



## Approved Minutes

August 19, 2021

1:30PM-3:00PM

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1) **Call to Order:** Pam Heays, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM

2) **Establish Quorum:**

MCCCC Members Present (7 of 10 members):

- Pam Heays, Consumer of Child Care (*Chair*)
- Danielle Dublino, IMACA Preschool Teacher (*Vice-Chair*)
- Molly DesBaillets, First 5
- Annaliesa Calhoun, First 5
- Sofia Flores, Behavioral Health, member left the meeting at 2:49
- Brittany Nelson, IMACA Staff
- Jacinda Croissant, Health Department

MCCCC Members Absent (3 of 10 members):

- Julie Winslow, Kids Corner
- Kelly Conboy, IMACA CCC Director
- Brooke Bien, MUSD

LPC Coordinator: Courtney Powell, Mono County Office of Education

Public: Montana, No last name was provided.

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. Montana from Mammoth Lakes Hospital shared her struggles with child care in Mammoth Lakes. The comments Montana included in the chat box during the time of the meeting have been listed here; “ Just wanted to say how important it is to have more childcare available. Not only for our patients but also, we’ve had RNs have to call out due to lacking childcare, Pts have issues getting the fathers of their babies in to be a part of their birth experience because they can’t find childcare short notice. I’m an RN at



Mammoth Hospital in labor and delivery as well as in PACU at Northern Inyo Healthcare District for reference. Thank you for all your work on this important need in our community.”

- 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 separate vote on any or all of these items. The Consent Agenda consists of the discussion, consideration, and approval of the following Items: Molly Desbaillets made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Danielle Dublino second. All in favor (7). No abstentions. No discussion. Motion passes. **(Action) (pg. 2-9)**
  - A. Approval of April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes. **(pg.2-4)**
  - B. Approval of May 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes. **(pg.5-7)**
  - C. Approval of May 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes. **(pg.8)**
  - D. Members will consider renewing Brooke Bien to a two-year membership to be reappointed by the County Superintendent of Schools. **(pg.9)**
- 5) **Annual Update:** Members reviewed the CLPC Annual Update submitted to the CDE on July 19, 2021. Courtney shared that this was submitted by survey monkey to the State on July 16. This is a requirement of the CLPC contract and the coordinator highlighted what she felt the council accomplished this year. Pam Heays added that this item was originally on the June agenda for the council to see before it was submitted. However, due to the lack of quorum at the June meeting that meeting was canceled and the Coordinator has to submit to stay in compliance. **(Information) (Pg. 10-15)**
- 6) **Meeting Schedule 2021-21 FY:** Members reviewed the sample dates and times for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year and will adopt one of the meeting dates options. The coordinator shared that was some confusion about what dates and times worked for the coordinator and council members. There were two options for times and two options for days. Courtney did note that for option A, meeting time of 11:30-1:00 pm the council can allocate funds to cover the cost of a substitute teacher for the Child Care Provider membership category. This allowance can be found in the allow expenses. Courtney also shared that as the coordinator a monthly schedule works best to ensure consistency and the ability to cancel a meeting should there not be enough content for the agenda. Brittany had a clarifying question about transitioning back to in person meetings and that it would impact what time option she would pick. Option B would impact her child-care pick-up time. The coordinator did share that for the time being they will be by zoom but we can address any problems as they come up. Under the Brown Act Law there is a way to still participate by zoom or teleconference and that is for the members location to be made public on the agenda. Molly shared that she is happy to work with the 11-month meeting schedule for now but would like to monitor how effectiveness throughout the year and purse the idea of few meetings scheduled for next year. Pam Heays made a motion to adopt option A for 11:30-1:00 PM and



Plan B meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Molly Second. All in favor (7). No abstentions. No discussion. Motion passes. (*Action*) (Pg. 16)

- 7) **Budget:** Members reviewed the 2021-2022 FY Budget. After reviewing the budget, the main discussion was around ways to use the discretionary funds. The ideas presented by the coordinator were to use the funds for a county wide Facilities Needs Assessment, the Five-Years Needs Assessment or a Stakeholder summit. Danielle Dublino shared that she would like to see the county wide Facilities needs assessment at the top of that list. Council member Molly DesBaillets shared that she would like to see the facilities needs assessment and the five- year needs assessment combined to maximize funds. Molly made a motion to approve the budget with amendments to cover the cost of a substitute teacher and leave the discretionary funds as discretionary.

