

# 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, February 2, 2016**  
**9:00 AM**

## **Meeting Locations by Video Conferencing**

Las Vegas: Co Operative Extension LLC, Room A  
8050 Paradise Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, NV 89123-1904

Carson City: Nevada Department of Education, Board Room  
700 E Fifth Street, Carson City, 89701

Reno: UNR KC, 110  
1664 N Virginia St, Reno, NV 89503

Elko: Elko GBC CC Modular Conference Room  
1500 College Pkwy, Elko, NV 89801

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## **Minutes**

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

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

#### **Las Vegas Members**

- Catherine Lyons, University of Las Vegas
- Sherry Bingham, Early Childhood Special Education DOE
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation Early Head Start
- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids
- Latisha Brown, Division of Public and Behavior Health
- Dolores Hauck, Nevada Hand

#### **Carson City Members**

- Anna Severens, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District
- Jack Zenteno, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

- Brenda Bledsoe, DHHS

Reno Members

- Marty Elquist, Children’s Cabinet
- Julie Hitchcock, Kinder Care Learning Center

Las Vegas Public

- Chantel Wakefield, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Patricia Oya, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Jon Bell, Lakeshore
- Sayonara Harris, Variety Early Learning Center
- Jared Busker, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Edith Farmer, Division of Public and Behavior Health
- Nicholle Goldstein, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Nya Berry, State Public Charter School Authority
- Stacey Joyner, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Angela Rose, United Way of Southern Nevada
- Teresa Cosgrove, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Michael Maxwell, Las Vegas Urban League
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy

Reno Public

- Kaia Bartling, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada Reno
- Laura Malkovich, Northwest Regional Professional Development Program

Carson Public

- Jana Barclay, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Brian Turner, Office of Early Learning and Development

Elko Public

- Lisa Caulder, Elko County School District

**2. Public Comment #1**

Chantel Wakefield reminded the council members of the reappointment paperwork. She also asked the Council members to email her their information so she can update the Council list.

- Marty Elquist also asked for their reappointment dates.

**3. Approval of Flexible Agenda**

Motion

- Catherine Lyons motioned to approve a flexible agenda.
- Sherry Bingham seconded it.
- All were in favor
- The motion carried at 9:10 AM.

**4. Approval of December 1, 2016 minutes**

Anna Severens stated that Cindy Johnson needed to be moved Reno public and Anna Severens should be Reno Council.

Motion

- Latisha Brown moved to accept the December first minutes with modifications suggested by Anna Severens.
- Dolorous Hauck seconded it.
- All were in favor.
- The motion carried at 9:13 AM

## 5. Item A: Reports from the ECAC Subcommittees

The Professional Development subcommittee stated that they had come up with a list of possible members and they have 14 members. They scheduled monthly meetings for the fourth Monday of every month, they updated the contact information, and they looked at the petal graphic. They stated that next month they will look at funding sources and other councils doing the same work.

- Anna Severens asked if they were all on the same page as the amount of members per each group.
  - Sherry Bingham stated that they have 14 members.
- Chantel Wakefield stated that the Council suggests that the subcommittees use Go to Meeting because there is a record function on it. She stated that we could use the Children's Cabinet's Go to Meeting account.

Early Learning subcommittee stated that they identified the names of the people interested. They identified relevant information on the spread sheet and what committees would oversee what. She stated that at the next meeting they will identify the key items that their committee needs to work on now. They currently have 10 members. They reiterated that they feel that being able to meet face to face is critical for them.

Systems stated that their first meeting will be February, 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.. They have 8 members right now. Mary Knight will be working with Chantel with scheduling for this subcommittee.

Family and Community stated that they had eight members show up and they have fifteen members all together. They reviewed the current strategic plan and activities and they saw that a lot of activities seem to overlap. They decided that at the 2 day meeting in June they will discuss how they overlap. They discussed what agencies are currently doing in their community. They will meet on the fourth Monday of every month.

## 6. Item B: Technical Assistance Fund and Narrowing Down a Facilitator

Chairwoman Marty Elquist gave an over view of what happened at the last meeting in this area. She also stated that Tammie is looking into whether or not they will have to put out a proposal to retain a Facilitator. She asked them to look at a document that she drafted about getting a facilitator and asked them what needs to be change.

- Dolores Hauck asked if the council currently has a mission statement. They do not. She asked if their where pro's or cons of having an open RFP process. They had not yet.
- Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that they could discuss it now.
- They decided to modify number two underneath session facilitation to review update vision statement instead of predate.
- Dolores Hauck stated that a Pro is that when you cast a net you do not know who comes. She stated that she likes the criteria. She stated that the only con is that there is a short amount of time to do it in and that there is a soft list of some organizations that they may not want to be the facilitator due the fact that they could be being used by other state organizations that could benefit from the outcome or funding that would be steered later on.
- Marty Elquist stated that they would add a conflict of interest statement.
- They discussed different facilitators including the master's service agreement, the Department of Education does not have access to that, and they can do a solicitation waiver however. Another suggestion was the Nevada Public Health Foundation and partnering with one of the national TA centers who do it for low cost or free.

### Motion

- Carrie Paldi asked for a motion to approve facilitator criteria with the revisions notated.

- Dolorous Hauck seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion passed at 9:49 AM

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

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that most of the work is taking place in subcommittees to prepare for the meeting in June. She stated that they had created a new infographic draft. She asked them if they want to adopt it as the official infographic or just use it as a draft.

- They decided to use it as a draft until their meeting in June.
- Sherry asked if they could change anything on this document
- Marty stated that the focus areas themselves cannot be changed but they can be added to or have things taken away from them in what they think they cover.

