

Minutes for Humboldt County LCCPC

October 8, 2025

Humboldt County Office of Education 520 E Street

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance: Julia Anderson, Jeanine Canedo- Moncrief, Autumn Jimenez, Darius Kalvaitis, Star Mohatt, Kelly Love, Rodney Oien and Carol West..

Council Members Absent: None

Staff present: Judi Andersen

Guests: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 pm

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS: None

3.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA: None

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 Darius Kalvaitis made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting, Carol West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Judi announced that Amaranth Consulting would like to come speak to the LPC at their next meeting to talk about the feasibility study that they are doing for the county on a child care center for employees. The LPC members would like to give them as data and information. Rodney wanted to thank everyone that came out to Pastels on the Plaza and made it such a successful event. It went really well. Jeanine announced that on Friday October 10th Changing Tides Family Services would be celebrating 50 years of serving children and families in Humboldt County at Sequoia Conference Center. Tickets are still available.

6.0 ACTION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6.1 Discussion: Needs Assessment Criteria: The LPC needs to do a Needs Assessment this fiscal year and has money set aside to accomplish this. We would like to get the word out for bids as soon as possible. CDSS has not approved or released the new template so we don't know what data will be collected and in what format. In addition to what they require on the template we would like to collect additional data to make our needs assessment more useful to our community. Some additional factors that would be useful to include are: data collected by high school catchment areas, look at longitudinal data to identify trends and changes. Schools providing afterschool care, number of children accessing T/K programs. Identifying child care deserts, Identifying gaps

in service (i.e. school breaks). Some areas that data might be found: Head Start reports, Parks and Rec departments, Annual portfolio, CDE, R and R.

- 6.2 UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Update: The group met on September 22nd and did the final edits to the infographic and website and talked through the strategy to get the information out to parents and families of children needing information to make informed decisions about their children's care and education. It was decided that we need should put the most effort into this campaign during two periods, November through January and then again in the summer. There were lots of great ideas brainstormed about how we get the information out there to all areas of the county. Tuesday Judi, Katey and Erica met with the communications center to see what they could put together and they are putting together a proposal and we will determine what additional outreach we will be doing beyond what they can do for us.
- 6.3 State and Federal Budget Updates: The union agreement has been signed, which in theory means that work on rate reform can go forward. For now we are still in a hold harmless model until further notice. At the federal level we have a government shutdown and most programs locally are still able to run the Head Start in Hoopa furloughed their staff. We do not yet know where the final budget numbers will fall in terms of child care funding.
- 6.4 Updates: QCC application deadline was last Friday and we received more applications than we have spots for in Pathways and QIG, had to do a lottery and some were offered spots in IMPACT, will know more when everyone gets back to Star with their acceptances. CSPP QRIS had 11 programs apply. Annual Program Report was submitted. Judi and Katey have been working on the annual data report for the UPK MD and will submit it prior to the end of the month. Jeanine and Judi will get together to prepare the annual review for LPC prior to our next meeting.
- 7.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Discussion with Amaranth Consulting regarding feasibility study, annual review, State and Federal budget updates, general updates, UPK MD update.
- 8.0 Adjournment: 6:18pm

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Andersen