



LONG BEACH

Early Childhood Education Committee

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes: Friday, May 5, 2017

Location: Child Development Center

Attendance – Members: Alejandra Albarran Moses, Julie Turvey, Lindsay Gervacio, Isabel Pasillas, Kathleen Vokoun, Debi Bouwens, Nancy Hayashida, Cindy Young (Marissa Pacheco), Luanne Mauro-Atkinson, Sally Grimaldi, Tanesha Sandoz, Lindsey Evans, Connie White, Andrea Sulsona, Sarah Soriano

(Denotes Alternates in attendance as well – Agency has one vote)

Attendance – Guests: Nancy Dayne (California State University, Long Beach), Lala Zhang (Learning Genie), Karissa Selvester (Mayor’s Fund for Education)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Julie Turvey started the meeting at 11:43 a.m. and facilitated introductions.</p> <p>Luanne Mauro-Atkinson thanked the Snacks and Drinks Hostesses (Connie White, Debi Bouwens, Sally Grimaldi).</p>	
Showcase (Learning Genie)	<p>Lala Zhang presented an overview of Learning Genie. As the co-founder of Learning Genie, she and her husband developed this mobile app to support educators. Learning Genie serves more than 15,000 educators as well as over 300 school districts and agencies.</p> <p>Learning Genie initially started out as a family engagement piece. But with feedback received from educators, Learning Genie has since evolved to perform evidence-based assessments that inform individualized lesson planning which unlock students’ academic potential. Learning Genie helps teachers to organize the class so that lesson plans can be easily prepared. It also helps organize and simplify data for DRDP.</p> <p>Through Learning Genie, an Overview Dashboard is provided for agencies (and their administrators) so as to facilitate more resources and professional development (where appropriate) for teachers.</p>	

<p>Showcase (Learning Genie) [Continued]</p>	<p>Learning Genie also promotes better family engagement to continue encourage learning within the home environment. For instance, educators can share books, learning media and learning stories with parents. The Learning Genie app also serves as a reminder tool for parents, in which parents can also download this app on their own media devices. Learning Genie can work across multiple media devices (e.g., iPad, Android tablet, web-based version, etc.) to share measurable outcomes.</p> <p>Learning Genie will facilitate a one-day Certified Training Workshop at Cerritos College on May 19, 2017.</p>
<p>Secretary's Report</p>	<p>April 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed by Lindsay Gervacio. With quorum not reached at today's Committee Meeting, these meeting minutes will be presented to the Committee for approval at the next Committee Meeting.</p>
<p>Fiscal Sponsor Update</p>	<p>Luanne shared that two entities were under consideration for the Committee's replacement fiscal sponsor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) PHFE – Note: PHFE started doing fiscal sponsorships for medical organizations (2) EduKate – Note: This entity also owns Un Mundo de Amigos <p>The Executive Board will review these options and bring back information to the Committee. To note, the Committee's strategic planning process may also help drive this process of consideration, in which more information will be forthcoming.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Sarah Soriano reviewed February 2017 Financials. With quorum not reached at today's Committee Meeting, this report will be presented to the Committee for approval at the next Committee Meeting.</p>
<p>Update on Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Alejandra Albarran Moses presented updates on the Strategic Plan. Pacific Gateway has agreed to take on preparing the RFQ, which will be ready for dissemination by June 2017. (Per Karissa Selvester, Pacific Gateway would like to attend the Executive Board Meeting on June 8.)</p> <p>During May 2017, small group discussions will ensue on how the Committee can position itself within the larger plan. The first meeting in this series of small group discussions will take place on May 18. If interested in participating in these meetings, please contact Alejandra. To note, the Strategic Plan will be housed within the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and held with Alejandra, the Early Childhood Education Coordinator. Any and all input is invited at this point.</p>

