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January 18, 2021

Lassen County Board of Supervisors
220 S Lassen St. #4
Susanville, CA 96130

Dear Supervisors,

With the implementation of the Welfare Reform legislation, AB 1542, it is required that a Child Care Planning Council be implemented on a formal basis in each county. Section 84993(b) of AB 1542 state the County of Board of Supervisors and County Superintendents of Schools shall certify the members of the Local Child Care Planning Council.

In 1991, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors and the Lassen County Board of Education approved both a joint resolution and a member roster with regard to the Child Care Planning Council relative to a Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant. The Council has been operating since that time and has actively worked in the development of child care services and has completed a needs assessment in 2018.

AB 1542 allows for designation of the local planning council; providing the required membership category designations. To that end, the Lassen Child Care Planning Council is submitting an updated Certification Statement of the Lassen County Local Child Care Planning Council Composition for consideration of approval by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Jodi Neuenschwander
Local Planning Council Coordinator

Lassen County
Child Care Planning Council
Strategic Plan

2020 – 2025

Prepared for:

Lassen Child Care Planning Council
Lassen County Office of Education
Child and Family Resources
472-013 Johnstonville Road, North
Susanville, Ca 96130
(530) 257-9781

July 1,2020

LASSEN CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME: The Lassen Local Child Care Planning Council shall be referred to hereafter in this document as the “LPC”. The LPC is operated as a program of Lassen Child & Family Resources, a division of the Lassen County Office of Education.

ARTICLE II – AUTHORITY: The LPC was formed in June of 1991 by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors and the Lassen County Office of Education. This was done in accordance with the State Law established by Assembly Bill 2141 that encouraged the formation of county level Child Care Planning Councils.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND DUTIES: The purpose of the LPC shall be to plan for, coordinate and advocate for child care programs and services county wide. The Mission Statement of the LPC is “To provide leadership and assistance in the establishment and support of quality child care by:

- *Supporting* quality child development programs and quality relationships in a child’s life
- *Assisting in the expansion and development of child care programs*
- *Serving as a focal point for community support of child care*
- *Supporting and enhancing the training and recruitment of child care professionals”*

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP: The LPC Program Coordinator and LPC Chairperson shall make every effort to ensure the composition of the LPC represents the demographics of the County as a whole. Membership consists of approximately 10 active permanent members, and meets the membership requirement categories as established by the California Department of Education; “*Composition of LPC Membership*”. The membership roster will be submitted to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors and the Lassen County Superintendent of Schools according to California Department of Education requirements.

ARTICLE V – ATTENDANCE: If three consecutive regular meetings are missed by members without notice, the LPC Coordinator or the LPC Chairperson shall contact them to determine their continued interest, and recommend that they be replaced if appropriate. All changes in LPC membership will be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS: The LPC shall meet monthly with the exceptions of July and December. Regular meeting dates may be changed if the membership agrees that there is a more suitable time for the LPC meetings. All meetings and minutes of prior meetings shall be open and available to the public.

ARTICLE VII – QUORUM: A quorum shall consist of members present and participating in a noticed meeting, but not less than five (5) members.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Local Lassen Child Care Planning Council is to provide leadership and assistance in the establishment and support of quality child care by:

- ❖ Supporting quality child development programs and quality relationships in a child's life
- ❖ Assisting in the expansion and development of child care programs
- ❖ Serving as a focal point for community support of child care
- ❖ Supporting and enhancing the training and recruitment of child care professionals

Lassen Planning Council Membership Composition

20% Consumers:

Jamie Schultze - Parent
Ashley Gutierrez – Parent

20% Child Care Providers:

Tambra Bowles-Leap Ahead Learning Center
James Hall – LCOE After School Program

20% Public Agency Representative:

Ronda Hall- Lassen County Public Health
Wendy Jacobs- Head Start

20% Community Representatives:

Phoebe Freeman – Quality Counts
Brenda Poteete- Head Start

20% Discretionary Appointees:

Melissa Rojas- Child and Family Resources

Child Care Information

The following statistics are current as of June 2020:

- There are currently 628 available child care slots in Lassen County.
 - 121 designated School-age
 - 283 designated Preschool
 - 72 designated Infant & Toddler
 - 221 designated After School
- There are currently 442 year round available child care slots in Lassen County at Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes
- There are 166 available child care slots in Family Child Care (FCC) in 15 active homes.
 - 8 active licensed large family homes (12 - 14 children)
 - 7 active licensed small family homes (6 - 8 children)
 - 5 offer possible care for non-traditional hours
- Lassen County's economic base is correctional officers for the three working prisons and the employees that maintain forests in the Lassen and Plumas Districts.
- The decrease in budget funding for child care and child care institutions Lassen County, of the State of California, and the United States of America has impacted the families in Lassen County greatly.
- The rural setting and vast distances between the communities of Lassen County present barriers for obtaining employment and child care services, especially in South County and Westwood.
- There is a need for child care during non-traditional hours of care, including extended hours, overnight, and weekends due to the fact that the economic base requires traditional and non-traditional hours of child care for employed families.
- There is a need for more infant and toddler child care.

