

Los Angeles Mission College  
 Child and Family Studies Department  
Child Development Advisory Committee  
 December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 12:00-2:30pm

<u>LAMC Members Present</u>	<u>Committee Members Present</u>	<u>Student Reps. &amp; Staff present</u>
Diane Stein; <i>Director</i> Estela Miranda; <i>Foster/Kinship Care SFP</i> Ivet Bazikyan; <i>Faculty</i> Janice Silver; <i>Dept. Chair</i> Lilamani De Silva; <i>Faculty</i> Marla Uliana; <i>Dean of Academic Affairs.</i> Patricia Rodriguez; <i>Faculty</i> Rita Grigoryan; <i>Faculty</i> Veronica Allen; <i>Faculty</i>	Migdalia Bourdett; <i>Advisory Committee Chair</i> Annie Cox; <i>Chime Institute</i> Clarissa Hernandez; <i>Quality Behavior Solutions Inc.</i> Dana Kalek; <i>Child Dev. Institute</i> Elga Urrutia; <i>Child Care Careers</i> Emily Janes; <i>L.A. Attorney's Office</i> Eva Soto Solano; <i>Osceola Elementary</i> Ilyssa Foxx; <i>Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles</i> Karen Sandoval; <i>North Valley YMCA</i> Katherine Squires; <i>LACOE</i> Lauren Bishop; <i>Quality Behavior Solutions</i> Lindsey Taylor; <i>Head Start and Early Learning LACOE</i> Martha Borquez; <i>Early Childhood Educ. LAUSD</i> Melissa Herrarte; <i>Foothill Learning Center</i> Richard Parra; <i>Fentom Primary Center</i>	Amairani Monreal; <i>Stud. Rep.</i> Andrea Moreno; <i>Tutor</i> Cecilia Oropeza; <i>Stud. Rep.</i> Richard Lam; <i>Dept. Secretary</i>

**1. Lunch and Networking – 12:00 – 12:30**

**2. Welcome**

- Janice Silver welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to come.
  - Jan introduced the faculty members and staff from the Child and Family Studies Dept.
- Migdalia Bourdett, Chair of the Child Development Advisory Committee, introduced herself and thanked everyone in attendance.

**3. Approval of Minutes, December 2018**

- Rita moved to approve last year's Advisory minutes; Patricia seconded. Veronica abstained because she was absent from the meeting last year.
- The rest of the Committee voted in favor to approve.

#### 4. Departmental Update and Packet

- Janice reviewed the packet that was distributed to everyone and gave a brief overview of each of its contents.
- Patricia Rodriguez went over the “Department Update-December 2019” document that listed some important highlights in the Department
  - Patricia shared they have expanded their offerings of 8 week courses including courses on Saturdays.
  - Patricia also shared that several sections of coursework were offered bilingually in English and Spanish.
  - Patricia discussed the Department initiatives that have been worked on throughout the year.
    - Jen Alexander, Author of “Building Trauma Sensitive Schools” will host a Professional Development Conference Scheduled for April 2020
    - Dual Language Learning Specialization was recognized by the Dual Language Learning Policy Platform of Early Edge California
- Lilamani De Silva went over the Department’s online course offerings.
- Rita Grigoryan discussed the recommendations that were previously given last year and the Department’s responses to them.
- Diane Stein talked about the Child Development Center.
  - Diane shared that the CDC is fully integrated with the courses of the Child and Family Studies Department.
    - Jan talked about the great collaboration between the Department and the CDC
  - Diane discussed various programs in the CDC including a Family Support Groups program they were planning to start.
- Ivet Bazikyan, the full-time faculty member focused on growing the Family Studies and Gerontology program for the Department, introduced herself. She asked everyone for their assistance in spreading the word regarding these two programs.
- Veronica Allen went over the Teacher Preparation Program and the Transitional Kindergarten Grant.
  - Veronica discussed some of the events and workshops that she helped organize for the Teacher Prep. Program
- Janice Silver went over the Department’s priorities for spending the funds from the Child Development Training Consortium.
  - The committee was unanimous on the lending library being the top priority if funds remain after fee reimbursements were made.

#### 5. Committee Chair Position/Terms

- Jan announced that Migdalia Bourdett’s term as the Chair of this advisory committee has come to an end. She will not be running for re-election. Jan thanked her for all her work as Chair.
- Martha Borquez was unanimously elected as the new Chair of the committee.

