



## Meeting Highlights

### Quality Matters Consortium Meeting

FIRST 5 Santa Clara County  
4000 Moorpark Avenue, Suite 200 San Jose, CA 95117

**April 20, 2017**  
**10:00am - 4:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** **Please add from list**

Alicia Sarellano, FIRST 5 Santa Clara; Maria Davis Associated Students SJSU; Deyanira Hurtado Catholic Charities; Saul Gonzalez, Catholic Charities; Otila Angel, Child Development, Inc.; Ollia Yenikomshian, Children's Pre-School Center; Naoko Harada, De Anza College CDC; Alissa Ingram, FIRST 5 Santa Clara ; Minerva Sarellano, FIRST 5 Santa Clara; Nereyda Hurtado, Grail Family Services; Mark Lopez, Healthier Kids Foundation; Lorna Knight, Kidango; Kim Sato, Kldango, Inc.; Michael Garcia, LPC Santa Clara County; Ana M. Trujillo, Santa Clara Co Office if Education Santa Clara COE; Matthew Tinsley, Santa Clara County Office of Education; Don Bolce, Santa Clara County Office of Education - State Preschool; Barbara Carmody; SCCOE; Linda Cochran, SCCOE; Angela Jones, SJB Child Development Centers; Sheryll Ebbs, SJB CDC; Claudia Paterson, SJUSD; Esmeralda Rosales, SJUSD Young Families Program; Ilene Hertz, WestEd; Jennifer Mayman, WestEd

**Facilitated by:** Nicole Tanner, VIVA Strategy + Communications, Laura Demaree and Melissa Hong, FIRST 5 Santa Clara

**Welcome & Introductions:** Nicole Tanner, welcomed the group, reviewed the agenda and objectives for the day including:

- Deliver State & Regional QRIS Updates to the local consortium
- Provide Quality Matters Progress & Updates
- Build Connections to Systems to Support Quality
- Engage Consortium members to Become Trauma Informed

Attendees shared one person or experience that gave them grit or resilience.

**Local ECE News:** Laura Demaree shared an update on the Board Referral for Universal Access to Quality Child Care, Education, and Health Care from Birth to Age 8. During President Cortese's 2017 State of the County address, he asked Supervisor Yeager, Chair of the First 5 Commission, to "strengthen, scale, and develop new investment strategies in early learning and development." Prioritizing access to early

learning and health systems through a Whole Child Approach will eliminate barriers and support the healthy development of children within the county. Potential next steps include:

- A pilot program involving a school site or school district and other institutions with the goal of providing comprehensive health care, quality early learning, and quality child care from birth to age 8; and
- An evaluation of the feasibility, costs, and actions needed to provide all County residents with universal access to comprehensive health care, quality early learning, and child care from birth to age 8.

**State & Regional QRIS Updates:** Laura Demaree opened with the Read, Talk Sing, Smarter Birds video and she and Melissa Hong provided state QRIS updates:

**Title 5 regulations update: Staff is still seeking input from stakeholders; Includes public comment period and already received over 600 e-mails. Info at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/ce/dsprogram.asp>**

**Early Childhood Education in 2017-18 Governor's Budget:** There is a pause on rate increases and slots, CSPP and Transitional Kindergarten alignment. California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Expansion Request for Authorization (RFA Round 3): we do not anticipate new slots for LEAs in the proposed budget. Application Due Date April 25, 2017

**Statewide QRIS Communications Workgroup:** Branding, including a logo and tagline for a statewide brand for QRIS, is being tested with parents and providers in regional hubs in April. Logos being tested can be seen in the PPT.

**Continuous Quality Improvement Pathways Workgroup:** The Pathways Tools and Resources document has been updated to include information on the Program for Infant/Toddler Care and Program Assessment Rating Scale (PITC/PARS), and the new Family Engagement and Culture publication.

