



S A N T A M O N I C A
Child Care & Early Education Task Force

May 16, 2007
Mt. Olive Preschool

Our Vision

The vision of the Task Force is to ensure that all families who live, work or attend school in Santa Monica have access to affordable, high quality child care and early education, and that those who provide these services are appropriately educated and compensated.

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Marilyn Graves convened the meeting at 12:00 noon.
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes** – *Linda Gordon moved to accept the minutes from March 21, 2007 and April 18, 2007. Kabretta Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.*
3. **Review of Proposed 2007-10 Community Development Program (CD) Recommendations** - Julie Rusk, Human Services Division Manager presented on the CD program beginning with an explanation of the current CD program and the City investment to address human services within the city including the level of subsidies towards facilities. She reviewed the City funding rationale and process to review the proposals that resulted in the recommendations. Following, Rusk focused review on the funding recommendations in the areas of early childhood and youth services. Task Force members expressed their support and thanks for funding Family Service of Santa Monica for a new violence prevention and early mental health consultation program. Members expressed their concerns about the recommendation to not fund Family Service of Santa Monica for the Case Manager in the Cal Safe Teen Parent Program.

Motion to approve that the Task Force Public Policy Work Group provide testimony at the May 24, 2007 City Council Budget Study Session asking Councilmembers to identify funding and continue their support for mental health counseling and case management to teen parents and their children. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Update Civic Center - SMC Child Development Center** – Tabled, No new information at this time.
5. **Status of SMMUSD offering full-day child care** – Judy Abdo reported that everything is moving ahead to open the JAMS site in July. They will do some repairs to the building but the children will be move to another site during that time period. They are starting to work with parents and staff to assist them with the transition.
6. **Selection of a nominations committee for Chair/Co-Chair** – The following SMCCEETF

members agreed to meet and develop a slate for FY 2007-08 Chair/Co-Chair: Betsy Hiteshew, Marilyn Graves and Jenny Trickey. Meeting may be by phone conference. If anyone from the TF wants to join this group, please let one of the members know.

Thank you to Marilyn Graves for stepping in to chair this Task Force meeting.

Next meeting at Mt. Olive on June 20th and includes annual end-of-the-year potluck.