#### 6. Committee Self-Introductions including Program Information, Issues, and Recommendations

- **Migdalia Bourdett** from CCRC. Shared they have been focused on Mental health
- **Amairani Monreal** is a student at LAMC. She shared her experience as a student thanking Child Development classes at LAMC.
  - She shared that the courses she has taken have really broadened her horizons and that she never realized how much it takes to care for children.
- **Richard Para** is the director of the Fenton Primary Center.

- Shared that they mainly work with TK to second grade. They are currently in the process of submitting grants for pre-school.
- They are currently focused on Early Learning. Some of his staff have expressed concern regarding the children's early literacy.
- **Martha Borquez** works for the Early Childhood Division of LAUSD. She shared that the division has grown a lot.
  - Martha talked about their Dual Language Program.
  - **Recommendation:** to provide child development classes and resources for teachers who are currently teaching Transitional Kindergarten.
  - Martha shared that LAUSD will soon unveil their Birth to 8 roadmap, which is a plan to have children ready to read the third grade.
- **Katherine Squires** is a CPIN instructor.
  - She shared that they just completed 3,000 trainings for TK Teachers.
- **Cecilia Oropeza** is a LAMC student who is hoping to transfer to CSUN and get her BS degree.
  - Cecilia shared that she wants to minor in political science to advocate for her children.
- **Annie Cox** is the director of the Early education program at Chime. She shared they are going into their 30<sup>th</sup> year. They have been serving families with many and diverse needs.
  - They have an Early intervention program for children whose age range from Birth to three years old.
  - Annie added that she agrees with Cecilia regarding the importance of advocacy for children.
- **Emily Janes** is the program coordinator and Chair of the San Fernando Domestic Violence Taskforce
  - She shared that they meet four times a year and she invites anyone who is interested to attend their meetings or send a representative.
  - **Recommendation:** Emily stated that information in some texts regarding domestic violence are outdated. It is important to keep up to date on the topic of Domestic Violence.
- **Melissa Herrarte** is the director of the Foothill Learning Center a private preschool facility.
  - Melissa shared that they recently just got the contract for early intervention.
- **Dana Kalek** is the director of operations in the Child Development Institute.
  - Dana shared some of the work they have done including: working with Providence Tarzana Hospital.
  - She talked about their Early Learning Center which is entirely run by service learning students. The ELC offers a variety of programs to strengthen families.
  - **Recommendation:** There is an increase of children being diagnosed as special needs. It is important that students understand how to work with special needs children.
- **Eva Solano** is representing Osceola Elementary.
  - They provide students with an opportunity to do their practicum at the school.
  - Eva stated it is important that students understand the whole child, that they realize there is also a family behind the child.
  - Eva stated families have changed, it is important to be current with new information
  - Eva reiterated students need to be aware they will see challenging behaviors.
  - Eva stated students should be motivated to get their GEDs, and that students seem to struggle a lot of Math.
- **Karen Sandoval** is the program director at North Valley YMCA.
  - Karen shared that their early childhood program focuses on infants to teens.
  - They have programs for all kinds of age groups.
- **Ilyssa Foxx** is the QRIS Program Manager at the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles

- **Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)** is a systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs.
- They work with the California Early Care and Education workforce registry.
- **Recommendation:** Family Engagement should be part of the Curriculum
- **Lindsay Taylor** is representing Head Start and Early Learning at LACOE
  - Lindsay shared that they offer many training modules and programs for families
- **Estela Miranda** is a Program Tech. for the Foster/Kinship Care SFP at LAMC.
  - Estela talked about their Garden Scholars Program and Head Start Program.
  - **Feedback:** Estela shared that she appreciates that the paradigm is changing from “what is wrong” with the child to what challenges the child has been through instead.
  - Estela shared she was concerned that a higher number of students are being expelled from classrooms and schools because the faculty are unable to deal with their challenging behaviors.
- **Lauren Bishop** is the director for Quality Behavior Solutions.
  - Lauren discussed some of the work that they do at Quality Behavior Solutions
  - Specialize with children 0-8 years old.
- **Elga Urrutia** is a regional recruiter for ChildCare Careers.
  - Elga shared that they work with all types of child care organizations including child care centers, preschools, before and after school programs...etc.

**Janice thanked everyone for their input and guidance.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Richard Lam**