



Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in person  
 April 25, 2022  
 1303 Jefferson St. Suite 100A, Napa CA 94559  
 3:00pm-5:00pm

Call to Order: 3:04 pm. The following were present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juan Cisneros	<input type="checkbox"/> Elba Gonzalez-Mares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Grupe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kecia Lind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Ocon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Koenig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debbie Peralez	<input type="checkbox"/> Brad Wagenknecht	<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Yasumoto

Staff present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joelle Gallagher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lilea Heine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Darlington	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarahi Suarez	

Also present:

Yuen Chang	Naomi Chamblin
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Public Comment

A. No public comment.

- Approval of Commission Minutes, J. Ocon  
 March 25, 2022

a. (Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by KL, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DP ).

JC	EG	MG	KL	JO	DP	BW	MK	JY
Y	ABSENT	ABSENT	Y	Y	Y	ABSENT	Y	ABSENT

- Financial, J. Ocon

A. Review and approval of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials

a. (Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by KL , 2<sup>nd</sup> by DP ).

JC	EG	MG	KL	JO	DP	BW	MK	JY
Y	ABSENT	ABSENT	Y	Y	Y	ABSENT	Y	ABSENT

B. Reviewed and discussed budget draft for FY 22-23

- Review and possible approval of Contract with Laura Keller in the amount of \$2,500.00 for human center design project facilitation for St. Helena Preschool for All & St. Helena Unified School District

a. (Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by MG , 2<sup>nd</sup> by DP ).

JC	EG	MG	KL	JO	DP	BW	MK	JY
Y	ABSENT	Y	Y	Y	Y	ABSENT	ABSENT	Y

4. Cohort 3 Design Group Presentation, L. Heine, Y. Chang, N. Chamblin
  - A. “Helping Early Childhood Professionals Bloom” this design group will offer support and better pathways for Latine Educators through a mentoring program. This program will help ECE learn about different career pathways and will shadow mentors. Thr group is ready to launch prototype before end of fiscal year.
5. Staff Updates, J. Gallagher
  - A. First 5 Napa Network, gathering was April 10<sup>th</sup>,it went well and cohort members recreated their take on the famous “Napa Valley” welcome sign. Also, cohort retreat’s are over, more design groups will be presenting to commission soon.
  - B. Quality Counts, there is interest by the HUB to implement Raonbow Kits, there are 30 Rainbow Kits that will be built by Solano and Sonoma County. There’s also a plan being crafted to create county capacity to help train and implement Rainbow Kits. Childcare Planning Counsel hosting TK presentation & partnering with NCOE to create a brochure for childcare choices. Sacramento State possibly hosting Bachelors Degree in Child Development Cohort for Napa Fall of 2023.
  - C. Home Visitation Coordination, no update
  - D. Community Programs, empathic interviews for RFL Season one are completed. Out of 22 participating families 15 families are actively engaged in creating change. Rainbow Little Libraries will be restocked quarterly by Bookmine. Also, pride playdate will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at Fuller Park. Chalk for Justoce at the library June 25<sup>th</sup>.
6. Policy/Advocacy Updates and Discussion, J. Gallagher
  - A. Advocacy Day update, met with CA State Representative Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and representative from Bill Dodd’s office.
7. Commission Business, J. Ocon
  - A. Conflict of Interest Update Form will be sent out soon.
8. Items for next commission meeting, J. Ocon
  - A. Final Budget Review
  - B. NVUSD TK Presentation
  - C. F5NN Food Access Team Presentation
9. Annoncements:
  - A. Kid’s Day May 7<sup>th</sup> M. Grupe
  - B. Families that quaify for SNAP are now eligeable for Childstart Programs, J. Cisneros

Adjourn 4:34 pm.

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Jennifer Ocon, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sarahi Suarez

Commissioners Voting Key

JC = Juan Cisneros; EG = Elba Gonzalez-Mares; MG = Michele Grupe;

KL = Kecia Lind; JO = Jennifer Ocon; DP = Debbie Peralez;

BW = Brad Wagenknecht; MK= Monica Koenig

Notations under Vote: A = Abstained; C = Conflict; I = ineligible to vote (not sworn in)

Y= Vote in Approval; N= Vote Against

Absent = Commissioner Absent