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EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

“Nevada’s children will be safe, healthy, and thriving during the first eight years of life, and the system will support children and families in achieving their full potential.”

Public Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

**Nevada Department of Education
9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Ste. 221, Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Video-Conference Locations
Nevada Department of Education
700 E. Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada**

MINUTES

Sherry Halley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions – Introduce Tammie Williams and new council members: Sherry Halley, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education**

ECAC members present (Las Vegas):

Dolores Hauck, Nevada HAND
Sherry Halley, Nevada Department of Education, Part B Office
Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation Early Head Start

ECAC members present (Carson City):

Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Educational Opportunity
Marty Elquist, Northern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Program, The Children’s Cabinet
Kathleen Bent, Mental Health and Development Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

ECAC members absent:

Steve Schorr, Las Vegas Review Journal, School Districts Board of Trustees Representative
Dr. Linda Young, Clark County School District Board of Trustees
Latisha Brown, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing
Dr. Catherine Lyons, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Department of Educational and Clinical Studies

Public present in Las Vegas:

Tammie Williams, HSSC&ECCS Coordinator
Deborah Aquino, Maternal and Child Health Program Manager

Denise Tanata-Ashby, Children's Advocacy Alliance
Robin Kincaid, Nevada PEP
Tammie Williams, Nevada Department of Education

Public (present in Carson City):

Dale Erquiaga, Nevada Department of Education
Marcia Calloway, Nevada Department of Education

Introduction of Tammie Williams:

Sherry introduced Tammie Williams, the State of Nevada's new HSSCO, who replaces Margot Chappel. Sherry noted that it was intended for Tammie to chair the meeting, but Tammie hadn't been officially appointed by the governor's office. Tammie greeted the board, and expressed her excitement to be part of the group. She has 30 years of experience in Early Childhood, and has been enjoying her new role at the Department of Education.

2. Public Comment

- Dolores notified the board that she has switched organizations, and is now working with Nevada Hand as of May 30, 2014. Carrie Paldi asked for more information about Nevada Hand. Dolores explained that Nevada Hand, a non-profit, is the largest builder and manager of affordable housing in Nevada.
- Sherry asked Dolores if she could represent non-profits in her new role. Dolores said yes, as Nevada Hand is planning on introducing early childhood centers that incorporate the family engagement model and focus on children ages 3-5. Dolores will help implement the strategic plan and build relationships with community. Carrie asked Dolores for her new contact information. Dolores provided her new email address dhauck@nevadahand.org and phone number 702-410-2273.
- Sherry suggested that Dolores write a letter to the Governor's office to see if Dolores is able to continue on the board.

3. For possible action: Approval of February 4, 2014 Minutes

Sherry noted the following revisions:

- Page 2, *Mr. Eriquiaga* is misspelled: last paragraph, 1st sentence should read: "Mr. Erquiaga."
- Page 7, *Delores* is misspelled: 1st paragraph, last sentence and 3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence should read: "Dolores."
- Page 9, Under Public Comment, 2nd sentence should read: "Prevent Child Abuse Nevada is partnering with CAN Prevent to put on a statewide conference on child safety and abuse prevention on Friday, May 16, 2014 in Reno."

Dolores Hauck noted the following revision:

- Page 9, *Dolores* is misspelled: 2nd bullet, under Motion should read: "Dolores."

Motion:

- Marty Elquist made a motion to approve the Minutes with the corrected information.
- Carrie Paldi seconded the motion.

- There was no opposition.
 - The February 4, 2014 Minutes were approved.
4. **Head Start State Collaboration/Early Childhood Comprehensive Services- Tammie Williams, Head Start State Collaboration/Early Childhood Comprehensive Services Coordinator, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education Update:**
- **Early Childhood Comprehensive Services Grant Annual Report**
 - **Silver State Kindergarten Inventory of Development Statewide/Teaching Strategies**
 - **Review of Head Start State Collaboration Services/Head Start State Collaboration Budget & Budget Priorities**

Tammie notified the board that NDE has been working with Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) for the Silver State Kindergarten Inventory of Development System (SSKIDS). NDE has a new contact at TSG, and is restructuring everything; following the WaKIDS approach out of the State of Washington. The trainers were notified of a new 4-day, accredited training, which is scheduled to occur the last week of July.

