

Minutes for Humboldt County LCCPC (Informal)

September 10, 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 and Rodney Oien.

Council Members Absent: Carol West

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 May 14, 2025 Star Mohatt seconded the motion.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT/BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT: Changing Tides is inviting everyone with a licensed center or home to come talk to the advocate on September 10th and 11th 6 pm at the Sequoia Conference Center. Star: New playgroup grant cycle started, and is cut in half from the previous cycle because of reduced funding. Help Me Grow Program launched which is a helpline for parents and can connect them to resources. Autumn let everyone know that the provision that would require everyone to work in order to qualify for benefits is being put on hold while it is working through the courts.

6.0 ACTION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6.1 Discussion: Planning for new funding realities: Things that are already happening: programs have been moving toward serving younger children, looking at unbundling funding because of disparate requirements. Examining how to serve more children with the funding we have and looking at the disparity between what is offered and what families need. We hope to do a needs assessment this fiscal year and look at some of where those needs are. The idea of not funding things with sin taxes came up and we need a dedicated funding stream for early childhood education efforts.

- 6.2 Communicable Diseases in Childcare: This topic came about because of a measles outbreak earlier this year and a presentation was given to administration and leadership about how to approach this topic. There currently isn't an outbreak happening in California, but immunization rates are declining and there is a lot of mistrust and misinformation circulating. All California schools and licensed child care programs still have all the same vaccine requirements for staff and children in place
- 6.3 State and Federal Budget Updates: Rate reform is still in progress, but in the meantime programs are still being allowed to be funded based on enrollment not attendance. Head Start has been impacted by consolidation of regions, still currently funded, waiting anxiously to see how the new budget or a government shutdown would affect funding. The proposal is currently for flat funding while the need is for increased funding, simply to keep up with inflation. Coming out of covid programs were all were underenrolled and at risk of losing their funding, Autumn said they have submitted a change in scope in order to adjust their numbers and make enrollment but has not heard back. Rodney did the same thing in the Spring. At the State level actuals for taxes are coming in far less than what was projected. This may mean mid-year cuts are a possibility.
- 6.4 Rate Reform: Still no new information has been released, but the CCPU has an agreement which it is likely the Governor will sign, once that is put in place we expect to hear more about rate reform. In the meantime we are operating under hold harmless.
- 6.5 Updates: There are already 60 applicants for QCC and the deadline to apply is September 26th and an application is required for everyone including centers that have participated in previous years. There has been a new monitoring tool released for LPC's which they will use when they come out and review us, it is basically what we already do. We are going to do a Needs Assessment this year, still working out how much we can spend on it.
- 7.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: State and Federal budget updates, general updates, Needs Assessment criteria along with conversation about community need, UPK MD update.
- 8.0 Adjournment: 6:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Andersen