Attendees:
1) Betsy Hiteshew  8) Ivy Chang  
2) Shari Davis  9) Laila Taslimi  
3) Kathryn Kuznitsky  10) Judy Abdo  
4) Louise Jaffe  11) Jennifer Cowan  
5) Lainy Parry  12) Gleam Davis  
6) McKenna Belgarde  13) Pauline McPeake  
7) Meghan Moroney  14) Natasha Kingscote

1. Welcome and review Apr minutes – approved without changes

2. Discussed upcoming local events:  
   - **Wellbeing Summit** – tentatively scheduled for Nov at SMC Center for Media & Design (details to be confirmed)  
   - **SAMO Pride** happening in June for the first time; first event 6/1; discussed possible ECTF support/participation and/or opportunity for a BBK booth. Consider co-locating with Library, CFC, or GP ([Meghan](mailto:mmoroney@councilforastrongamerica.org) to follow-up)  
   - **Main Street Summer Soulstice** – Judy attends monthly meetings; $350 for exhibitor booth; $500 for VIP booth  
   - **Queer Prom**  
   - **4th of July parade** - GP & SMC always participate; Judy organizes SM elected officials; SMC ECE club to create signage (raising awareness of importance of ECE)

3. Develop May TF agenda  
   - Speaker – Dr Freda Rossi, SMMUSD Family Engagement Coordinator

4. Nomination of 2019-20 TF co-chair – Shari Davis
5. Date setting for July retreat
   - Retreat – rescheduled from 7/17 to 7/1, 10 AM – 2 PM with a working lunch
     ▪ Kathryn to see if RAND can host
     ▪ Ivy to inquire about retreat (or other TF meeting) @ Cayton

6. Announcements / Reports
   - Laila – **Mindful Parenting event** – 5/9 from 7-8 PM @ New Roads School
   - Meghan attended **Vanishing Workforce of ECE** on 5/3 – organized by EveryChild CA (formerly CCDAA)
     ▪ They cited known UC Berkeley study
     ▪ Meghan took notes; will share
     ▪ Professor from San Diego community college (Susan Villareal) shared that community colleges are main pipeline for ECE workers, detailing out all costs (Shari & Louise to follow up)
     ▪ Advised that recommendations from the Blue Ribbon commission on early childhood should be taken as a blueprint for future legislation
     ▪ EC providers shared the challenge of making payroll
     ▪ 3.6% cost of living adjustment coming in reimbursement rates; provider feedback that it’s nowhere near enough
     ▪ Waiting for Governor Newsom’s budget
   - **LA Partnership meeting** @ Educare Los Angeles in LB on 4/29 – Shari, Meghan, and Ivy attended
     ▪ Tour of school
     ▪ Heard from Buffet Foundation
     ▪ Update re: the current fiscal analysis of all EC funding sources in LA County, report to be released in June
     ▪ Opportunity to chat with funders
   - **Dr Jeffery invited** to participate on closing panel @ NAEYC training institute 6/5 (with Kris Perry & Giannina Perez) – tentative

7. Proposed City of Santa Monica budget
   - SC concerned re: potential cuts to services for children and families (including after school services)
   - Mayor Davis joined @ 4:45 PM, emphasized focus on not cutting programs, but streamlining services that are also being provided by local agencies/non-profits
     ▪ No decisions have been made, about that, or CDBG or HOME grants.
     ▪ Goal – to deliver the same services for less $
   - Louise asked about reference in the staff report to HSGP being re-assigned to homelessness
     ▪ Davis acknowledged there was mention of that potentially in the future (not this grant cycle)
   - Continue to remind public about the importance of EC investment, as a way to combat future challenges of homelessness and crime

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- Make the connection that high quality EC is not only good for kids, but for their parents
- Some criticism that City is trimming budget by 5% but not reducing the $26M to SMMUSD ($26M)
- Current plan - lose 28 positions over time (mostly by attrition vs layoffs)
- Proposal for next budget will be relatively minor. Soft pedaling and scaling up cuts over the years.
- Committee will be formed next year (most likely in Jul/Aug after budget adoption) to recommend future budget cuts
  - Discussed need for strong education person on the committee that will be helping to make future budget cuts
  - How to hear from other voices in the community, ones that haven’t been heard in the budgetary process
  - Very compressed budgetary process
  - No community outreach done so far

**Timeline**
- May 23rd – proposed budget released
- June 5th – budget study session, opportunity to advocate/share concerns

8. Adjourn – next SC meeting 6/4/19