

Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Location: 500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA



Date: 11/20/2019 Time Convened: 6:04 PM Time Terminated: 8:00 PM **Recorder:** Zully Acosta

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY			
Review Desired	Katie Cisco, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM			
Outcomes and Meeting Rules	Daisy Templeton, Vice Chair, reviewed the desired outcomes			
Rules	Jasmine Cisneros, Parliamentarian, reviewed the ground meeting rules.			
Public Comment	None			
Correspondence	Katie Cisco, Chair, the following correspondence received from the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) Office of Head Start, dated 10/17/2019:			
	On 9/26/2019, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a monitoring review of Contra Costa County Head Start and Early Head Start programs. We wish to thank the governing body, policy council, staff, and parents of your program for their cooperation and assistance during the review. This monitoring report has been issued to Mr. John Gioia, Authorizing Official/Board Chair, as legal notice to your agency of the results of the program review.			
	Based on the information gathered during our review, your program was found to be out of compliance with one or more applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. The report provides you with detailed information in each area where program performance did not meet applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. Each area of noncompliance identified in this report should be corrected within 120 days following receipt of this report.			
	Andres Torres, PC Secretary, informed that on October 31, 2019, Community Services Bureau received correspondence received from Administration for Children & Families Office stating that the CLASS review conducted from 10/21/2019 to 10/26/2019 of CSB's Head preschool center-based classrooms was a success and all areas were in compliance.			
Staff Recognition	The following staff was recognized for going above and beyond in their work with the children and the families:			
	Josephine Diaz, Teacher at Los Arboles, was presented with a certificate and a book to acknowledge her dedication to the children and families.			
	Barbara Sumler, Associate Teacher at Balboa, was not present; her certificate and book will be sent to her site.			
	Special thank you was given to Miss Corazon from Riverview & CSB staff for providing support during the November 20, 2019, Policy Council meeting.			

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Administrative Reports	Camilla Rand, CSB Director, welcomed and congratulated the new Policy Council Executive team on their new roles.				
 CSB Director Division Manager Fiscal	Camilla presented the following administrative updates: • CLASS Review: 40 preschool classrooms were visited, 58% of our program and included directly operated, partners and First Baptist delegate. Results from the CLASS observation document that we were determined to be in compliance. CSB scored higher than the Federal Threshold and higher than CSB's own threshold as well. • Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) CSB and Federal Threshold Comparison Table:				
	CLASS Score Comparison				
	2015 CSB 2019 CSB CSB 2018 Federal				
	Domain Score Score Threshold Threshold				
	Emotional Support 6.1719 6.100 6 6.08				
	Classroom Organization 5.8875 6.0708 6 5.80				
	Instructional Support 2.5667 3.5375 3 2.96				
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	Haydee Ilan, Accountant III, presented the following fiscal reports:				

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	 2019-2020 Head Start Program: September 2019 year to date cash expenditures were \$9,804,952 YTD, which represents 58% of the program budget. 			
	 2019-2020 Early Head Start Program: September 2019 year to date cash expenditures were \$1,386,932 YTD, which represents 38% of the program budget. 			
	 2019-2020 Early Head Start CC Partnership #1: September 2019 year to date cash expenditures were \$112,193 YTD, which represents 10% of the program budget. 			
	 2018-2019 Early Head Start: CC Partnership #2: September 2019 year to date cash expenditures were \$68,703 YTD, which represents 2% of the program budget. 			
	 Credit Card expenditures: September 2019, all programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start expenditure were \$15,805.22. 			
Presentation:	Caitlin Sly, Contra Costa & Solano Food Bank Program Director's presentation on the Food Bank included:			
• Cal Fresh	 Community Produce Program The Foodbank provides 15-20 pounds of FREE fresh produce to low-income families and individuals twice a month. Food For Children Boxes of FREE healthy food are available every month for children 4-6 years old. Bring a picture ID and proof of address (PG&E bill, etc.) as well as proof of child's birthdate. Food Assistance Program FREE groceries once a month for low-income individuals and families are available. Bring a picture ID and proof of address (PG&E bill, etc.). Senior Food Program FREE groceries twice a month are made available to low-income individuals aged 55 or older. Only one senior per household may receive food. Bring a picture ID and proof of address (PG&E bill, etc.). Other Food Assistance You may also qualify for CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps) and the Food Bank staff are available to help you apply. The Foodbank may also be able to help you find emergency food at one of our partner pantries or soup kitchens. To learn more, call toll free at 1-855-309-FOOD (3663). To find services near you, please contact the Food Bank at 1-855-309-3663 (FOOD) for help and information. Or go online to https://www.foodbankccs.org/ 			
Presentation:Self-Assessment process	Christina Reich, Division Manager provided an overview of the Self-Assessment process that is conducted annually to determine the effectiveness of the program by identifying strengths and areas for improvement and innovation. • Self-Assessment team is composed of program staff, parents, and policy council representatives, community leaders outside of the program, content area experts and others interested in participating. • The five Phase Self-Assessment process include: • Design Process			

