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Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020 1:30PM-3:00PM

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1) Call to Order: Molly DesBaillets (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

2) Establish Quorum:

MCCCC Members Present (7 of 10 members):

- i. Molly DesBaillets, First 5 (Chair)
- ii. Annaliesa Calhoun, First 5 (Secretary)
- iii. Brittany Nelson, IMACA Staff
- iv. Sofia Flores, Behavioral Health (Vice-Chair)
- v. Danielle Dublino, IMACA Preschool Teacher
- vi. Brooke Bien, MUSD
- vii. Jacinda Croissant, Health Department

MCCCC Members Absent (3 of 10 members):

- i. Kelly Conboy, IMACA CCC Director
- ii. Julie Winslow, Kids Corner
- iii. Pam Heays, Consumer of Child Care

LPC Coordinator: Courtney Powell, Mono County Office of Education

Public: Stacey Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools
Sandra Moberly, Town of Mammoth Lakes

3) Public Comment: Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. **No Public Comment.**

4) Consent Agenda: The following items, which concern minutes, reports and items of a routine nature normally approved at council meetings, will be approved by one vote unless a board member desire to have a

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separate vote on any or all of these items. The Consent Agenda consists of the discussion, consideration, and approval of the following Items: Annaliesa Calhoun made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Sofia Flores Second. All in Favor (Molly, Annaliesa, Sofia, Brittany) three recusal (Brooke, Danielle, Jacinda). No discussion. Motion passed. **(Action)**

a) Membership Updates:

- i. Renew Jacinda Croissant for a two-year membership (9.30.20-9.30.22) in the membership category Public Agency to be reappointed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors.
- ii. Renew Molly DesBaillets for a two-year membership (10.30.20-10.30.22) in the membership category Public Agency to be reappointed by the County Superintendent of schools.

b) Minutes:

- i. Approval of June 18, 2020 meeting minutes.
- ii. Approval of August 26, 2020 meeting minutes.
- iii. Approval of September 3, 2020 meeting minutes.

5) Childcare Quality System (CQS):Childcare Quality Strategic Plan: Council Members will consider adoption of the updated Childcare Quality Strategic Plan. Molly shared that the child care council serves a few difference functions and one is the consortium for the Childcare Quality System (CQS) which at the state level is Quality Counts California (QCC) and at the federal level is Quality Rating and improvement System (QRIS). Molly shared that within in the plan there is a list of all the child care funds that come into our county and which agency administers them. This is a dual plan with both Mono and Alpine counties. This plan that was brought forth for adoption had some adjustment made based on comments made by the MCCCC Coordinator and the Alpine partners. Molly let everyone know that it was a five-year plan that has had little change and is open to any suggestions. Danielle Dublino sought some understanding of what exactly the council was approving. Molly explained that this plan is a small portion of what the council does and that it is not the same as the Mono County Childcare Council Strategic Plan. This plan goes into the specifics of childcare quality. Danielle Dublino made a motion to approve the Mono Alpine Childcare Quality System Strategic Plan. Brittany Nelson second. All in favor (7). No discission. Motion passed. **(Action)**

