

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, April 5th, 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: Early Childhood Professional Development Center, Training Room
240 S. Rock Blvd, Suite 143, Reno, 89502

Elko: University of Nevada School of Medical, GRIS 31
701 Walnut Street, Elko, NV 89801-5032

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Minutes

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

Las Vegas Members

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Tammie Williams, Head Start State Collaboration
- Dolores Hauck, -
- Linda Young, CCSD
- Sherry Bingham, Department of Education
- Angela Triche, Head Start

Reno Members

- Julie Hitchcock, Kindercare Learning Center

- Marty Elquist, Children’s Cabinet
- Anna Severens, Department of Education State PreK
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County PreK Standards

Carson

- Jack Zentino, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

2. Public Comment #1

Brian Turner stated that he was in Carson City. There were no further comments.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

Motion

- Tammie Williams stated that she was making a motion to approve a flexible agenda.
- Anna Severens seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion was carried at 9:09 AM.

4. Item A: Reports from the ECAC Subcommittees

The Early Learning Sub-Committee stated that they now have a committee of 12. Anna Severens stated that at the last meeting they reviewed their work on a spread sheet. They also started work on the funding for the focus areas they have. They did a self-assessment of what activities they have representation for. Tina Springmeyer stated that they were excited to work with the larger ECAC.

The Family and Community Partnership Sub-Committee stated that they are now meeting every fourth Monday. They went over their membership, and they are still looking to add someone from foster care. They stated the consultants that they also have working with them. They looked at other agencies and committees that are working in their focus areas. They stated that all of the focus areas are still relevant.

The Systems Sub-Committee stated that their last meeting was cancelled so they have no update right now.

The Professional Development Sub-Committee stated that they do not have much of an update because they did not meet quorum that day. They stated that their next meeting is for the 25th. Their agenda will include reviewing the strategic plan, identifying any other agencies and committees, and discussing funding sources. They have 14 people in their sub-committee.

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that she needs to send all of the information from the focus groups into one spreadsheet for the two day meeting. She needs all of the sub-committees to send her their spreadsheets by the end of May.

5. Item B: Strategic Planning Facilitation

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that they are going to use Jana Martella to facilitate the next meeting. She stated that the remainder of the money left over from Jana’s travel can be used to help other ECAC members travel.

Chantel Wakefield stated that during the next meeting with Jana on the 15th she will be able to make Jana’s travel arrangements. She stated that they are working with Nevada Hand and they have a location by the airport. She also stated that they are working with Discount School Supply on the food.

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that they are going to invite members of the public to the meeting.

Carrie Paldi stated that they may want to have a designated time for the regular meeting before they begin discussing facilitation so the members of the public who want to be there for just the regular meeting can.

The rest of the Council agreed.

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist asked Chantel to email the agenda directly to the council chairs of the local councils.

6. Item C: ECAC Facebook Page

Sherry Bingham asked for help on the Facebook page. She stated that she does not have the password for the Facebook page however she is getting the notifications from it. She stated that she does not want to be in charge of the Facebook page.

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that they need to address it in their strategic plan. She stated that updates would fall with Chantel.

The Council discussed whether it would be appropriate for the ECAC page to be a part of the OELD Facebook page.

The Council decided to have this discussion during the June two day meeting.

7. Item D: Updates on KEA and Read by Three.

Patti Oya introduced the people from the Curriculum Associates. She stated that they were chosen to do the KEA piece. The read by three people are looking at a list of assessments or possibly one assessment. She stated that that decision is made by the State Board of Education.

Patti Oya stated that they are having focus groups on the assessments this week In Vegas and tomorrow in Reno. She announced that they are doing a pre-conference session at Mega conference, but it is more about state PreK.

She made it known that a screener does not replace an assessment and the Brigands is a screener. They are looking at making Brigands a requirement of the State PreK, the PreK development Grant, and QRIS so that they would have that data and be able to give children an identifier before school.

The people from the Curriculum associates are John Snipe, Robin McMath, and Catherine Harvey.

- John Snipe gave the Council an introduction to their company 'Curriculum Associates' and explained that they do the Brigands screener.
- Catherine Harvey, the vice president for Brigands, explained the Brigands early childhood screen 3.
 - One of the key points is that it is research based and it does comply with national standards.
 - She stated that it was easy to administer and it only takes 15 minutes.
 - Catherine stated that she can give out some of the technical manuals and she will share the technical data. She stated that it gives clear data.
 - She also said that it is highly accurate and they look at the total child not just one component.