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Action: • Consider approval of Community Representatives	© Engage Team © Analyze & Dialogue © Recommend © Prepare Report Christina encouraged Policy Council representatives to sign-up for the Self-Assessment Subcommittee. Katie Cisco, Chair gave an opportunity for Community Representatives wishing to serve on the 2019-20 Policy Council to read their letters of interest. Community Representative letters of interest were received from: Liliana Gonzalez, from First 5 Contra Costa					
	A motion to approve the Community and Remily Ferne. The motion was approved. Ayes Andres Torres Daisy Templeton Jasmine Cisneros Damaris Santiago Damonique Washington Maria Barrios Sanchez Earl J Smith Jamillah Monroe Charles Latham Sonia Quinones Emily Ferne Liliana Gonzalez Katie Cisco	Past Parent R	Abstentions	Ι	Present Carla Waters Cristal Rodriguez Elizabeth Rosas Emma Swafford Jamilah Monroe Jonathan Bean Maria Bautista Latrese Hill	uinones and seconded by
Subcommittee Membership recruitment	Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Services Managand member's roles and responsibilities. Su addressed questions. Subcommittees and names of members where Program Services Subcommittee Andres Torres Daisy Templeton	ubcommittee	program sta	iff provided a brief	•	· · ·

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	Jasmine Cisneros					
	EJ Smith					
	Fiscal Subcommittee					
	Katie Cisco					
	Andres Torres					
	Daisy Templeton					
	Monitoring/Self-Assessment Ad-Hoc Subcommittee					
	Daisy Templeton					
	EJ Smith					
	Emily Ferne					
	Jasmine Cisneros					
	Katie Cisco					
	Advocacy Ad-hoc Subcommittee					
	Jamillah Monroe					
	Katie Cisco					
	Jasmine Cisneros					
	Daisy TempletonLiliana Gonzales					
	Andres Torres					
	Domonique Washington					
	Maria Barrios					
	Jamillah Monroe					
	Sonia Quinones					
	Bylaws Ad-hoc Subcommittee					
	Jasmine Cisneros					
	Charles Latham					
	Andres Torres					
Action:	Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Services Manager, presented the following Subcommittee leads as appointed by Policy Council Chair:					
Consider Approval of Subcommittee	Program Services Subcommittee: Andres Torres					
Leads	Monitoring/Self-Assessment Subcommittee: Daisy Templeton					
	Fiscal Subcommittee: Katie Cisco					
	Bylaws Subcommittee: Jasmine Cisneros					

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	Advocacy Subcommittee: Jamillah Monroe					
	A motion to approve the Subcommittee Leads was made by Charles Latham and seconded by Andres Torres. The motion was approved.					
	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Not	Present	
	Andres Torres Daisy Templeton			Victoria Velazquez	Carla Waters	
	Jasmine Cisneros Damaris Santiago			Ana Ramos	Cristal Rodriguez	
	Damonique Washington			Nivette Moore Mason	Elizabeth Rosas	
	Maria Barrios Sanchez			Monica Avila	Emma Swafford	
	Earl J Smith			Delia Zarges	Jamilah Monroe	
	Jamillah Monroe			Roxana Alvarado	Jonathan Bean	
	Charles Latham			Tracy Keelsing	Maria Bautista	
	Sonia Quinones			Yarigza Lopez	Latrese Hill	
	Emily Ferne			Dawn Miguel		
	Liliana Gonzalez					
	Katie Cisco					
Presentation: • 2018-2019 Program Information Report	Tracy Lewis, ASA III, provided an overview of the 2018-2019 Program Information Report (PIR). Office of Head Start (OHS) mandates grantees to submit the Program Information Report (PIR) for each HS/EHS program annually. Data is shared with: • Head Start Community & Partners • Congress • Public Summary • Five Program Information Reports were submitted: • 2- Head Start (HS) Reports • Grantee • Delegate • 1- Early Head Start (EHS) • 2- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) • EHS-CCP1 • EHS-CCP1					
	Program Indicators					