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- 6) **California Master Plan:** The MCCCC Coordinator, Courtney Powell, brought a brief over view of the California Governor's Master Plan for early learning and care. Courtney shared that this plan is still in development but wanted the council to be aware that this plan is in the works and will influence our work in the near future. Courtney highlighted the main objectives of this plan; Funding a child care reform, workforce development (we see this with the WPSP), preschool expansion, mixed delivery of infant and toddler care, share services networks and data sharing and coordination. This was supposed to be released this month however it has been pushed back. Danielle Dublino shared some interest of the goals that are highlighted and intrigued to see how they make this happen. **(Information)**
- 7) **The Parcel:** The MCCCC Coordinator, Courtney Powell, shared an update about a past meeting with the Town of Mammoth Lakes about the Parcel. The Town of Mammoth lakes approached me at the LPC to bring a few agencies to the table in hopes to identify an agency (public or private) that would have interest in running a child care facility should the planning folk with parcel incorporate one in the plans. As the LPC coordinator I brought First 5, IMACA and MCOE to the table. I thought IMACA was the best agency to bring to the table. My thought as the LPC Coordinator was to support the ability to sustain and potentially increase the amount of child care slots we have in Mammoth lakes. My understanding of this center and or facility is to include both infant, toddler and preschool age care. IMACA did show interest in potentially running the center. And I feel it is important to note that if IMACA is unable to secure a lotion for the mammoth preschool within the next year we could potentially lose all 3 IMACA centers. This has to do with filling the CSPP slots (35). Mammoth typically fills a large portion of these slots. Brittany if you would like to elaborate please do. This was also an opportunity to discuss things that should and need to be included in the facility for example, with a Title 5 center-based facility a child birth- age 5 must have 75" of outdoor space per child and 35" of indoor space per child. Some recommendations were bathrooms for adults and children. A cross walk should the play yard be the playground across the street and that the play yard should have a fence. Courtney shared that we also have Sandra Moberly here from the Town to assist us further. Sandra shared that the Parcel is 25 acres in the middle of Mammoth Lakes that the town purchased in 2018 with the intent to build affordable housing. The image included in the packet is the most recent idea for the project. Item D is the location of the potential child care facility. The child care facility was included in this plan to serve the need in the community but also to help the application be more competitive for grant funding. They are looking to roll out space for the town or some intently to operate a child care facility. Currently they are looking at different sizes. The town is really looking for someone to run the facility once it is built out. The goal would be that the people living on the parcel could be served by this but do not want it to be exclusive to the folks of the parcel. The biggest concern is the size of the facility and how many children can it serve. The intent is to build out the space for child care between 2,000 – 5,000 square feet. Brittany Nelson shared that regarding space wise 35' per child and try to do a max of 20 children per classroom. If a classroom goes over 12 children it requires two toilets for young children. A kitchenet would be useful for a full day program and offer cooked meals and a space for storage both teaching supplies and potentially an office for staff to do stuff in such as meetings. Staffing

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wise currently they could go in and run two classrooms. Brittany noted that their state preschool contract is for 39 slots and there is need for additional low-income and full day child care. She does not see a problem with filling the center with both full pay and low-income families. Courtney Powell, MCCCC Coordinator, shared that a site with approximately 2,000 square feet could accommodate 57 children but that does not account for adult and teacher space. Therefore, it would be safer to say a space of 2,000 square feet could accommodate 50 children at one time. Courtney also clarified that IMACA has the most interest and capability to run the child care facility. Sandra did express that the town would hope this facility would be a full day program that is for infant, toddler and preschool age care. The problem we have seen is that there is difficulty obtaining funds to pay for full day subsidized care. At this time IMACA has confirmation from the CDE the Resource and Referral agency which is housed at IMACA cannot pay themselves essential (IMACA Preschool to pay for full day subsidized care through a funding stream that is giving to Resource and Referral. Currently the IMACA preschool in Mammoth operates the state preschool program from 8-11:30 and then from 11:30-4 it is open at a full cost care and there are currently no children enrolled. This may be related to COVID. The cost for the full cost care is \$30. When the state preschool day ends these children go home with parents or go to another child care provider. Brooke asked about applying for after school care from the state. There was some discussion that, that funding is specific to the K-12 system. Brittany shared that it is important to note that the contact with MCOE for state preschool from 3-5 year olds, therefore, a infant and toddler room would have be at full cost. IMACA has the ability to offer both a full day full cost program and a state preschool program. Danielle Dublino made a note to consider an outdoor space that is fenced in. Courtney also touched on the fact that the outdoor play space can be a play group but cannot cross any main roads for the safety of the children. Sandra remanded that the council write a letter with notes or comments to the town regarding child care and who has the interest in running the facility. They hope to apply for funding by march of 2021 and will know in the spring and hopefully start grating by summer. Sandra did express that we do have time before the building is up. Molly expressed interest in trying to build a child care facility with 5,000 square feet to accommodate the needs. Sandra did express that the 2,000-5,000 square feet would be a shared number with a community center. As a council we did express how a community center and child care center connected works well and that the IMACA Lee Vining Preschool is a great example of that. Molly encourages the town to try and access the community block grant that has been successful in other parts of the county to build a child care facility.