❖ Information from the *Network Child Care Portfolio 2013* and Lassen Child and Family Resources

Priorities for 2020-2025

1. A need for more child care slots available for infants and toddlers.
2. A need for more child care slots available during non-traditional hours, evening, overnight, and weekend.
3. A need for more child care slots available in the outlying areas, out of Susanville, in Lassen County.
4. Support and maintain the information of the Lassen Planning Council at the Child and Family Resources Website as funding allows.
5. Support a Community Resource Directory maintained by Lassen County Public Health Department.
6. Provide professional learning opportunities and resources to child care providers to enhance the quality of child care programs.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT REGARDING COMPOSITION OF LPC MEMBERSHIP

Due Annually on January 20

Return to: lpc@dss.ca.gov

County Name: Lassen County

County LPC Coordinator: Jodi Neuenschwander

Coordinator Email: jneuenschwander@lcoe.org

Membership Categories:

20% Consumers (Defined as a parent or person who receives, or who has received within the past 36 months, child care services.)

Name of Representative: Jamie Schultze (Parent)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

699 Old Archery Road, Susanville, CA 96130, 530-249-5714

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: Ashley Gutierrez (Parent)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

616 Ash Street, Westwood, CA 96137, 530-250-5349

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: VACANT

Representative Address/ Telephone Number: _____ -

Appointment Date and Duration: _____

20% Child Care providers (Defined as a person who provides child care services or represents persons who provide child care services.)

Name of Representative: Tambra Bowles (Leap Ahead Learning Center)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

1200 Paiute Lane, Susanville, CA, 530-252-6100

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: James Hall (LCOE- After School Program)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

472-013 Johnstonville Road N., Susanville, CA 96130 530-257-2196

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: VACANT

Representative Address/ Telephone Number: _____ -

Appointment Date and Duration: _____

20% Public Agency Representative (Defined as a person who represents a city, county, or local education agency.)

Name of Representative: Ronda Hall (Lassen County Public Health)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

1445 Paul Bunyan, Suite B, Susanville, CA, 530-251-2461

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: Wendy Jacobs (Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

710-400 Willow Street, Susanville, CA 96130, 530-257-7530

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: VACANT

Representative Address/ Telephone Number: _____ -

Appointment Date and Duration: _____

20% Community Representative (Defined as a person who represents an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services, or who advocates for child care services through participation in civic or community-based organizations but is not a child care provider or CDE funded agency representative.)

Name of Representative: Phoebe Freeman (Quality Counts California)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

472-013 Johnstonville Road N., Susanville, CA 96130, 530-250-5055

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: Brenda Poteete (Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

65 N. Union Street, Susanville, CA 96130, 530-257-1206 x 1001

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: VACANT

Representative Address/ Telephone Number: _____ -

Appointment Date and Duration: _____

20% Discretionary Appointees (Appointed from any of the above categories or outside of these categories at the discretion of the appointing agencies.)

Name of Representative: Melissa Rojas (Lassen County Child and Family Resources)

Representative Address/ Telephone Number:

472-013 Johnstonville Road N., Susanville, CA 96130, 530-250-5055

Appointment Date and Duration: Appointed 11/19/2020-11/19/2022

Name of Representative: VACANT

Representative Address/ Telephone Number: _____ -

Appointment Date and Duration: _____

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Representative Address/ Telephone Number: _____ -

Appointment Date and Duration: _____

Authorized Signatures

We hereby verify as the authorized representatives of the county board of supervisors (CBS), the county superintendent of schools (CSS), and the Local Child Care and Development Planning Council (LPC) chairperson that as of _____, the above identified individuals meet the council representation categories as mandated in AB 131 (Chapter 116, Statutes 2021; Welfare and Institutions Code Section 260). Further, the CBS, CSS, and LPC chairperson verify that a good faith effort has been made by the appointing agencies to ensure that the ethnic, racial, and geographic composition of the LPC is reflective of the population of the county.

Authorized Representative – County Board of Supervisors

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Authorized Representative – County Superintendent of Schools

Signature: Patricia A. Gunderson

Phone Number: 530-257-2196

Date: 12-10-21

Local Child Care Planning Council Chairperson

Signature: Jodi Greenschneider

Phone Number: 530-251-8133

Date: 12-7-21