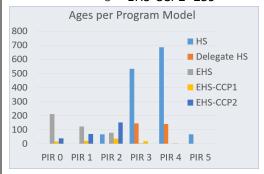
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TOPIC RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY

- Family Services
- Staff and Classes

Enrollment

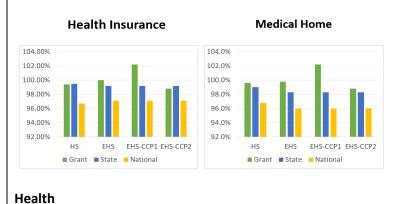
- Cumulative Enrolled Children 2413
 - o HS- 1,357
 - o Delegate HS- 285
 - o EHS- 418
 - EHS-CCP1-94
 - EHS-CCP2- 259



The children we serve...

- 55% speak English as their primary language
- 40% speak Spanish
- Five different languages make up the remaining 5%
- 45 of our children experienced homelessness

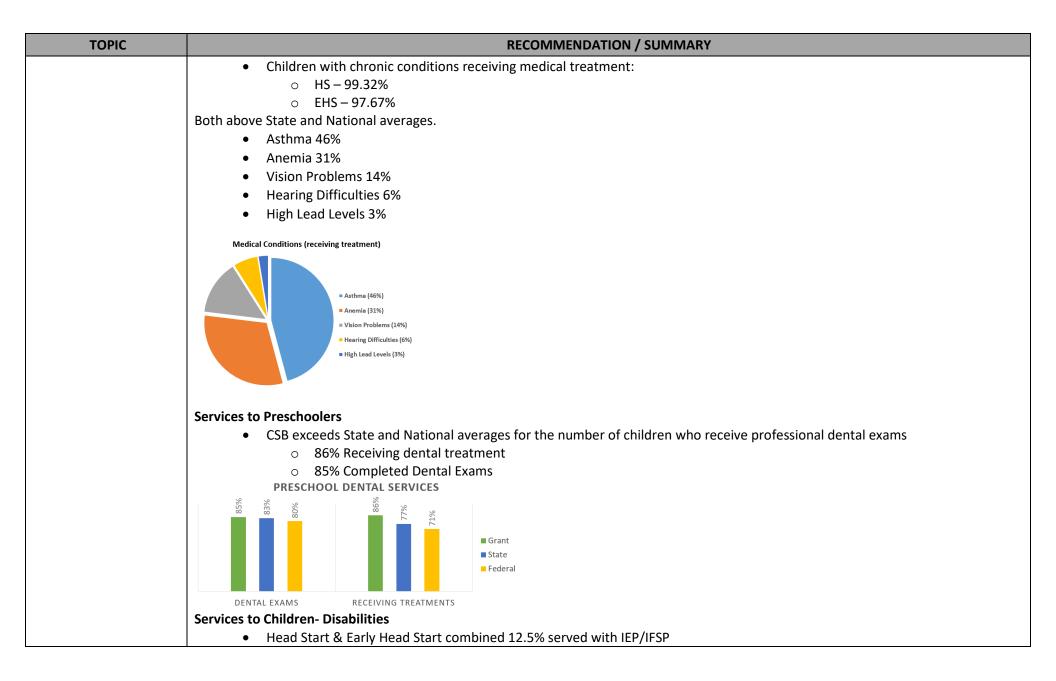
Services to Children at the end of enrollment



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TOPIC RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY IEP/IFSP ■ Grant ■ State ■ National EHS-CCP EHS-CCP2 **Family Services** • Percentage of families receiving at least one family service exceeds state and federal averages, at 80% (combined) The top four services areas are: Parenting Education Health Education Adult Education Emergency/Crisis Intervention **Staff and Classes** Preschool Teachers o 32% have an ECE/related BA or higher o 100% meet CDA/equivalent requirement Infant/Toddler Teachers

Action:

Consider approval of October 16, 2019 **Policy Council** Minutes

The October 16, 2019, Policy Council minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

o 100% meet CDA/equivalent requirement

A motion to approve the October 16, 2019, Policy Council minutes was made by Andres Torres and seconded by Charles Latham. The motion was approved.