#### Motion

- Angela Triche motioned to table the revision of the Silver State Strong Plan until June.
- Catherine Lyons seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion carried at 9:57 AM.

#### **8. Item D: State Plan**

Jack Zenteno gave a brief description of the draft for the state plan, which is on the ECAC website. Some of the highlights were.

- He stated that the childcare development fund was a block grant that was authorized in November of 2014. The feds have tried to figure out how to reauthorize the block grant and where they are going with it. The plan is due March first.
- In September they are going to slash a third of the number of the people who are on the program due to not enough funding. He stated that they are building budgets for the next legislative session and they have asked for some money that still has to clear many levels. He has asked for 50 million dollars to put in 700% more than the program has ever had.
- Section one was leadership and coordination. It has the emergency preparedness plan status in it.
- Section two was to promote family engagement through averaging consumer education.
- Section three was to provide stable childcare and financial assistance to families. He stated that they can now use up to 365 days to determine income for families.
- Section four is to ensure equal access to high quality care for low income children.
- Section five is to establish standards and monitoring processes to ensure the health and safety of childcare settings. They are also adjusting the ratio.
- Section six is quality improvement activities.
- Section seven is support for continuous quality improvement (QRIS).
- Section eight is integrity and accountability.
- He stated that it goes to hearing on February seventeenth. He asked if they had anything to add to contact him by February twelve. He stated that because of the new standards only half of the children will be served compared to the amount that is being served now, but they will have a better quality.

#### **9. Item E: Updates**

Carrie Paldi stated that the NAEYC state conference is happening May 19-21 in Reno at the Atlantis Resort. She stated that public policies are in the works. She stated that the Board will be doing their annual retreat later that week to set forth their goals and plans to move them forward into the next year. Mike Maxwell was elected president of NAEYC. She stated that SNAEYC is having a mini

conference on March 12 in conjunction with the College of Southern Nevada. The Reno association is having a five k race and one mile walk on Saturday April 16.

#### **10. Item F: Local ECAC**

Carson City ECAC: No updates

Church Hill County ECAC: No updates

Northeastern Nevada ECAC: They have a one day training February 6th. They are working with Anna to schedule the power of K in April.

Nye County ECAC: No updates

Southern Nevada ECAC: They just had their first meeting of the New Year and they had Jack present the plan. They reached out to Strategic Process which is doing focus groups here in Nevada 211.

They missed the announcement for it and asked them to put together another focus group to make sure that they can provide feedback and it will be done in a webinar style on February 10 from ten to eleven thirty. They will soon be planning for their Step Up for Kid's events again which will be in September and they have a grant from the Kellogg Foundation that will help support that. She stated that if other local or the state Council would like to have a step up event they can share their funds for that. She asked for the ECAC to send the local councils the agendas and minutes.

Washoe County ECAC: They are working with Elko on the power of K training. They are also figuring out the P3 piece for NEVAEYC Conference. They have confirmed Kristy Cowers to come. They are also working on P3 for Mega conference which is April 8-10.

Tribal ECAC: There was no update from them however Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that they are looking at the organization of where the tribal ECAC falls. She stated that right now it is directly underneath the Indian Commission and they are looking at merging that with other committee work that is going on.

#### **11. Item G: P-20 Council**

Dr. Reagan was not in attendance so they tabled the update. Marty Elquist stated that there is a P3 update on the website.

#### **12. Item H: Updates on KEA and Read by Three.**

Patti Oya gave an update first on Read by Three.

- There was a workshop held yesterday.
- The RFI went out to find a vendor as stated in the Read by Three Legislation. There was a small section about the KEA as well. Curriculum Associates, I Ready, and the Northwest Measurement of Academic Progress are the vendors who the review committee recommended from the applicants. The State Board of Education will make the final decision. There will be two more focus groups on Read by Three.

Patti Oya gave an update on KEA

- There are three vendors being recommended for the KEA. They are Teaching Strategies Gold, Curriculum Associates Brigance, and The Maryland Ohio Consortium.
- The one being recommended is the Brigance which would align with the Curriculum Associates.
- KEA is a part of the PreK Development Grant. It is not legislative.
- Patti stated that if it is approved by the superintendent then she can ask Curriculum Associates to come and do a presentation for the ECAC.
- The ECAC will be invited to the two meetings to look at the roll out of the assessment.

#### **13. Item I: Updates from the State Head Start Association**

Angela Triche stated that they did elect new officers recently. The programs have been engaging in a number of trainings and they have been able to increase the level of students' state wide. There are

now 3,099 Early Head Start slots available right now. They are doing a tobacco cessation training this month.

- Jack said that in March there is going to be early childhood partnership training in San Francisco. He asked if Sunrise Children’s Foundation and CSA are going to that meeting.
  - Angela Triche stated that they will be attending.

#### **14. Item J: Future Agenda Items**

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that Strategic Planning facilitation will be on the next agenda.

#### **15. Public Comment #2**

Jared from the Children’s Advocacy Alliance told them CCA and NSRP are in the process of doing a get out and caucus campaign. He stated that they have a lot of materials to get out to the community. He asked if we could let them know if we have any group he can hand out materials too.

- Amanda Haboush-Deloye stated that on behalf of Prevent Child Abuse Nevada they wanted to let everyone know that March is Child Abuse Prevention Month. They will be selling pin wheels in support of Child Abuse Prevention. On Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> they will be participating in a national “Go Blue” day to support preventing child abuse and they are following that with a “Go Blue” weekend. She stated that they have t shirts on sale for go blue.

#### **16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

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