Comments:

- Sherry asked if TSG will provide the training. Tammie said yes. Sherry asked if Tammie has considered putting in for NDE credits so that participants receive recertification credits. Sherry offered assistance with the process, which Tammie accepted. Sherry asked if there is an expense for the training. Tammie said that participants may need to pay for their travel, but she's looking for a stipend.
- Angela Triche asked if the training is a continuation of the training the trainers received last fall or if it has anything to do with the Lillie England and Joanne Everts are doing with reference to the Silver State KIDS Year 1 Pilot Evaluation Report being conducted by Turning Point, Inc. Tammie stated that some of the issues that Joanne and Lillie have worked on will be addressed, but the new training isn't a continuation. The new training is more hands-on and just for trainers. There will be continued support by NDE and TSG throughout the process. TSG is working on a URL and/or email address so people can ask questions and receive responses quickly. Angela asked if the previous participants will be included in the new training. Tammie replied yes, but new participants are welcome. Angela asked for the name of the new TSG representative. Tammie responded, "Shelly Fisher". Tammie explained that a draft has been written to District Superintendents to get Kindergarten involved since the TSG pilot is a Kindergarten readiness program and mentioned that a charter school has expressed interest in participating.
- Sherry stated that while at an elementary school in Lincoln County there was concern as to whether or not the pilot would continue. The trainers in Lincoln also didn't feel as though they had enough training to train others. Tammie said that seems to be the consensus, but she is focused on providing sufficient training and support for year two.
- Carrie asked if there has been any thought about opening the training to teachers that participate in the program. Sherry mentioned that in Lincoln County the teachers are the trainers as with most districts. Tammie stated that NDE and TSG are looking into training mentors to shadow and train one-on-one.
- Dolores asked which charter school expressed interest. Tammie said that she doesn't have the name as the information was passed on to her. Dolores asked if there's an open window for school districts to pilot the program. Tammie responded yes, especially if they have kindergarten. Dolores asked if

there has been any buy-in at the top level of Clark County that wasn't there a year ago. Tammie stated that they are hoping for more interest and that the draft is ready to be sent to the District Superintendents and that one district has pulled out. Dolores asked whose office the letter to the Superintendents is coming from. Tammie stated that she hoped that it will come from Dr. Erquiaga. Sherry clarified that his name is Dale Erquiaga not Doctor.

- Tammie stated that NDE is looking at the possibility for a consultant who is very knowledgeable about TSG to work with the trainers and staff. Dolores said a timeline would be useful and help get Clark County engaged. Tammie said that NDE's goal is to have TSG be a part of a statewide data system for Kindergarten entry data.

Tammie said that she has completed Nevada Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Continuation Progress Report. NDE is on task, and is finishing up its first year. In year 2, the focus will be on the benchmark. This year NDE focused on school readiness and achievement, which is number 3, and also number 5, which is Family Economic Self-Sufficiency. Next year, the focus will be on benchmarks 2 (child injuries, child abuse and neglect, and maltreatment and reduction of emergency department visits) and 6 (crime or domestic violence and the percentage of families which screen positive for domestic violence and are referred). Anna asked what the main activities are under the benchmarks. Tammie said there are no changes and NDE is still planning on inclusion of work with TACSEI and other programs.

5. Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development Update-Marcia Calloway, Director, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education

Marcia Calloway informed the council that she is present on behalf of Janie Lowe, the Interim Director for the Office of Early Learning. Marcia mentioned that the Governor's proclamation occurred this winter which moved certain early childhood positions from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to NDE to an office currently called Early Learning and Development. The first phase was implemented on February 1, 2014, at which time the NDE welcomed the HSSCO/ECCS Coordinator position, which was filled at the end of March. NDE is currently in the process of hiring an assistant to work in the Early Learning Department. NDE also brought over Patti Oya in Las Vegas, Cindy Johnson in Reno and newly hired individual, Ron Barakat in Las Vegas. Rounding out the early Learning team is Anna Severens, the State Pre-K Education Programs Professional. Sherry Halley will work closely with this team, but remain in the Special Education Office. The primary goal of Interim Director Janie Lowe is to ensure that the work aligns. Janie is currently working with Deputy Superintendent Steve Canavero to develop a working plan.

