

# Nevada EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

*“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, December 1, 2015**

**9:00 AM**

### Meeting Locations by Video Conferencing

Las Vegas: UNLV, CBC Building B room 117  
4505 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154

Carson City: The Co-op Extension  
2621 North Gate Lane Suite 12, Carson City, NV 89706

Reno: Early Childhood Professional Development Center, Training Room  
240 S. Rock Blvd, Suite 143, Reno, 89502

Elko: Great Basin College, Quintin Circle Modular Room  
1500 College Pkwy, Elko NV 89801

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## AGENDA

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

#### Reno Council

Marty Elquist, Chair Woman, The Children’s Cabinet  
Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education  
Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District  
Julie Hitchcock, Kindercare Learning Center

#### Reno Public

Kimberly Regan, Sierra Nevada Academy Charter School  
Sherry Waugh, Child and Family Research Center, University of Nevada, Reno

#### Carson Council

Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education

Jack Zentino, Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services  
Brenda Bledsoe, Part C of IDEA DHHS

Carson Public

Brian Turner, Nevada Department of Education

Las Vegas Council

Tammie Williams, Co-Chair, Nevada Department of Education  
Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center  
Catherine Lyons, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

Las Vegas Public

Chantel Wakefield, Nevada Department of Education  
Patricia Oya, Nevada Department of Education  
Nicholle Goldstein, Nevada Department of Education  
Amanda Haboush Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy, UNLV  
Merry Regan, Merry Hill Preschool  
Viviane Brock, Merry Hill Preschool

Elko Public

Lisa Calder, Elko County School District

**2. Public Comment #1**

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist asked for public comments. There were none.

**3. Approval of Flexible Agenda**

Chairwoman Marty Elquist asked for a motion for a flexible agenda.

**Motion**

- Catheryn Lyons made a motion for a flexible agenda and consent agenda.
- Tammie Williams seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried.

**4. Approval of August 4, 2015 minutes**

Anna Severens stated that for the record she would like to thank Chantel for the minutes but she would like for the council to consider that instead of a transcript they should move to a minutes form like the other councils.

- The council agreed with Anna.

Chairwoman Marty Elquist asked for a motion to approve the August fourth minutes.

**Motion**

- Tammie Williams moved to accept the August fourth minutes.
- Katheryn Lyons seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion was carried.

**5. Item A: ECCS Grant**

Tammie Williams Explained that in the ECCS grant they had around \$5,000 dollars that could be spent by the ECAC. She stated that the money has to be spent by June 30, 2016.

- One of the options discussed were to support travel.

- Carrie Paldi stated that for the record that she would like to ask Tammie if there are specific recommendations for the money, things that the money is preapproved for.
  - Tammie Williams stated that it was completely open.
- Carrie Paldi asked for the record whether it was just for the state advisory council or for the local councils as well.
  - Tammie replied that it was just for the state advisory council.
- The Council recommended to Tammie to spend that money on TA support to facilitate strategic planning.

#### **6. Item B: Subcommittees Based on the ECCS Asset Map**

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist explained that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Committee's charge was to determine the subcommittees of the ECAC that will carry forth the work of the ECAC Strategic Plan by aligning the ECAC strategic activities to the subcommittees.

- Chairwoman, Marty Elquist told the Council that the four subcommittees are Professional Development, Systems, Family and Community, and Early Learning. She explained the areas of focus in each of the subcommittees. She explained that they would be working with the other existing committees in the state that are already doing work in each of the focus areas. She stated that the subcommittees need to be established in the ECAC Bylaws. She discussed the subcommittees further.
- The Council discussed the timelines around the work.

#### **Motion**

- Anna Severens made a motion to accept the four subcommittees and accept the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Tina Springmeyer seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- Motion carried at 9:49 AM.

For the chairs and co-chairs they chose Tammie Williams and Angela Triche for Family and Community Health Services, Anna Severens and Tina Springmeyer for Early Learning, Katherine Lyons and Sherry Bingham for Professional Development, and Brenda Bledsoe and Jack Zentino for systems.

- Chairwoman Marty Elquist stated that she or Tammie would be ex officio for each of the subcommittees.

#### **7. Item D: Revision of Nevada ECAC By-laws**

Chairwoman Marty Elquist discussed putting in the subcommittees and focus areas under Article IV. Section 3A. In Article IV. Section 4.1.g, Chairwoman Elquist asked the Council to revisit how the item would read. Councilwoman Elquist reread the updated language recommended from the August 4, 2015 meeting, "Prepare reports as requested by the governor, Legislative Council Bureau (LCB), or Superintendent of Public Instruction." She also reminded the Council that they had discussed the terms for the Council chair and they decided that the term would be three years and follow the Governor's appointment. Additionally, Councilwoman Elquist stated the terms of officers were discussed in the August meeting under Article IV., Section 4.E., but the language had to be approved by the Council. From the August 4, 2015 meeting, the following language was revisited, "Terms of officers may be up to three years and officers may serve more than one term upon election of the Council."

