AGENDA

Registration 1:30–2:00 p.m.

Welcome
Patrick M. Shields, Executive Director, Learning Policy Institute

Opening Remarks on Early Care and Education
Assemblymember Kevin McCarty

Report Presentation
Building an Early Learning System That Works: Next Steps for California
Hanna Melnick, Research and Policy Associate, Learning Policy Institute
Beth Meloy, Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst, Learning Policy Institute

Panel Discussion: Improving Program Administration
Karla Pleitéz Howell (moderator), Director of Educational Equity, Advancement Project
Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton, Coordinator, San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council
Sean Casey, Executive Director, First 5 Contra Costa
Sarah Neville-Morgan, Director of the Early Education and Support Division, California Department of Education
Natalie Woods Andrews, Director of Early Learning, Sacramento County Office of Education; Director, California Preschool Instructional Network

Panel Discussion: Ensuring High-Quality Preschool in an Expanded ECE System
Marjorie Wechsler (moderator), Principal Research Manager, Learning Policy Institute
Wendy Dickens, Executive Director, First 5 Shasta
Erin Gabel, Deputy Director for External and Governmental Affairs, First 5 California
September Jarrett, Executive Director, San Francisco Office of Early Care and Education
Dean Tagawa, Executive Director for the Early Childhood Education Division, Los Angeles Unified School District
Samantha Tran, Senior Managing Director of Education Policy, Children Now

Closing Remarks
Patricia Lozano, Executive Director, Early Edge California