Phase 2 will include the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting on June 19, 2014 to discuss moving the budgets from DHHS and DWSS to NDE. If approved, all budgets will officially be under NDE, which will allow for easier alignment. Marcia mentioned that the newly developed office has been called the Office of Early Learning and Development, but leadership has desire to call it the Early Childhood Office (ECO). On the horizon are the Preschool Development Grant, the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant and the next steps for the Governor's Symposium to be held this fall on P-3.

6. **For possible action: Early Childhood Comprehensive Services Workgroup Update - Sherry Halley, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education**

Sherry explained the charge of the ECCS workgroup. The last meeting was held on May 6, 2014. One of the main topics was that similar work is occurring in a few venues: The ICC for Part C Office has a standing committee called Child Find Committee, the Learn the Signs Act Early Initiative with Dr. Deborah Vigil on screening for young folks, and ECAC. Sherry realized that these three groups have the same content, but share no connection other than people that participate in all three. She brought up the idea of merging the work into one committee, which would still serve the various committees. Sherry is on the ICC Child Find, and it's meeting June 10, 2014 at 10:30. If anyone would like to participate the call in number is 888-363-4734 access code is 7886133. The chairperson for the committee is Sherry Waugh and Brenda Bledsoe sets the meetings up. Sherry sent in an agenda item to discuss merging the work of the committees. Brenda's concern was that if the ICC Child Find were to "fall off" the map it would cause confusion being that it is a long-standing committee. Sherry mentioned to Brenda that she didn't see a problem with the work continuing under the auspices of the Child Find ICC, but she would bring it in to the ECAC Committee.

Comments:

- Carrie said that it makes perfect sense to work together under whatever name deemed appropriate to get more work done.
- Sherry stated that she forgot to mention Dr. Rutu Ezhuthachan has continued to participate, and indicated that she thought it would be a good move to merge.
- Marty asked Sherry if Dr. Ezhuthachan mentioned that she would be willing to sit on the other two workgroup should something happen to the Early Child Comprehensive Workgroup. Marty asked if the other two workgroups have pediatricians. Sherry said she will ask at the June 10th meeting, and if the workgroups don't have pediatricians if it's a position that can be added. Sherry mentioned that Dr. Ezhuthachan helped Deb Aquino send out a questionnaire to pediatricians about their connection with child development. Sherry said she will get back to the council after the June 10th meeting.
- Deb asked Sherry if she would like an update on the questionnaire. Sherry replied yes. Deb mentioned that Dr. Ezhuthachan sent the questionnaire to the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. It was a brief survey on whether or not pediatricians were administering any mental health or developmental screenings in their practice. There were a total of 15 respondents: 8 responded yes to administering the screenings. Nearly everyone who utilized screening tools indicated that they served the screening for birth-3 years old, 6 reported that they did screening for 3-5 year olds, 7 reported screening 5 to 12 year olds, and 8 reported screening 12 to 18 year olds. They used a variety of tools. The most popular were the MCHAT and ASQ. Respondents represent various types of offices including UMC Pediatrics, and private practitioners. Sherry asked Deb to forward the findings so that she can share it at the Child Find meeting. Deb agreed.
- Dolores asked if the survey was sent to any nonprofit health centers. Sherry informed her that the survey was sent to members in the professional organization that Dr. Ezhuthachan has access to. Dolores asked if the contents of the distribution are known. Deb said that she does not know as she was not copied on the distribution.