- She explained how it is administered and the materials that are needed.
- She said that it also tests fluency.
- She explained the online management system.
- She went into detail on the social emotional component of it.
- She explained how the teachers would be trained for Brigands.
- She asked for questions.
 - Sherry Waugh asked if health and social emotional is a part of the academic portion.
 - Catherine stated that they are separate but she recommends doing both.
 - Ron Barakat asked if you do both is it still only 15 minutes to administer.
 - Catherine stated that it adds about five minutes to it.
 - Angela Triche asked if the Home programs use that program.
 - Catherine stated that they do use it.
 - Sherry Waugh asked in a basis of KEA when will this be implemented
 - Patti Oya stated that they are looking at rolling it out, on a limited basis, in fall of 2016. She stated that it would be out within the first thirty days of the KEA year.

8. Item E: Draft Policy Statement on PreK Expulsion and Suspension in Early Childhood Settings

Jack Zentino stated that the state is drafting this policy and it is something that has picked up nationally really fast. He explained all of the negatives to expelling a child while in an early childhood setting. He explained how they will go about getting it approved and then implemented. He asked that it will be put on the agenda again.

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist stated that it had been voted by the TACSEI leadership team as well. Dolores Hauck asked how they see this being implemented by private care settings that would also take childcare subsidiary.

- Jack Zentino stated that they hold a lot of the money for the centers so that helps them to implement what is being done in those childcare centers.
- Dolores Hauck asked if he sees a need for legislative action and whether it will be made into a licensing regulation.
- Jack Zentino stated that it may be a licensing regulation but he is unsure of that.

Sherry Waugh explained how centers exclude children and how that needs to be addressed. Sherry Bingham stated an area that needs to be changed.

- Jack Zentino stated that if they send the recommended changes to him he will change them.

Chairwoman, Marty Elquist asked everybody to get changes to Jack by the end of the month so the policy can be revised and they will revisit it at the June meeting.

Carrie Paldi stated that she would share it with NVAEYC.

9. Item F: Updates

Carrie Paldi invited those in Northern Nevada to go to the 5K walk on April 16. She stated that the NVAEYC held there mini conference on March 12 and the theme was family engagement and it was very successful. There will be a NevAEYC conference at the Atlantis in Reno on May 19, 20, and 21.

10. Item G: Local ECAC

- Amanda Haboush Deloye stated that the SNAEYC had the last local ECAC meeting two weeks ago. They started doing sample case reviews. They had an update from the Las Vegas Library. They also discussed what other local ECAC's are doing. Their focus area this year is looking at licensure from PreK to second grade.
- The Carson ECAC had no update.
- The Churchill County ECAC had no updates.
- Lisa from the northeastern ECAC stated that they are participating in the week of the young child. They are getting the final parts to the power of K which will be April 29-30th.
- Linda from the Nye County ECAC stated that they are going through the reappointment process and they are looking for new leadership. She stated that they have TACSEI training on April 29th. She stated that the early Childhood program brochures are being updated.
- Tina Springmeyer from the Washoe County ECAC stated that they looked at their strategic plan and they have some good things in place. They worked with school administrators to get something in place with them.
- The Tribal ECAC had no updates.

11. Item H: P-20 Council

Kimberly Regan stated that the P20 council website was updated. She stated that they had an unprecedented interest in Early Learning while meeting with the Governor. She stated the questions that were asked and explained that they used the KEA data they had to answer those questions. They are working on having an MPWR position in the Governor's office whose purpose would be P-3 governance so they would have a support person. They are working on a group across all of the state agencies to coordinate the data of the MPWR and current and upcoming development of MPWR. They are also looking at college and career readiness.

12. Item I: Future Agenda Items

The Council added the minutes for February and April. They will have the draft policy on expulsion on the agenda again. They will have the Facebook page back on again.

13. Public Comment #2

Amanda Haboush Deloye stated that in Southern Nevada the Library District is holding a Mind in the Making training with Ellen which is April 26, 27, and 28. She also stated that April is child abuse prevention month.

Sherry Waugh asked who to send people to who had questions about teach.

- Kimberly Regan stated to send them to her. She also explained that some new policies were going to be coming into place. She asked them to email her at nevaeyc.president@gmail.com

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.