The San Diego County Child Care and Development Local Planning Council was formed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with state law. (San Diego County Administrative Code art. XVI, 266 et seq.; Welfare and Institutions Code 10485-10487 et seq.)

The county board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools shall select the members of the local planning council. Before making selections, the board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools shall publicize their intention to select the members and shall invite local organizations to submit nominations.

The Local Planning Council may designate ex-officio representatives to the LPC; One designated representative from each of the following: the County Health and Human Services Agency, County Office of Education, County Child Care Resource and Referral Program, County First 5 Commission, and local branch of the State Child Care Licensing. These ex-officio representatives will serve as liaisons to their respective agencies. Ex-officio representatives will not be subject to the membership attendance requirements of the LPC and will not vote at meetings of the LPC.

General membership appointments will be made as terms expire. On an annual basis, Council members will solicit and/or review nominations received and make recommendations to the appointing authorities for appointments of new members and alternates to fill vacancies. A list of persons interested in being nominated to the Council shall be kept as a pool for future appointments. On the effective date of this Article, existing Council members previously appointed shall be deemed appointed pursuant to the Article by operation of law and shall continue as members for the duration of their appointed terms, so long as eligible and qualified for continued Council membership.

The Planning Council shall consist of up to 35 members plus designated alternates, reflecting the geographic and ethnic diversity of San Diego County, with a maximum of seven members in each of the five categories defined by Welfare and Institutions Code 10485.

- 20% consumers of child care – parents or persons who receive, or who have received child care services within the past 36 months.
• 20% child care providers – persons who provide child care services or represent persons who provide child care services, reflective of the range of child care providers in the county.

• 20% public agency representatives – persons who represent a city, county, city and county or local education agency.

• 20% community representatives – persons who represent 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 are not child care providers and do not represent an agency that contacts with the California Department of Education to provide child care and development services.

• 20% discretionary.

The planning council may have up to 35 alternate members. Designation of alternates shall be consistent with the five categories defined by statute. Alternates may attend and participate in meetings. Alternates may be designated to vote in the place of members within their category who are not in attendance at a Council meeting.

**TERMS:**

Planning Council members shall serve for two years. Terms are subject to reappointment at the request of the Council and with the approval of the Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. Members and alternates may serve more than two consecutive terms.

**DUTIES:**

The purpose of the LPC is to assess San Diego County child care needs and develop plans to address those needs. The LPC will establish priorities for the distribution of federal, state, and local child development funds. It will seek and advocate funding for child care services and programs. It will work with community agencies, businesses, and organizations to support and enhance community child care resources and services. It will promote and enhance the quality of child care and development services through public education, provider education, and provision of support services.

The primary goals of the LPC are to establish and periodically update local priorities for the maintenance, expansion, and improvement of child care services in San Diego County, to prepare a comprehensive, county-wide child care plan that includes all children in accordance with state guidelines, to review and evaluate legislation affecting child care, to assess child care needs in San Diego and incorporate these needs in the setting of priorities and development of a local plan, to maximize local, state, federal, and private resources for development of a local child care plan, to
maximize local, state, federal and private resources for child care in San Diego County and to serve as an advisory and planning body to the County Board of Supervisors, the County Superintendent of Schools and the State Department of Education of child care issues. Specific work activities will vary depending upon state legislation, current need and resources available to the LPC.

**TRAINING REQUIRED:** All members appointed or reappointed must complete ethics training as required by government code section 53235. Such training shall be completed on or before January 31st of the year of their appointment or reappointment. Lack of completion will result in dismissal from the Planning Council.

**MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:** Second Monday of each month
Location varies – Please call the contact person(s) for further information.

**COMPENSATION:** Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. In accordance with State Department of Education guidelines, members may be reimbursed at State-determined rates for appropriate meeting, workshop, and conference expenses within California, incurred in performing their duties as a member of the Council.

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