- Carrie asked Deb why the 7 doctors mentioned don't offer the screenings. Deb notified her that it wasn't a question.
- Sherry stated that based on the few responses it does lead to the fact that we need to pursue the importance of early screening.
- Angela asked if the Perry Smith's office or Echo Initiative has been involved. Sherry said not previously but the Echo Initiative is something that Tammie is becoming familiar with and is another piece that will be tied together as we move forward.
- Dolores suggested through Strong Start Nevada that families be provided with questions to ask when booking appointments and receiving services.
- Carrie asked Denise Tanata-Ashby if that's feasible. Denise said yes. Sherry asked Denise if she has Dr. Ezhuthachan's email address and mentioned that she would be a great resource for that work. Dolores suggested including Nevada Health Centers on the nonprofit side.

7. Head Start Collaboration Leadership Team Update – Brenna Malone, President, Nevada Head Start Association

Brenna Malone was not present at the meeting.

8. Update from the Children's Advocacy Alliance regarding Strong Start Campaign- Denise Tanata-Ashby, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Alliance

Denise Tanata-Ashby informed the council that Strong Start has signed on the First Lady as an ambassador. In March, Children's Advocacy Alliance participated in the Las Vegas Prospective Event, which brings together 500 community and business leaders to talk about trends and demographics. Following the event, there was contact with the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and Ready Nation to get businesses involved with Early Childhood. In April, CAA held the official launch event for the Strong Start Campaign in Carson City, and also released the public service announcement and print campaign. Additionally with the campaign, CAA has developed a relationship with the Regional Transportation Commission in Southern Nevada through Outdoor Media and secured 16 bus shelters with Strong Start ads. A lot of changes have been made to the Strong Start website including resources for parents, businesses and advocates and a pledge for high quality early childhood education. Denise stated that the website will not be stagnate and asked council members to notify her with any idea and additional resources. Denise talked about how the campaign initially focused on getting members of an early childhood community involved, but would now like to engage other groups in the community. The CAA is building a coalition of supporters for the campaign through social media, and is currently in the process of developing a media plan.

Denise stated that CAA is in the process of developing their policy agenda for 2015 related to school readiness. CAA is specifically looking at issues related to childcare subsidies. During the upcoming legislative session, CAA will be asking for additional funding to increase the number of children and families who can participate in childcare subsidy program. CAA is also looking at connecting childcare subsidy with quality rating improvement system. Sherry Halley asked if Denise was working with Patti Oya and her office. Denise said yes. Denise stated that CAA, along with other groups across the state, they are looking at expansion of full day Kindergarten programs across the state. Additionally, CAA is working on regulations to support fiscal activity in nutrition standards in early childhood education

centers. Denise informed the council that on June 2nd the Legislative committee on Healthcare voted to draft a letter to the Board of Health to encourage the adoption of standards relating to the fiscal activity of nutrition standards. Sherry Halley asked if Dr. Ezhuthachan was involved in looking at the legislation and making recommendations for nutrition. Denise said, "Yes". Sherry stated that she wanted the council to know that there was input from ECAC. Denise states that the input was incorporated into the revised recommended standards that have gone forward. Denise mentioned that there has been preliminary discussion about the State's preliminary funding formula and how to include early childhood education in the formula.

Denise informed the council that Shelly Henderson has filled CAA's School Readiness Policy Manager position. Shelly will begin working in August, and will represent CAA in future meetings. Jarred Busker's term ends in August, but CAA is working on keeping him in their office.

Comments:

- Anna offered help in regard to early childhood education funding formula. Denise accepted.

9. For possible action: Resources to Support Developmentally Appropriate Practices for Silver State Kindergarten Inventory of Development Statewide (KIDS) Pilot Kindergarten Classes and Council of Chief of State School Officers (CCSSO) Technical Assistance Grant Update – Anna Severens, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education

- **Discussion and recommendations regarding plans to spend out CCSSO mini-grant that is aligned with NJ's DOE kindergarten guidelines document and Silver State KIDS professional development plans**

Anna informed the board that NDE received a mini grant from CCSSO last year to support the Silver State KIDS project. When the grant was received, the Silver State KIDS pilot was well under way. The pilot was utilized to see where the needs lie and how to best use the grant funding. Anna mentioned that she shared a draft-spending plan with the group. As year one is coming to an end, NDE is in the process of contracting a TSG trainer who will provide intensive coaching to classroom teachers on how to implement TSG and use the observation-based assessment.