Ayes		Nays	Abstentions	Not Present	
Andres Torres	Daisy Templeton			Victoria Velazquez	Carla Waters
Jasmine Cisneros	Damaris Santiago			Ana Ramos	Cristal Rodriguez
Damonique Washingto	on			Nivette Moore Mason	Elizabeth Rosas
Maria Barrios Sanchez				Monica Avila	Emma Swafford
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	Liliana Gonzalez				
	Katie Cisco				
	Mariam Okesanya				
Site Reports					
Site Reports	Ambrose: Our 3 Classrooms were monitored for Curriculum Fidelity. We are excited to report that we did great! All of the scores received were very high! Our PC Representative, Jasmine Cisneros, was elected as a Policy Council Parliamentarian. She is now part of the PC Executive Committee. Construction for the new teacher's lounge has started. Our Fall Harvest Festival was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who helped and supported us. Kenisha Jones, Ambrose parent, read and sing to the children in Room B-2 on November 1st. Free diapers were distributed to families in need at the center. They were graciously donated by Sweet Beginnings Family Resource Center. Parents were invited to attend Making Parenting a Pleasure classes at Marsh Creek. Hosted a cooking class on November 19, 2019 by Champions for Change - a presentation on healthy eating with different recipes was provided. Contra Costa College: The center is fully enrolled We have received many new toys for the children We are planning Back to School Night We received a storage-shed to store additional site supplies				
	 We are celebrating the fall season with special projects We are collaborating with the College to synchronize monthly fire drills 				
	 First Baptist: First Baptist is celebrating the Harvest Festival. Kids Castle has parking issues/concerns. Special projects included: movies and trips to Build a Bear. George Miller III: GMIII is celebrating successful First 5 CLASS visits. 5 Teachers were recertified in CPR this month. All classrooms at GMIII completed their 1st visits to Bay Area Discovery Museum. 				
	 New AD Linda Frazier-Stafford joined our team. We look forward to working with Linda on her new journey as Assistant Director for Cluster A. Gutters and Exhaust fans are in the process of being replaced. Broken Fire extinguisher cases, are in the process of being repaired. 				

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	 A Liberian from Richmond Public Library and Cecilia a Community Literacy Specialist from Tandem visited classrooms and read to the children during large group time. Weekly flyers are sent home each Friday. Parents are invited to our monthly parent meeting. 				
	Verde:				
	 Verde Elementary school and Verde Head Start will receive the 2020 City of Richmond Neighborhood Public Art Grant again! This grant will be used to create another mural in front of the school and a Head Start bench with the Head Start core values and mosaics the children will create with their families in an art class given by a local artist during a Community Work Day. On October 29, 2019, the Verde children, parents, and staff enjoyed a Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast together using the recipe on back of the Center menu. Classroom #2 and #1am, continue their Tree Study with a field trip to Annie's Annuals & Perennials shop. A small tree was purchased and planted at the school. October 17th, Children and staff took part in the Great CA Shake-Out. 				
Announcements	 Ana Araujo, Comprehensive Services Manager for Parent, Family, Community Engagement, shared in-kind video from GMIII Food Day: Attendees were reminded to share the Staff Recognition form with site parents and to encourage them to nominate staff from their center to receive recognition at PC Meetings for their excellent work. Attendees interested in attending the NHSA 2019 Parent and Family Engagement Conference were asked to confirm with Ana. Attendees were reminded there will not be a Policy Council meeting in December. Next meeting will be in January 2020. PC Self-Assessment Subcommittee representatives will receive a call from CSB staff with more information about the upcoming Self-Assessment. 				
Meeting Evaluation	<u>Pluses / +</u>	<u>Deltas / Δ</u>			
	Meeting ended on time	• None			

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