#### **Motion**

- Carrie Paldi made a motion to approve the Bylaws with the recommended changes.
- Angela Triche seconded the motion

- All were in favor.
- Motion carried at 10:11 AM.

#### **8. Item C: Revision of Silver State Strong Plan**

Marty explained how the Silver State Strong Plan is associated with the newly elected subcommittees. She asked the council when they want to start on the full update of the ECAC Strategic Plan.

- Tammie Williams stated that the facilitation of updating the plan is what they should spend the ECCS money on.
- They discussed how they were going to change the strategic plan as well as get timelines and steps in place.
- They decided to do the initial work six months out and to use outside facilitation.
- They decided that initially the subcommittees should meet monthly in order to get the work done for the strategic plan.
- They recommended to Tammie Williams to spend the ECCS money on facilitation.
- They decided that the June meeting, where this would happen should be face-to-face. They decided that the June meeting should also be two days long: June 13 & 14

#### **9. Item E: 2016 Meeting Dates**

The Council decided to continue the ECAC 2016 meetings every other month on the first Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

The dates decided were February 2, April 5, June 13 & 14, August 2, October 4, and December 6.

They decided that the June two-day meeting will be face to face.

##### **Motion**

- Catherine Lyons motioned to set the meeting date beginning February second first Tuesday of every other month beginning at nine am with the exception of June. June will be face to face and two full days in Las Vegas on the 13th and 14th.
- Tammie Williams seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion carried at 10:32 am.

#### **10. Item F: Early Childhood Data Systems**

Brian Turner explained that they have no comprehensive catalog or system connecting all ECE data points in Nevada. He explained that right now it is a year-by-year database and it does not connect to the year before, he explained that right now it is done in spreadsheets. He asked the ECAC to promote data coordination. Brian explained that to pave the road they need a unique identifier for children. He stated that Infinite Campus serves as an intermediary between the data systems and can serve as a data collection tool itself. He stated that the big transition is going into elementary from PreK.

- Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that there are quite a few areas in the strategic plan about building a state wide data system and that Brian should be on the Systems Subcommittee.

#### **11. Item G: Health Standards Presentation**

Jessica Lamb discussed obesity prevention efforts in Nevada and how to add it into the early learning settings. She stated that 26.9% of Nevada's children are obese in their Kindergarten year. She went on to explain the rest of the statistics on obese children in the USA. She did an overview of the Obesity program and grant. She stated that they are providing trainings to early education staff. She explained that AB 152 was passed this last year and gave a description of it. She explained what standards were met in Nevada compared to nationwide for nutrition and physical

activity. She explained the steps that they are making to help close the gaps. She explained all of the agencies that they partner with statewide.

#### **12. Item H: Updates**

Carrie Paldi gave an update from NEVAEYC. She discussed the mini conference that they had had with the Library District. She stated that they were voting in officers and the statewide conference will be held May 19-21, 2015 at the Atlantis in Reno.

#### **13. Item I: Local ECAC**

Lisa Calder of the Northeastern Nevada ECAC stated that in October they did a social emotional training. She stated that they will hold another conference in April on the Power of K.

- Carson City had no updates.
- Churchill County had no updates.
- Nye County had no updates.
- Amanda Haboush Deloye from Southern Nevada stated that their last meeting was in November. She reported that they had a very successful event at the Springs Preserve. She updated that Council is working on a coordinated system of care. She explained the case studies that they will be doing four times a year.
- Tina Springmeyer from the Washoe County ECAC explained that they are getting ready to present the P3 longitudinal data.
- The Tribal ECAC had no updates.

#### **14. Item J: P-20W Council**

Kimberly Regan reported that on October 2, 2015 Richard Lane presented to the P20w Council. She explained what kind of data was presented. She explained what they were working on, which includes a statewide database that includes Early Childhood. She explained the research questions that ECE subcommittee suggested as well as other work that the P-20W Council is doing.

#### **15. Item K: Open Meeting Law**

Chantel Wakefield explained the new rules to open meeting law. She explained how we have to provide accommodations for people with disabilities if the request is received within 48 hours of a Council meeting. This includes interpreters for people who are deaf. She also explained how are website needs to be set up for people with disabilities.

- Chairwoman Marty Elquist made suggestions for website modifications we can do to be in compliance with people with disabilities.
- The Council discussed locating an interpreter with short notice. Brenda Bledsoe stated that Part C uses a list of certified interpreters and can share with Chantel. She will forward the information.

#### **16. Item L: Future Agenda Items**

The future agenda items includes

- Reporting on the subcommittees and memberships
- Update from each individual subcommittee
- Update on KEA and Read by Three
- The use of ECCS technical assistance funds and narrowing down a facilitator
- Update from State Head Start Association
- State Plan Review

#### **17. Public Comment #2**

- Patti Oya gave an update on KEA and Read by Three.
- Jack Zentino gave an update on the state plan and stated that he will give a full update in February.
- Carrie Paldi asked the people who came late to state who they were for the record.
  - They were Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Angela Triche Head Start, Nicholle Goldstein NDE, Merry Regan with the Merry Hill preschool, and Vivien Brock with the Merry Hill preschool.

#### **18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

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