



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, May 9, 2018
 10:30am-12:30pm
 2227 Capricorn Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95407
 Santa Rosa Conference Room

Attendees (listed alphabetically)

Angie Dillon-Shore, First 5
 Brandy Evans, Goodwill Industries
 Elece Hempel, Petaluma People Services Center
 Jennifer Traumann, Child Support Services
 Jim Nantell, Regional Parks
 John Hartwig, Information Systems Department
 Karin Demarest, Community Foundation
 Kathleen Kane, Public Defender
 Karen Shimizu, Catholic Charities
 Lisa Wittke Schaffner, John Jordan Foundation
 Mike Kalhoff, United Way of the Wine Country

Rob Halverson, Probation Department
 Soledad Figueroa, River to Coast Children's Services
 Shirlee Zane, Board of Supervisors

Staff:

Joni Thacher, Project Staff
 Holly White-Wolfe, Project Staff
 Kellie Noe, Project Staff
 Nisaa Kirtman, Project Staff
 Oscar Chavez, Project Staff

Topic	Discussion	Decision	Next Steps
Welcome, Introductions, agenda, minutes – ACTION ITEM	Oscar welcomed the policy committee and reviewed the agenda. Kathleen made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Mike seconded. Meeting minutes approved.	Meeting minutes approved	None
Upstream Investments Impact Report	Oscar introduced Marla Stuart to present the results of her dissertation. She researched Upstream for her dissertation and reported on the effects Upstream is having in Sonoma County.	None	None
Technical Assistance Update	Kellie and Joni provided an update on our new training and technical assistance model. Elece and Rob commented that it will be important to provide trainings on how and why to select an evidence-based practice as well as how to implement with fidelity.	None	None
Contracts Ad Hoc Committee	Oscar reviewed the recommendations from the contracts focus group that has been meeting for the last year. Recommendations:	None	Contracts workgroup will reconvene in

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map contracts by geography and priority area 2. Evaluate language for the County-wide common RFP template 3. Develop a common outcome reporting template 4. Review challenges with the County procurement portal and explore capability to pre-populate certain elements 5. Review community partner focus group findings <p>Supervisor Zane requested that the Upstream Portfolio be a universal criteria for County contracts.</p>		the fall.
Shared Measurement Update	Nisaa and Dana Pedersen reported on the Sonoma County school readiness findings from 2017 – 18 as evidenced in the READY report.	None	Shared measurement work will continue. The Case study report will be presented at the next meeting.
Public Comment	None	None	None
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.	None	None

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Policy Committee Meeting
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Agenda




- 10:30 Welcome, Agenda, Minutes
- 10:35 Upstream Investments Research Study
- 11:05 Technical Assistance Relaunch
- 11:15 Contracts Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations
- 11:35 Shared Measurement Case Studies
- 12:05 2017-2018 School Readiness Report
- 12:25 Public Comment
- 12:30 Adjourn



Contracts Focus Group Recommendations

- Ensure cost of living increases are included in multi-year contracts.
- Designate 5-10% of contract funding for evaluation activities.
- Implement quarterly reporting whenever possible, and discuss reporting deadlines with grantee to ensure timelines are manageable.
- Create simplified, uniform financial reporting standards for all County contracts.

Contracts Focus Group Recommendations

-  Regarding sustainability plans, invite non-profits to participate in “funder circle” conversations between private, philanthropic and County donors to ensure solutions proposed are non-duplicative.
-  Make terms and conditions on the County procurement portal website clear and intuitive, and designate a person to respond to portal questions.
-  Store insurance and living wage documents in a central location, and only require organizations to submit these documents once a year.

Contract Subcommittee Recommendations



- 1) Further explore ability to use health & human service data to map contracts by geography & priority area.
- 2) Develop evaluation language for the County-wide common RFP template.
- 3) Develop a common outcome reporting template that could be customized in key areas.
- 4) Review challenges with the County procurement portal and explore capability to pre-populate certain elements of the proposal application submission process.
- 5) Review community partner focus group findings and implement suggestions where feasible.



Sonoma County School Readiness Findings 2017-18

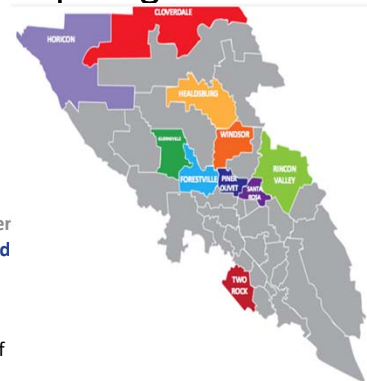


Fall 2017 Participating Districts

Recruitment Criteria

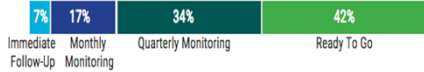
- ✓ First 5 Schools List
- ✓ Geographic representation

10 school districts,
31 schools,
88 kindergarten teacher
1,647 kindergarten stud
&
1,080 parents
 participated in the
 Fall 2017 assessment of
 school readiness



2017-18 READY Findings

Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP) Results Aggregated Scores (N=1,647*)



- Ready To Go** = These students experience a smooth transition to kindergarten. Teachers should follow-up as needed.
- Quarterly Monitoring** = Students in this category will benefit from teachers monitoring their fall, winter and spring progress.
- Monthly Monitoring** = Teachers should keep track of students from October to December to see if they have adjusted.
- Immediate Follow-Up** = Students are high risk and developmental needs should be evaluated in more depth.

2 out of 5 students entered kindergarten Ready to Go



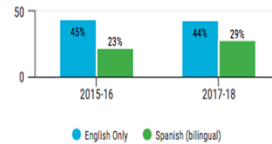
Equity and School Readiness

- Access to high-quality early learning opportunities differ based on **income, race and geography** (U.S. Department of Education, 2015);
- **Latino/Hispanic families** demonstrate the lowest preschool participation rates of any major ethnicity or race (U.S. Department of Education, 2015; Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2013).
- The U.S. Census Bureau (2014) cites that **73% of Latinos/Hispanics** :



Equity and School Readiness – Findings

Figure 1. % Kindergarten students entering school Ready to Go



- Spanish-speaking students entering school Ready to Go **increased by 6 percentage points**
- **19% increase** in the percentage of children attending an early learning program
- **1 in 4 Spanish-speaking (bilingual) parents** are reading to their children 5 or more days a week

Opportunities for Action



Parental Education

Action: Expand accessible, affordable adult education to promote an inter-generational cycle of success



Early Learning Attendance

Action: Expand quality, affordable early learning programs for children ages 0-5



Special Needs

Action: Implement developmental screening & intervention as early as possible



Reading at Home

Action: Promote culturally appropriate early literacy activities

Use of School Readiness Data



Enhancing Early Childhood Education Curriculum For Kindergarten Readiness



Implementing Targeted School Readiness Policies & Activities

- Dana Pedersen, Guerneville School District



Questions?

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Public Comment



Please limit comments to 3 minutes.

<p>UPstream INVESTMENTS SONOMA COUNTY</p>	<p>Thank you!</p>
	 <p>Next Policy Committee Meeting: August 8, 2018 10:30 am– 12:30 pm</p>
	