Comments:

- Sherry asked Anna to explain what Pre-K-K transition classrooms are under Scenario A and if there are any in existence. Anna mentions that Clark and Washoe have a lot of Pre-K sites. TSG was chosen because of its continuum from birth-3rd grade.
- Tammie stated that TSG is working on a pilot that will continue through age 8 (third grade).
- Marcia asked if there was an end date by which the CCSSO grant funds need to be spent. Anna said June 30th, but an extension may be granted for a few months.

10. Maryland/Ohio Enhanced Assessment Grant Update and Discussion, Recommendations for Involvement – Anna Severens, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education

- **Discussion of MD/OH Consortium work to date and potential recommendations to guide next NV Pre-K Standards Revision**

Anna stated that the Maryland/Ohio Assessment Grant is moving along slower than anticipated. Nevada is 1 of 7 states participating in the consortium, which has had one face-to-face meeting to date. The initial step of the consortium was for the 6 states to come together and align Pre-K standards. A lot of the states in the consortium are further along in their revision process and aligning their standards to the common core. Anna mentioned that Nevada's Pre-K standards are due for revision, and an alignment document has been completed on how current Pre-K standards match up with common core.

Comments:

- Marty asked if North Carolina is developing its own assessment. Marty expressed concern over 20 states developing their own assessments, and asked Anna what's wrong with TSG and why she thinks so many states are developing their own tool. Sherry stated that TSG is labor intensive. Marty said she heard the same feedback from teachers. Sherry stated that the learning curve is hard to overcome, but it's worth it. Anna said all consortiums have pros and cons; TSG was selected because it's the only instrument available. A significant amount of Pre-K classrooms and Head Start programs are using it, and existing resources support TSG. Marty asked if the Maryland/Ohio and North Carolina tools are less reliant on observation-based assessments. Anna stated that she's not involved so she can't answer, but she believes they include observations and direct questions.
- Marcia stated the capacity issue is one to keep in mind. She mentioned that Clark County is challenged to find teachers who are quality to teach Kindergarten.
- Dolores asked if the assessment is state-drafted, who pays. She suggested looking at comparable states for ideas.
- Sherry added that Washington WaKIDS program is pretty developed and they've answered a lot of questions Janie Lowe had. To address what Marty said, NDE is looking at cutting back the number of objectives in the assessments. Tammie Williams said Janie has delegated the research of WaKIDS to her. Washington has had the same concerns Nevada has especially with their Kindergartens. People are getting into the habit and now prefer observation-based assessments. Students are actively involved and their scores are improving with the TSG model. Marty stated that she is excited to hear this, and hopes Nevada can address its barriers. Marty expressed concerned over the fidelity of the tool if objectives are removed. She asked if TSG helps eliminate certain objectives based on research they have done. Tammie stated that TSG is working with Nevada but there are concerns regarding licensing, which may not allow for a reduction of objectives. TSG has offered their full support, and Shelley Fisher is the representative who helped WaKIDS. Anna added that if Nevada decided to decrease its objectives, Washington's model will be adapted.
- Sherry clarified that TSG was the only tool available at the time that reached 0-3rd grade.
- Marty asked if the districts are told there's a learning curve with the tool. Tammie stated that it was not done in the initial training. TSG is willing to conduct recruitment fairs and talk about how to use the tool throughout the state.

- Dolores added that TSG is more than the tool; it's what's going to be done with the data and how the data is going to be useful to the teachers and families and what's best for children. Anna agreed.
- Marcia stated that the TSG assessment should not be used as a proxy for teacher/administrator evaluations. Tammie agreed and stated that a lot of the data will be used to show legislators where students are in Kindergarten readiness.

