

## SRJC CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FALL 2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Friday November 22, 2024

**Time:** 12:30-2:00PM

**Location:** Call Center Room 3862 or Zoom

**Facilitator:** Melanie Dodson & Alice Hampton

**Attendees:** Leslie Cisneros Corrales, Renee Whitlock-Hemsouvanh, Kathy Kelly, Milagros Ott, Paige Newton, Erica Vuong Proxy for Liz DePrimo, Jennifer Allen. Maleese Warner, Jasmin Demil, Mackenzie Galindo, Elita Virmani, Margarita Gonzalez-Jordan, Barbara Barajas

The meeting was called to order at 12:32pm by Melanie Dodson. A quorum was present, with 7 out of 15 members in attendance.

### **1. May 2024 Meeting Minutes approved**

1<sup>st</sup>: Melanie

2<sup>nd</sup>: Leslie

Meeting Minutes Approved.

### **2. Apprenticeship program overview and updates**

- a. Associate Teacher apprentices are done and a lot of them moved on to the Teacher certificate. Next cohort starts in January. Trying to cap cohorts to 10-12 apprentices. Worksites are grateful for having apprentices in their centers. It has been a great experience for centers and the apprentices.

### **3. SRJC Dual Enrollment classes and partnerships**

- a. Pre- apprenticeship program is starting to develop. Working on partnering with high schools to get the pre-apprenticeship program where high school students can enroll in child 10 and child 51 while in high school.
- b. 4 high schools that are participating in dual enrollment, Elsie Ellen, Cloverdale, Windsor, and Casa Grande in Petaluma.

### **4. Legislative and Policy updates; Sonoma County Measure I**

- a. They are now accepting committee application. 12 people are designated. For people representing different parts of the industry. First 5 wants to integrate Measure I into their strategic plan. \$30 Million a year in perpetuity. Intention of measure is to increase wages of Teachers in ECE field. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the

effective date and January 29<sup>th</sup> will be on the board of supervisors. BOS will allocate the dollars and funds would be transferred in July.

**5. Announcements:**

- a. Programs are noticing
    - i. Higher increase in children who need IEP's, Referrals for speech support, the effects of screens on children, the impact Covid had on the children, and Increases of challenging behaviors. We are hoping to get support from SCOE to support centers with IEPs and IFSPs. Community Health workers are now at some clinics and are helping with referrals.
  - b. Elementary educators emphasized the need for children to have social skills and social emotional readiness.
  - c. First five updates- So co workforce study w/ CTE for Child care workforce. [SEE attached document shared by Leslie @ First 5.](#)
  - d. Pathways program is working with another organization EETD and they got more money to support ECE students. They have 3 categories for funding: Category 1 ECE students working in a child care setting, category 2 for friend, family, neighbor providers, and category 3 is for teachers and teacher aid participant working in a school district. As of now there is no deadline to apply.
    - i. Applications are still open. Guidelines are:
      - 1. Enrolled in classes at JC to get permit
      - 2. Working in a child care center program or FCC
      - 3. Working 15 + hours a week.
  - e. Immigration clinic on the 24<sup>th</sup>. January 5, 12.
  - f. Child Development classes are posted. Special Ed class part one in Fall and part 2 will be Offred in the Spring 25. Also, a new class being offered in Spring 25, "Helping children through stress and loss and Trauma.
  - g. SRJC has unpartnered with 4cs on the wright site.
  - h. Suggestion to offer CLASS & Class Environment course.
    - i. It could be a non-credit course
    - ii. 4cs child care initiative project still going strong. No-credit classes.
6. Meeting adjourned 2:00PM