<p>Week of the Young Child (April 24-28)</p>	<p>Luanne thanked Karissa for her follow through on the Proclamation that was presented at the City Council Meeting on May 2. Per Andrea Sulsona, the presentation went well. Julie also thanked those who attended and represented the Committee at this City Council Meeting.</p> <p>Luanne invited Committee Members to share what activities were completed during the Week of the Young Child so as to help inspire ideas for the following year (including city-wide activities). For Young Horizons, Sarah Soriano shared that the banners were a hit with the teachers, parents, and children. Lindsey Evans shared the different activities completed by Un Mundo de Amigos (e.g., Pajama Day, Backwards Day, etc.). Luanne also shared that Head Start facilitated a “Work Together Wednesday,” in which collaborative learning occurred to help children prepare for Common Core and kindergarten.</p>
<p>Work Group Updates</p>	<p>Public Policy and Education: Julie announced that the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services would like to continue implementing some of the Best Start Central Long Beach Learning By Doing activities for the 2017-2018 project period. During this time, there will be one Early Learning Festival in Spring 2018, as efforts will focus on the Parent Leadership Academy in Fall 2017. Danielle Sees will submit on May 8, 2017 this proposal for refunding. Julie solicited questions and feedback from Committee Members on these proposed activities for follow-up with Danielle.</p> <p>Andrea Sulsona also shared that there was cost savings from the last event, which will be utilized towards purchasing books for the upcoming Early Learning Symposium.</p> <p>Marketing and Outreach: Julie announced that one agency purchased a banner, with more banners to be ordered. In addition to Christina Boatwright providing support, Sue Reveche will be kept on board as the Media and Design Consultant.</p> <p>Connie shared that a presentation template will be completed. With the strategic planning process moving along, she invited Committee Members to think of individuals who may be a good fit for the Marketing and Outreach Work Group (as well as prospective collaborative partners). There will be the need to present on the Committee’s efforts at community meetings.</p> <p>Developing Resources: Luanne announced that this is the last time this Work Group will be listed on the agenda as this Work Group has been in limbo for quite some time and currently does not serve a purpose.</p>

**Work Group
Updates
(Continued)**

Enhancing Quality: Sally shared that the Work Group is consulting with two individuals about facilitating workshops on challenging behaviors. While a rough outline is in place, the two proposals are forthcoming.

Kindergarten Festivals: Sarah shared that dates have been scheduled for Kindergarten Festivals 2017-2018 and will be confirmed later. While the Work Group will reconvene meeting in September 2017, the date for the Board Presentation is yet to be finalized.

Sarah would like to revisit evaluating the purpose of Kindergarten Festivals, especially as more than 12 years have passed since the first series of Kindergarten Festivals – Are these events doing what they are meant to be doing (especially under the leadership of the Committee)? She would like this to be addressed in the Committee’s Strategic Plan. Sarah affirmed that while feedback is encouraged from parents, this has not necessarily been the case from agencies, etc.

Symposium: With 29-30 exhibitors confirmed thus far, Cindy Young shared that there are still some openings. The Planning Committee is still working on obtaining additional sponsors, in which Cindy acknowledged the incredible support received from Committee Members. Cindy encouraged Committee Members to continue promoting this event, with Alejandra also sharing that additional volunteers are welcomed.

ECE Coordinator: On behalf of Christina, Alejandra informed individuals to contact Christina if they are interested in participating in the strategic planning process. Additionally, Alejandra announced that she met with the ECE Coordinators from Pasadena, Santa Monica so as to support each other’s efforts and continue relationship building.

Strengthening Working Families Grant: Per Alejandra, a meeting was facilitated with (home-based) child care providers to present to them the plan and its requirements. While there was the initial concern that the requirements may be too much, this concern was not mirrored by the providers. Another provider meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, May 23, 2017. If Committee Members know of any in-home providers who may be interested, please have them follow-up with Alejandra. Per Alejandra, the team will move forward with obtaining applicants.

<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Per Julie, ChildNet will be offering six-week parenting classes for parents of teenagers (ages 13-17) at ChildNet (5150 East Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach) starting May 18, 2017 and running Thursdays from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at no cost (and with no insurance requirements). These parenting classes are six weeks in duration and follow the Active Parenting evidence-based program model. Julie will send out the informational flyer.</p> <p>Sarah shared that most of the state-funded contractors on the Committee are part of CCDA, with Long Beach having a healthy representation in the CCDA. On May 19, 2017, there will be a meeting to discuss the Governor’s May Revise Budget at The Reef (9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.) – i.e., \$60 for non-members and \$45 for members. If interested in attending, please see Sarah for more information. Changes will occur to the Permit Matrix that impact teacher qualifications – Sarah will continue to keep us posted on this.</p> <p>Luanne announced that the next Executive Board Meeting will be on May 11, 2017 at Head Start (9:00-11:00 a.m.) with a presentation to start promptly at 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>Luanne also confirmed that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2017 at the Miller Family Health Education Center. The Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK) will facilitate the Showcase presentation, with Lindsey Evans as the Snacks Hostess, and Sherita Clemons as the Drinks Hostess.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjournment was made at 1:01 p.m.</p>