11. Expanding Opportunities Workgroup Update – Sherry Halley, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education

Sherry informed the council that Robin Kincaid of Nevada Pep asked if NDE would like to help award 3 Kid Smart computers across the state. Sherry and Robin developed questions as part of a mini grant application. Kid Smart computers are designed to encourage inclusion. The computers are fully loaded with an array of software, and are translated into Spanish. To date, there are 44 applicants. Tammie, Robin, Patti and Sherry will review the applications on June 5th and award a rural, a southern and a northern site with the computers. Sherry will notify the council of the recipients at the next meeting.

12. Child Care Licensing Update – Latisha Brown, Interim Child Care Licensing Program Manager, Health Division, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Latisha Brown was not present at the meeting.

13. Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children Update – Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center

Carrie informed the board that NevAEYC held its annual conference April 17-18, 2014 in Las Vegas. The theme was Investigative Play the Key to Early Childhood Success. During the conference, NevAEYC hosted a family engagement day for the first time in Southern Nevada. Families attended with their children and centers hosted various activities. There were 400-450 participants throughout the three-day conference. Next year's conference will be held April 16-18, 2015 in Reno. The theme will be Engagement in the Brain.

SNAEYC held their annual family fun day, which was a collaborative event between Strong Start and SNECAC.

RAEYC held their 8th Annual Walk for Children/Family Fun Day and their 2nd Rural Community Mini Conference. The conference took place on May 10th and received a great response from providers in outlying areas. RAEYC is hoping to provide additional training opportunities in July and in the fall.

14. Home Visiting Update – Deborah Aquino, Title V/Maternal and Child Health Program Manager, Health Division, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Deb talked about the various evidence-based home visiting models that are being implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services' partners throughout Nevada. Initially two counties were being served with three different models: Washoe with UNR's Early Head Start home-based option and Clark with the HIPPY Program and Southern Nevada Health District with nurse family partnership. Nevada was awarded expansion funding, and now partners are going to Elko County. DHHS is waiting for approval for the final contract under the expansion grant for Lyon and Storey Counties. DHHS recently applied for formula funding again, which will fund the three basic programs through September 2016. DHHS is coming up with another formula funding before September 2014, which will be accessible through 2017. Deb stated that the Nevada Home Visiting Program released an update to their resource directory, which is available on their website for download. Hardcopies can be obtained by emailing Deb at daquino@dhhs.nv.gov . The resource directory does not replace Nevada 211.

Comments:

- Carrie asked Deb if she could send the resource guide to Tammie Williams for distribution to the council. Deb agreed.
- Angela thanked Deb and her office for their work.
- Sherry asked Angela what HIPPY stands for. Angela responded Home Instruction for the Parents of Preschool Youngsters. Angela stated that HIPPY works with families who have children 3-5 year olds, showing parents how they can be their child's best teacher and prepare them for school before Kindergarten.

15. For possible action: United States Department of Education Funding Opportunities:

- **Preschool Development Grants Program-Anna Severens, Education Programs Professional, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education**
 - **Requires letter of support from the State ECAC that follows Head Start Guidelines for membership**
- **Early Head Start and Child Care Partnership-Tammie Williams, Head Start State Collaboration/Early Childhood Comprehensive Services Coordinator, Office of Educational Opportunity, Nevada Department of Education**

Anna talked about how NDE is gearing up for the Preschool Development Grant. The application comes out over the summer, will be awarded in December. There are two pots of money: one for development and one for expansion. Nevada falls into the development category, which has \$80 million available. Anna stated that she believes Nevada will be very highly competitive in the grant process. She also mentioned that the grant requires a letter of support from operational state advisory council, and that ECAC would be very involved. Janie Lowe is currently working with the Governor's Office to ensure that missing positions that are required for the council are filled. The council is currently lacking a representative from the state agency for childcare and a representative from a local education agency.

Comments:

- Sherry advised Anna that a representative from Part C is also missing from the council, and that she believes is a grant requirement. Anna responded that she believes a representative from Part B or Part C is required for the grant, but will get clarification.