**Evaluation Workgroup:** The Evaluation workgroup is currently working on a multi-level, multi-stage evaluation with a Coffman framework that will include studying the QRIS at three levels: local, regional, statewide, and how those three interplay with each other. For each of the three levels, the workgroup is looking at inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes. There will be multiple sources of data including: Common Data File, Consortia Annual Performance Report (APR), Hub APR, Partner Survey, and External Evaluation. The first step will be a statewide landscape. The second step will be to move into outcomes (child, family, and program) with the external evaluator. The Common Data File will be used to report to stakeholders and funders such as Legislative Analyst's Office, DOF, legislature, CDE, and the F5CA Commission. The workgroup is currently working on confirming minimum data fields and an optional common data collection tool to gather information from sites for statewide reporting.

**Rating Matrix Workgroup:** The Rating workgroup is looking at short-term changes (e.g., language clarifications, adding ratio/group size into Family Child Care rating) and long-term changes (e.g., require more research and cross workgroup discussion, such as adding a family engagement element). And

changes will be shared with the Consortium and will be posted on the CA-QRIS webpage [http://www.ccfca.gov/programs/programs\\_ca-qris.html](http://www.ccfca.gov/programs/programs_ca-qris.html), with a new color distinguishing it as a new version.

**Common Data Elements:** Melissa reviewed updates on the Common Data Files that ties to what needs to be collected and submitted to the state. She shared that the final version of the data fields was released on 4/18 and that this included both required and optional fields (see PPT), but that it was expected that the optional fields would soon be required and that it made sense to begin assume that these would be collected.

### **Quality Matters Progress & Updates**

**iPinwheel:** Melissa provided an update on the new data system, iPinwheel that will be used for QRIS data. The rollout of the system has included demonstrations in February and March. Next steps include additional training, data migration including: agency, site sessions, assessments, QIP, coaching and other data. Going forward there are QRIS staff trainings set for May 8 & 9 and then additional trainings and customizations. Melissa shared the results of a survey conducted of agencies that are participating in QRIS to share information about their current data system usage, as well as their first impressions of iPinwheel. Individuals had shared both some of the challenges of the system and positive impressions of iPinwheel and its capabilities.

Following the updates there were questions and discussions about how best to roll out iPinwheel training and support. There were an interest in having multiple options for agencies including in-person, virtual and video options, as well as longer more comprehensive and shorter options focused on specific components of the system. Next steps will include First 5 putting together a training plan and calendar for the coming months with a variety of options for participants.

### **Buildings Connections to Support Quality**

One of the important priorities for the Consortium is to foster information and connections between QRIS sites and other community resources. There were presentations on both KidConnections and the Warmline.

**KidConnections:** Lisa Zazworsky presented the quarterly evaluation report for KidConnections. This highlighted utilization, demographics of participants and outcomes for children and families. (See PPT). KidConnection serves as an important resource for early identification and getting children connected to support for developmental concerns.

**Warmline:** Kathy Wahl, the Director of the Inclusion Collaborative presented information on the Warmline, which can be resource for ECE agencies that are implementing inclusion in their programs, that have questions regarding challenging behaviors and that need referrals for parents. See PPT and <http://www.sccoe.org/depts/students/inclusion-collaborative/Pages/warmline.aspx>

### **News Impacting Quality Early Learning:**

**Legislative Updates:** Michael Garcia provided an update on legislation including that child care is being heard in a number of Assembly and more hearings will be coming up in the coming weeks. Michael has been involved in the child care pilot subsidy bills AB 258, 300, 377, & 435. This ties to Santa Clara County's plan to develop a local child care subsidy plan that would be more responsive to the local needs of families and ideally increase utilization of subsidies that are available. See information at: <http://files.constantcontact.com/dc6b88ab001/d2f1fa98-91e0-4359-b638-a89c4dc6d630.pdf> The May Review will determine where things stand for child care and for quality improvement funding. Michael noted upcoming events include: May 22: Advancement Project Water Cooler, May 23: Strong Start Advocacy Day, May 24: CAEYC Early Learning Advocacy Day & CA Child Care Coordinators Association (Mtg. w/CDE)

**Trauma Informed Systems (TIS) 101 Training:** The afternoon was a training on trauma informed care. See attached PPT.