



Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council Retreat Minutes of the Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Courtyard Santa Barbara Goleta
401 Storke Road
Goleta, CA 93117

Members Present: Jacqui Banta- Past Chair, Jennifer Bergquist, Artesia Carlon, Maggie Flores, Thesa Roepke- alternate, Michelle Graham, Holly Harvan, Beth Hassenplug, Jennifer Macdonald- Chair, Eileen Monohan, Jenny Greaney- alternate, Mark Laurel- alternate, Michelle Robertson- Vice Chair, Serineh Vartani

Members Excused: Susan Walsh, Janelle Willis, Donna Borranco-Fisher, Ralph Ybarra

Members Absent: Jacqueline Ryan, Shelley Grand, Caley Mark, Laura Capps

Staff Present: Christian Patterson, Alejandra Montes-Medina

Guests Present: Brooke Loeffler (The Discovery Source), David Moon (Lakeshore), Ashley Goldstein (WEV), Ian Bauke (Representative for Senator Monique Limon), Beatriz Garcia (Santa Barbara Foundation), Lisa Nelley (United Way)

I. Call to Order & Welcome

Chair Jennifer Macdonald called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2025, by Jacqui Banta. Chair Michelle Graham seconded the motion. No abstentions. None were opposed. **MSC.**

IV. Council Business

Member Commitment letters and In-Kind letters were discussed and included in the agenda package. Member recommendations were also solicited from attendees The Member Roster was reviewed and approved. 2025-26 Meeting Location/Dates- Meetings will be held in Buellton Rec Center, Outlook invitations will be sent.

V. Membership Updates and Outreach

Strategic Plan Committee

Christian Patterson shared that Holly Goldberg has been contracted to help with the 2025 Needs Assessment.

COAT- Communications, Outreach, Advocacy Team

No updates

Facilities Committee

The committee would like to support developers that would like to include childcare.

ICCAT - Inclusive Child Care Action Team

Holly Harvan expressed the need to track the reason why and if families are refusing services, Jacqui Banta added a comment about the shift in cultural perception of disabilities due to miscommunication or fear.

UPK Support Committee



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Christian Patterson shared that the results of the survey are in, but they will be shared once the data is analyzed.

VI. Other Business/Announcements

Jacqui Banta shared CRR will be holding their Party with a Purpose Benefit Concert in Orcutt on September 20th.

Thesa Roepke shared that Allan Hancock College will be offering new teacher specializations in Infant-Toddler and Special Education.

Maggie Flores shared that Santa Barbara Unified has approved the redevelopment of current preschool centers to serve infants and toddlers.

Mark Laurel shared that Social Services is pleased to announce the change in CalWORKs Stage I from 12 month eligibility to 24 month eligibility.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Jennifer Macdonald adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Vision Statement: We envision a community that values all children and their families.

Mission Statement: We lead and collaborate in planning, coordinating, and advocating for quality, affordable, accessible, early care and education for all children and families in Santa Barbara County.

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