Regular Meeting
Early Child Development and Early Learning Task Force
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
5:00 P.M.

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100 North Garfield Avenue

1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2022***
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Panel Discussion with Public Health Department Leadership – Vera Vignes, Task Force Chair**
5. **Initial Discussion Regarding Early Childhood Policy Recommendations- Vera Vignes, Task Force Chair**
6. **Future Meeting Dates & Topics**
7. **Adjournment**

*Attachments

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ITEM #2

Approval of Minutes

August 3, 2022

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Task Force Members Present: Chair Vera Vignes, Efren Aguilar, Geoff Albert, Toni Boucher, Lisa Clements, Ree Harris-Hudson, Carla Hegwood (Ex-Officio), Dr. Dianne Philibosian, Dr. Marie Poulsen, Tony Santilena, Melani Smith-Hill, Blanca Siebels, Susan Wood

Task Force Members Absent: Lila Gurguis (excused), Lindsay Lewis

Staff Present: Danica Borja, Michelle Garrett, Tim McDonald, Dion O'Connell, Pat Bowie (Consultant),

1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
   Chair Vignes called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

2. **Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2022**
   It was moved (Dr. Poulsen) to approve the amended meeting minutes for July 20, 2022 and seconded (Geoff Albert). (Motion carried)

   In Favor: Chair Vera Vignes, Efren Aguilar, Geoff Albert, Toni Boucher, Lisa Clements, Ree Harris-Hudson, Dr. Dianne Philibosian, Dr. Marie Poulsen, Tony Santilena, Melani Smith-Hill, Blanca Siebels
   Opposed: None
   Abstain: Susan Wood

3. **Public Comment**

   No public comment.

4. **Panel Discussion with Early Childhood Policy & Funding Experts – Vera Vignes, Task Force Chair**

   Chair Vignes introduced the panelists, Michael Olenick, President and CEO of the Child Care Resource Center (CCRC), Parker Blackman, Executive Director of LA Partnerships Early Childhood Investment, and Jacqueline McCroskey, Co-Director of the Children's Data Network. The panelists were asked to provide thoughts, experiences and perspectives about the landscape for policy and funding opportunities at the state and local levels for young children and their families.

Michael Olenick spoke about early childhood education and childcare funding trends at the state and federal level. Overall, funding has increased for early childhood education and care by several billion dollars. An increase in funding for transitional kindergarten is intended to support additional staff for kindergarten classes, extend early learning programs, and incorporate integrated mental health and social services (family and student engagement). Funding for tk-12 system is an ongoing investment where funds are being allocated to communities of lower socioeconomic status, language learners, and special needs children. Michael Olenick suggested that opportunities for funding exist when coordinating and collaborating with the local school district, local provider groups, options for learning, and higher education, not to mention facilities development to create more child-friendly environments.

Jacqueline McCroskey provided context of guiding values and principles for work being done at the county under the lens of equity, targeted universalism, accountability with transparency, and alleviating poverty. Jacqueline suggested that there are opportunities for connecting early childhood education to other systems that are operating and serving the same families or children, tying early childhood education into acts that service children to incorporate federal funds, and engaging in conversations and partnerships to increase opportunities for home visiting programs. Jacqueline suggested that libraries are interested in focusing on early childhood education as they can focus on young children and their families.

Parker Blackman provided a background of the LA Partnership and its role in bringing together leaders from both public and private sectors. The Partnership has approximately 25 foundations active within its network. Parker encouraged the Task Force to consider specific programs and opportunities that would be of interest to philanthropic donors. Parker also mentioned that if there is to be a functional mixed delivery system, there needs to be a large, sustainable source of income to support it. The philanthropy side cannot fund a mixed delivery system, however can fund a cost analysis and provide information to advocates in the public sector to get a better understanding of the voting populace.

Chair Vignes asked Michael Olenick whether he’s experienced school districts willing to work with cities in extending the three-hour T-K program for working families. School districts are asking for help in working with 4 year-olds, however lack of funding makes things difficult for CCRC to help. In addition, Prop 98 funds come from capital gains which are going down leading to the uncertainty of having enough funds at all.

Michelle Garrett asked Parker Blackman about the work that was done with LAUSD to encourage the school district to invest in early learning programs. Parker explained that it was an advocacy effort to encourage investment in early childhood programs. In addition, parents wrote letters to the board in support of more funding for early childhood programs which impacted the decision makers in a positive way.

Efren asked Jacqueline about opportunities for integration work or partnering with other organizations to implement something in Pasadena that could serve as a model for other communities.

Jacqueline suggested that Pasadena pilot a program rooted in community need. To be impactful, there cannot be silos as families have a variety of needs and partners need to be connected in order to achieve a warm hand-off. Parker suggested that the Task Force research the Children's Funding Institute as a resource for additional funding to increase local budgets on early childhood. Michael provided an example of how child welfare and childcare can work together through a successful countywide program. Michael also suggested partnering with Pasadena City College on apprenticeship or credentialing programs for childcare education. Parker extended an offer to explore further the possibility of aligning the task force's work with that of the private foundations investing in this space.

No public comment

5. **Review of Draft Policy Vision Statement & Master Plan for the Young Child – Vera Vignes, Task Force Chair**

Chair Vignes shared the revised vision statement with the group. The group agreed with the statement and for clarity suggested that its supporting statements be written in bullet format. Chair Vignes also shared the revised master plan and the group also agreed with the content of the re-worked statement. Pat provided additional thoughts about making the vision statement and master plan clear. She also noted that the group should begin thinking about its final recommendations and making those specific and actionable for City Council.

No public comment.

6. **Adjournment**

Chair Vignes adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM

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Michelle Garrett
Assistant to the City Manager

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Danica Borja
Recording Secretary