(Information)

- 8) Annual Self-Evaluation:** The CDE has switched to digital reporting for most of the CLPC reports. Therefore, moving forward most of my reports will be done in a survey format. CDE is still fixing the survey. However, I have include a sample of the questions for the Annual Self-Evaluation and provided examples of how I found the council to compliant or non-compliant page 49 & 50 of the packet include our statutory requirements. Please keep in mind this is a

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reflection and evaluation of the 2019-2020 FY. There was supposed to be one additional question, however, CDE has yet to release this question. I hope with your blessing I can move forward with the report. This document is due 11.15.20 then bring back a copy of what was submitted to CDE. Brooke Bien made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 LPC Annual Self Evaluation. Danielle Dublino second. All in favor (7). No discussion. Motion passed. **(Action)**

9) Meeting Schedule 2020-21 FY: 2020-21 Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule *11.19.20; 12.10.20; 1.21.21; 2.11.21; 3.18.21; 4.22.21; 5.13.21; 6.17.21 (Information)*

10) Agency Round Table: MCCCC members are given an opportunity to update the Council on what their agencies/ centers have done since the last Council meeting in regards to child care and child health and safety. **(Information)**

- **Molly DesBaillets, First 5 (Chair):** Molly shared about learning how to use zoom simultaneous interpretation and providing the best quality of interpretation for trainings. Within her agency and commission, they are grappling work around; racial, equity, diversity and inclusion. She is doing a 21-day challenge thinking deeply with both her staff, commission and other partner about how to embed equity, diversity and inclusion into everything that we do. Looking closely at number and seeing that the home visiting program is serving a greater proportion of the Latin population than there are in the county. And the play groups are less equitable 20% off compared to the county.
- **Annaliesa Calhoun, First 5 (Secretary):** For her part right now is a matter of supporting providers as they get underway in the new school year and with COVID. Trying to keep it normal as possible with observations and ASQs. One program has decide to do DRAPs since they have a smaller group of children.
- **Brittany Nelson, IMACA Staff:** The Coleville preschool has started a PM program with two kids. Mammoth only has 10 kids and Lee vining is picking up. She gave her teacher props for keeping the kids safe and with the COIVD cleaning procedures.
- **Sofia Flores, Behavioral Health (Vice-Chair):** They are focusing on giving families the supports they need at this time. They started a wellness 101 talk at the high school. They are doing a lot of zoom and virtual role since they cannot do their after school program at this time.
- **Danielle Dublino, IMACA Preschool Teacher:** Danielle shared the preschool is going great and she just finished her first round of DRDPs. She only has 5 kiddos at this time. She does have a one one-on-one aide to help a child with special needs. She also shared some exiting news that the children were able to go to the park and play today. She is running for School Board at Eastern Sierra Unified.
- **Brooke Bien, MUSD:** She will share about Husky Club and school construction. If anyone wants updates on school reopening please log on to the meeting tonight. Husky Club is up and running. They are required to serve the families and children that are qualified for free and reduces services and essential workers first. They do have a wait

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list for parents trying to get in. They are open every day from 7:30-5:30. Sandy does a great job of trying to keep our kids happy, healthy and safe. It is still held at Mammoth Middle School and will possibly stay there during the transition and construction. School construction will continue through next summer. They heavily into construction at the Elementary school. They will be working on elementary school, middle school summer and then the high school after that. They are working on timelines for the middle school and high school and will be keeping everyone in the loop regarding the timeline. Because of COVID they have been able to work on the upper grade wing of the school and scheduled to be done by Christmas break. Building D is in full construction model and they are doing the siding, windows, interior doors, carpet and paint. Then they will begin construction on the middle school by building two new classrooms.

- **Jacinda Croissant, Health Department:** Public Health update is that there has been a slow trickle of cases that have been coming in. They are still testing but along with flu clinic. All test sites and times can be found online. She has started doing the substance use project again. They have a meeting on the 4th and provide support in the community. They are trying to do a Narcan distribution so each household has Narcan in case of an overdose.
- **Courtney Powell, MCCCC Coordinator/ MCOE:** I have completed most of the advising sessions with the Workforce Pathways Stipend Program participants. There are 18 providers in Mono County Participating in WPSP. Most are working towards permit attainment and advancement and establishing a career pathway. MCOE is still working remotely for the most part. Working on a letter to the town about the parcel and child care and finalizing the strategic plan.

11) Meeting Adjourned at 2:44 PM