Danielle Dublino Second. All in favor (6). No abstentions. No discussion. Motion passes. (*Action*) (Pg. 17)

The council lost council member Jacinda Croissant but still maintained a quorum, therefore, continued conducting business.

- 8) **Strategic Plan Annual Update:** Members reviewed the annual update to the 2017-2022 MCCCC Strategic Plan and discussed areas of focus for the 2021- 2022 FY. Council member Molly DesBaillets asked about clarification for action item 4 of objective 1 regarding number of participants that obtained or advanced on the child development permit matrix. Courtney shared that off the top of her head that was 7 people that includes people from Alpine and Mono County. There was some discussion about the next steps for objective 1. Molly shared that in her experience it is hard to try to encourage people to join the early learning and care field when wages are so low. She also referenced the Child Development fair from 2018 that had a poor turn out. We then added advocacy for higher wages under next steps at possibly the state or locally. (*Information*) (Pg. 18-26)
- 9) **Gov. Budget:** Members reviewed the highlights from the Governors 2021-2022 California State Budget for Early Learning and Health: July 2021 Final Budget. The Coordinator shared that she would like to keep the following items on our radar; Universal TK (Child care birth -age 12) , 200,000 New child care slots by 2025-26. \$739 Million of one-time federal and general funds to fund 145,000 new slots in Alternative payment and general child care (CCTR) Non CSPP known as Infant and toddler care or after school care ( Husky club), \$500 incentive payment to unlicensed providers to become licensed. (Objective 1 and objective 2), \$4.8 million for Department of Social Services to lead the planning and development of a new a child care data system. (This data system was mentioned in the Master Plan Goal 4 pg. 37) and \$250M one-time infrastructure grants for facilities (Identify who can apply for this grant and promote advocacy around it for UTK and child care center-based programs). There was some discussion around the addition of child care slots and there was clarification from other council members that the additional child care slots are over the years to reach the grand total of 200,000 new slots. (*Information*) (Pg. 27-31)



**10) Facilities & Child Care:** The Coordinator shared that this agenda item is a new standing agenda item at the request of Stacey Adler the Mono County Superintendent of Schools. At each meeting members of the council will have the opportunity share information pertaining to child care birth through age 12 and facilities. Courtney did she that she has been working with Dan Holler and Pam Heays at the town of Mammoth Lakes to regrading a feasibility study and understanding what they would like to know about the child care needs. In addition, Molly DesBaillets shared an update about facilities from the First 5 throughout the years and currently. Molly shared that she has requested for some documents to be shared but they were denied by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Coordinator. She shared that it was hard for her to have these items denied and asked that it be noted only if it is deemed appropriate by the chair, vice-chair and coordinator. Pam the chair shared that these items were denied due to the lack of knowledge from the councils stand point and that we felt it would best be delivered as a verbal conversation. Molly went on to share that she had hoped to include MCCCC meeting minutes from 2018 specifically public comment from Patricia Roberts director of Mammoth Lakes Housing asking the coordinator at that time Queenie Barnard to pursue a Community Development Block Grant applicant through the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The reason she wanted this included was to establish how long this process has been going on and trying to address child care issues. She went on to share that she understanding my time as the coordinator is limited and recognize the need for members to also contribute time and effort to supporting this cause. As of today, First 5 was working with the Town on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and this was highlighted in previous meeting minutes. Today she had hoped to share a letter from First 5 Mono to the Town of Mammoth Lakes informing Town Council that Town staff had decided to not submit the CDBG application that First 5 completed. The letter included a request from the Town to create an action plan moving forward to apply for the next round of CDBG funds. Molly is seeking support from the council to access CDBG through the Town of Mammoth Lakes for facility planning. Molly shared that she intended to help the Town prepare the application to apply for facilities planning funds with the town. The goal of the facility planning is to identify a site and prepare drawings for a shovel ready project. Once this step is completed, during the next grant cycle they would then apply for the construction CDBG funds with the prerequisite met with the facilities plan in place. She shared that in her experience CDBG are a three-cycle plan; planning, construction and then operation. She did share that she is pursuing this same trifecta with the County for a facility in Walker based on the needs identified in the 2019 First 5 Needs Assessment. There were questions about how the CDBG funds could be used to help fund full day child care at the IMACA State Preschools or be used to help build out the rest of the child care facility that will be built into The Parcel Project. Molly asked that if Brittany could bring back a budget for the construction cost for the child care



