

RIVERSIDE COUNTY LOCAL CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE LPC REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:30- 11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public are invited to address the Riverside County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council regarding items listed on the agenda.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order-Dr. Davina Bailey

Chairperson Dr. Davina Bailey called the Regular Meeting of the Riverside County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC) to order at 9:33 a.m. at Riverside County Office of Education Conference Center, 4280 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, California, 92501

2. Welcome & Roll Call- Dr. Davina Bailey

Dr. Davina Bailey welcomed LPC members and the public. Roll call was taken by Kate Hamaker, LPC Coordinator. A quorum was determined.

Members Present: Dr. Davina Bailey, Andrea Del Valle, Celeste Etheridge, Shannon Gonzalez, Tammi Graham, Jill Johnson, Heidi Maldoon, Dominic Morales, Pam Robinson, Emily Phommalsack, Trudy Oliver

Members Absent: Talia McCarthy, Consuelo Painia-Victor, Kristin Symonds, Mary Hampton Charity Douglas, Noemi Maloy, Candice Morgan, Ami Paradise

Staff Present: Kate Hamaker, Executive Director, Consortium for Early Learning Services

Community Members Present: Natalie Miller, Program Specialist, CDSS/CCDD; Chris Pineda, C & M School Supply and CELS BOD Member; Lynn Stephens, Executive Assistant IV, First 5 Riverside County; Larissa Seville First 5 Riverside County; Albert Najera, Territory Manger, Kaplan School Supplies

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Items not on the agenda, 3 minutes per person, public and LPC Council members.

- Persons in the audience introduced themselves, see community members present above.
- Kate Hamaker, LPC Coordinator
 - Introduced Natalie Miller, Program Specialist, CDSS/CCDD. Natalie is our CDSS analyst for LPC and QCWPSP. Natalie shared that zip code priorities data ELNAT has not been updated since 2020. CDSS Data Department will be providing zip code priorities and their methodology. LPC's can use the data and expand upon it with local data.
 - Kate thanked LPC members for their participation on the Council for the past 18 months. A special thank you to those who participated in the Bylaws Committee including Jill Johnson, Andrea Del Valle, Pam Robinson, Tammi Graham, Trudy Oliver, Shannon Gonzalez and Celeste Etheridge. A special thank you to those who participated on the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan Committee including Charity Douglas, Andrea Del Valle, Dr. Davina

Bailey, Noemi Maloy, Charna Widby, Trudy Oliver, Pam Robinson, Jill Johnson, and Mary Hampton.

- Tammi Graham, LPC Co-Chair thanked LPC members for their participation and hopes that they will continue. Tammi also shared that she has accepted a new position with the county, Director of Integrated Health and Human Resources. She will still be involved with First 5 Riverside County.

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval October 9, 2025 LPC Special Workshop Minutes

Motion to approve October 9, 2025, LPC Special Workshop Minutes with three identified corrections made by Pam Robinson.

Motion seconded by Heidi Maldoon.

Motion approved

D. PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and Approve LPC Strategic Plan Draft-

Kate Hamaker, LPC Coordinator, introduced the Strategic Plan draft which was sent to all LPC members prior to meeting for final review. At the LPC Workshop on October 9, 2025, members divided into groups, reviewed presented Strategic Plan materials and submitted recommendations. Brion Economics made changes to the document based on recommendations. Joanne Brion, Brion Economics was available via Zoom for any questions. Minimal discussion.

Motion to approve 2026-2031 LPC Strategic Plan made by Heidi Maldoon.

Motion seconded by Shannon Gonzales.

Motion approved as amended.

2. Review and Approve Needs Assessment Final Draft

Kate Hamaker, LPC Coordinator, introduced the Needs Assessment final draft which was sent to all LPC members prior to meeting for final review. Joanne Brion, Brion Economics was available via Zoom for any questions. Minimal discussion.

Motion to approve 2025 Needs Assessment made by Trudy Oliver.

Motion seconded by Andrea Del Valle

Motion approved as amended.

Tammi Graham reported that Exhibit E of the Needs Assessment, that was approved by the LPC at the October 9, 2025 workshop,

- 14 has been signed by Dr. Gomez, RCOE Superintendent of Schools and is now with the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

E. LPC Committees Update

Legislative Public Policy-Andrea Del Valle works with the CELS BOD Advocacy and Legislative Committee, reviewed bills that have been approved, document is in the packet. Committee members will be requesting appointments with local legislators. Andrea is also working with San Bernardino LPC for legislative events. Andrea Invited LPC members to join via Zoom first Thursday of the month, 1 p.m. e-mail Andrea for link.

F. Information /Discussion Items

F1. LPC Contracts and Financial Update- Kate Hamaker, LPC Coordinator and CELS Executive Director presented Financial Update for the first quarter, the fiscal document is in packet. Dates in line 1 and 2 need to be corrected to 07/25-06/26. Kate updated the LPC on the status of contract probation. Year one has passed. All request documents have been submitted to CDSS including fiscal reports being sent on a monthly basis rather than quarterly. Natalie Miller is here to visit informally with CELS staff and LPC. She will return in March 2026, for a program review. Upon a successful review she will recommend that probation status be lifted July 2026.

F2. Contract Allowables- Per a Council members' request Kate Hamaker submitted to Council members a listing of LPC, UPK MD and WPSP contract allowables. Allowables come from Request for Funds, Program Requirements, and submitted/approved annual budgets. Complete report is in packet.

F3. UPK MD Activity- Andrea Del Valle, UPK MD Consultant. Complete report is in packet. Information included: provider meetings and other outreach activities; UPK Website-Parent Info Page; using 2025 needs assessment information for a mapping system is being constructed on website; marketing campaign with Westbound; and now working on economic study. Next UPK MD Work Group 11/20 at Regional Access Project office in Palm Desert.

F4. First 5 Riverside County-Larissa Willis Infographic in packet. Information included: Annual Agency Report distributed; drowning prevention program including finalist for Polaris Award; Early childhood oral health program; early identification and intervention workgroup reviewed results of parent survey detailing parent experiences with the EII system; Quality Start Program and Innovative Practices Conference- November 15, 2025.

F5. Riverside County Office of Education-Jill Johnson. Infographic in packet. Information included: Early Education Services enrollment update serving over 25,000 children, 22,000 in subsidized program; pulling ranks on eligibility list every 4-6 weeks; working with FFN providers to convert to licensed providers, increasing spaces; Child Care Expansion Forum 38 FFN providers attended workshop, lots of resources were available to connect them and assist them on their journey; Riverside Hybrid Alternative Payment Program stats; 31 new licensed family child care homes= 264 spaces; RCOE events included Early Math Summit and Quality Services Symposium- Outdoor Spaces. ECE Work Force Registry will end; RCOE will provide training certificates and is moving to a digital badge system.

F6. Consortium for Early Learning Services- Kate Hamaker submitted to the Council CELS staff activities for the quarter. Document is in the packet. Information included: now enrolling QCWPSP current enrollment 278 English-speaking and 145 Spanish-speaking providers; ECEWA (District 39) 78 people enrolled in professional development, 39 have received stipends; ECEWA business class graduated 24 family child care providers; CDSS update; personnel updates.

G. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned 10:44 a.m. Next Meeting: January 27, 2026, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at RCOE Conference Center, 4280 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, California

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