered design with the goal of more authentic community engagement and more innovation. Lila Gurgius discussed that PUSD is a small population and that an advocate from private early childcare facilities may be necessary to contribute data.

There were no public comments.

6. **Review of EDI Data – Efran Aguilar**
   Efran Aguilar provided a presentation on a snapshot of childhood development – implementation results of EDI over time in Pasadena. Regarding racial equity, the data reflects that the poorest communities have a higher number of kids ages 0-5 than wealthier communities and that equity barriers are not random. EDI is a key piece of data that communities should be using and a need for more sustainable funding is required for school districts to administer the EDI. Advocacy efforts are essential towards City Council, District Supervisors, and local legislative representatives.

   There were no public comments.

7. **Review of Early Childhood Services and Supports – Toni Boucher**
   Toni Boucher, Melani Hill, and Susan Wood provided a presentation, which gave insight into issues faced by local childcare staff and facilities during the pandemic. The presentation addressed three core issues: workforce; communication and resources; and the early childhood ecosystem and school family. Melani Hill shared experiences from Lake Avenue Preschool regarding workforce challenges they faced during the pandemic. Susan Wood discussed the need for increased communication between the City and childcare service providers during the pandemic and suggested that the Office of the Young Child could be a conduit for childcare service providers in sharing essential information. Toni Boucher shared anecdotes about the challenges faced by families working from home while children participated in virtual learning. Toni Boucher also discussed pandemic messaging surrounding the safety of early childcare facilities as well as the need for reliable information about childcare options available citywide.

   There were no public comments.

8. **Questions and Open Discussion – Pat Bowie**
   Pat Bowie facilitated a discussion of the information presented during the meeting. As part of the discussion, Dr. Philibosian asked the task force what does it mean to be an early learning city by 2025 as well as what data and corresponding linkages needed to support the effort. Efran Aguilar brought forth the notion of collective communitycapacity and the need to assess how community organizations and departments are working together to support early childhood development. This can aid in the identification of gaps and opportunities for investments. Blanca Siebels suggested that the 8 building blocks found in the policy need to be institutionalized amongst those involved with the early childhood network for a more effective result. Efran Aguilar suggested better engagement with residents and community members to learn more about communityneeds. Dr. Philibosian stated that the task force did engage residents in 2013-2015 but it is a good idea to go back to the community and engage. Pat Bowie emphasized that reach within the Pasadena community is important, particularly relating to communication pathways. In addition, Pat encouraged the task force, when appropriate, to develop recommendations with more specificity.

   There were no public comments.

9. **Adjournment**
   It was moved by (Philibosian) to adjourn the meeting and seconded (Santilena) to adjourn the special meeting. (Motion carried)

   The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

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Michelle Garrett
Assistant to the City Manager

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Danica Borja
Recording Secretary