- Carrie asked how much of the \$80 million dollars Nevada is eligible for. Anna responded that Nevada would fall into \$5-\$20 million range, and that the lower end would more than double the current state-funded Pre-K budget.
- Sherry clarified that Nevada would be eligible for up for \$15 million according to page 7 of the executive summary for the grant.
- Dolores referred to page 13 under competitive preference and asked if the match refers to private dollars. Anna stated that one of the main priority areas is having matching funds. Sherry asked if the match requirement is a requirement for the expansion grant. Anna informed Sherry that match dollars are required for the development grant and advised the council that the requirements may change.
- Carrie asked when the grant would be awarded. Anna said December.
- Thomas Kapp, Part C Coordinator for Nevada, stated the he would like to be a member of the council if permissible.

Tammie informed the council that there are grant opportunities for Early Head Start and Childcare partnerships. The FOA is not available, but informational webinars are beginning. Tammie said she will send out more information when it becomes available. Sunrise and UNR Early Head Start are considering applying. Elko is doing a preliminary survey to see if community partners are willing to assist them in the process. There has been discussion about NDE being involved in the process as well.

Comments:

- Angela mentioned that the Office of Head Start had made last minute changes to the funding. There is discussion on whether or not there should be a period of public comment. Angela stated there is a lot of confusion regarding restrictions. There will be half of a billion dollars available through the grant. Tammie mentioned that partnering with Head Start is a great learning tool.

16. Updates from Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council members

- Dolores corrected her phone number. Her phone number is 702-410-2773. Sherry Halley asked when she will start her new position. Dolores said she started May 30th.
- Anna mentioned that P3 State Leadership team winds up their work in September. The last requirement of the grant is to have a Governor’s Symposium, and the team is hoping to secure a date in August. The team is working on policy brief that they hope to incorporate in the symposium.
- Angela mentioned that Region IXs Head Start CLASS scores have exceeded the national average for the past three years.
- Carrie invited the council to the Childcare Licensing Committee meeting on June 24th at 1:30 p.m. They are typically held at the Behavioral Health Office on Maryland Parkway. Sherry asked if the meetings are teleconferenced. Carrie stated that locations are in the north and Elko as well as a dial-in number.

17. Updates from Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils

There were no updates from local early childhood advisory councils.

18. For possible action: Agenda Items for Next Meeting August 5th, 2014

- Sherry stated that we should fix the dial-in number prior to the next meeting.
- Carrie asked if Anna could provide an update on grant opportunities coming out of NDE, and if Tammie or Angela could provide a list of grant for Head Start. Carrie also asked if meeting materials could be sent out ahead of time.
- Dolores asked Sherry if she could take pictures of the computer delivery. Sherry agreed.
- Anna mentioned an update on the council and securing additional members.
- Dale Erquiaga added a conversation about the status of Pre-K data and how that might feed into a larger state longitudinal data system. Dale stated that NDE can arrange for someone to come to the next meeting to discuss the hub and how it will operate and the council can provide NDE with advice on how the other data should be planned for. Sherry asked other than higher education, who the hub includes. Dale responded NDE and the Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation. The theory is to identify gaps as children transfer from school to the workforce. Sherry asked if students in NDE's special education database would be included in the hub. Dale said he does not know. Dolores asked if has been preplanned to look at the affect on nonprofit service delivery models. Dale responded that early conversation touched on the subject and added that the database does not exist yet. Anna asked if the P20 Council has early childhood representation. Dale stated that he cannot remember if the statute was amended, but will verify if an early childhood seat exists.

19. For possible action: Decide on Meeting Locations for Duration of 2014 Meetings (face-to-face or video-conference)

- Sherry mentioned that at one point there was money set aside for face-to-face meetings. The group previously decided to meet face-to-face occasionally. Tammie added that she is unsure if funding is available for face-to-face meetings. Carrie mentioned that she feels videoconferencing is effective and suggested tabling this topic until the council has budgetary information.
- Dolores suggested that Dale be included in a face-to-face meeting.

20. Public Comment

There was no public comment

22. Adjournment

Motion:

- Carrie Paldi made a motion to adjourn.
- Dolores seconded the motion to adjourn.
- Motion carried.
- The June 3, 2014 ECAC meeting was adjourned at 12:38 P.M.