location within the Parcel. Council members asked for further clarification about CBDG funds be brought back at a future meeting. (*Information*)

#### 11) Resource & Referral Updates:

- A. There were no updates from IMACA CCC, Resource and Referral. (*Information*)
- B. Courtney shared the updated Licensed Child Care Provider List. The Council asked that the child development center on the base in Coleville be added to the list and brought back to the council. (*Information*) (Pg. 32-35)

12) **Agency Round Table:** 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*)

- Sofia Flores, Behavioral Health, member left the meeting at 2:49: They were going to have an opening to the public but it has been postponed due to the Delta Variant. They are beginning to work on the wellness calendar again and it will be shared once it is ready for distribution.
- Jacinda Croissant, Health Department: They had a breast-feeding event that had a decent turn out. The WIC Director coordinated the event and would like to continue to do it yearly. She is focusing on maternal mental health and she has created some resources bags that include; how to access local resources and strategies to promote positive mental health and a free yoga class and a list to the free yoga classes. Lastly, she still has SIDS resources available pack n plays, sleep sacs and pacifiers. These resources are available to parents or child care providers that need separate safe sleep for infants.
- Brittany Nelson, IMACA Staff: They started the year out full. The Coleville program started with 12 children and 4 slots still available, Lee Vining is capping out at 6 until they can fill an aide position and Mammoth is full with 16 children until they can find another teacher. She also shared that Julie Winslow was hired as the new lead teacher of the Mammoth IMACA Preschool.
- Annaliesa Calhoun, First 5: They are getting the program year started and will have a better idea of who will be participating in the coming weeks. They are working on getting trainings in place for Professional Development.
- Molly DesBaillets, First 5: Molly shared that in relation to Jacinda's work First 5 can help fund behavioral health support for families enrolled in home visiting or come to the playgroup if they don't have insurance.
- Pam Heays, Consumer of Child Care (*Chair*): No update from the town but wanted to share her frustrations with child care. Pam shared that she has two children in child care at this time. They are



both at an in-home child care program. For their four-year-old they really wanted to get her into preschool. She called Kids Corner and was told that they were full and had a 30-person waitlist and to not bother getting on the waitlist because she will be in school before she moved up on the waitlist. They are on the wait list for Happy Hearts, IMACA full cost waitlist and the MCOE preschool didn't work because of the half day program. It is hard for a working parent to find a type of child care that works for them, when you have a provider close for a week at a time without notice, a program that follows the school district calendar, only operates on a half day program or is closed even one day of week. One additional thing is that she is struggling to understand the TK policy that does not support the youngest 4-year old's.

- Danielle Dublino, IMACA Preschool Teacher (*Vice-Chair*): She has 6 children enrolled and a few are English Language Learners. She is stuck with low hours and lack of an aide.

There was additional discussion on ways to get funding to help build out the space on the parcel for the child care. Pam suggested that members of the council can write a letter or come and share about the need for funding. Molly shared that she would participate and encourages us to do that as the CDBG application funds are a long process. Courtney will follow up with Molly and Brittany. Molly suggested that the first step might be a budget with the construction cost. Brittany shared that the location would potentially before 40 preschool kids and 12 infant toddler slots. Brittany has a meeting with the parcel in September to understand more of what they will need.

**13) Meeting Adjourned 3:11PM**