



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 • 9:00 AM

“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.”

Meeting Locations:

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Nevada Department of Education	9890 South Maryland Parkway	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Roop Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	
Great Basin College, High Tech Center	1500 College Parkway	Elko, Nevada	Modular Conference Room

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

(VIDEO CONFERENCED)

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair called the meeting to order, 9:15 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Diane Hardy, Child Care Licensing
- Sherry Bingham, NDE
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Tammie Williams, Head Start State Collaboration
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District, Nevada Pre-K Standards
- Jack Zenteno, Child Care and Development Program, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
- Anna Severens, NDE
- Julie Hitchcock, KinderCare Learning Center
- Sherry Waugh, UNR CFRC
- Tina Springmeyer, WCSD

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Patti Oya, NDE
- Stacey Joyner, NDE
- Jessica Halling, NDE
- Shelby Henderson, Children’s Advocacy Group and Strong Start Campaign
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Cheryl Joyce, Child Care Licensing



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- Angela Rose, United Way of Southern Nevada

In Reno:

- Laura Malkovich, NWRPDP
- Melissa Burnham, University of Reno, College of Education
- Joanne Everts, Turning Points Inc., B3
- Kaia Bartling, CAA
- Kimberly Regan, SNACS
- Rachel Breithaupt, Turning Points Inc.

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No Public Comment regarding any item appearing on the agenda at this time.

No Public Comment on any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction, control or advisory power at this time.

The Committee moves on to Item #3.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

Motion:

- Sherry Waugh moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Anna Severens seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, Flexible Agenda Approved.

4. Item A: Minutes from December 6

The Council discussed the December 6 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Dolores Hauck moved to accept October 13 Minutes as is.
- Carrie Paldi seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, December 6 Minutes Approved.

5. Item B: Every Student Succeeds Act – Update on Nevada's State Plan

Brett Barley gave presentation on Nevada's Draft of State ESSA Plan:

- Key Themes/Strategies: Making Schools mentors to other Schools, 95% of Money flows directly to Districts and school to serve kids, focusing on Schools that need it most.
- Mr. Barley requests the ECAC's assistance in reviewing the ESSA Public Draft, including 'Cheat Sheet on page #63 with summary of actions placed into Plan by Workgroups.
- To be sent to the U.S. Dept. of Education on April 3rd 2017, deadline is March 1st.
- Full ESSA Plan Documents available at: [Nevada Department of Education, Boards Commissions, and Councils, ESSA Advisory Group](#) website. See Image-box in center, with Menu on far right side:
 - [ESSA Plan PDF](#)



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- [Nevada ESSA Plan Stakeholder Survey](#)

- The Council discussed need for additional meeting of the ECAC to Summarize Goals to forward to ESSA focused on tying into the World of Early Education.
- Additional meeting is scheduled for February 21st, 2017
- ECAC Members are to Read the ESSA Pretty Plan & Technical Plan by Feb. 16, Anna Severens agrees to compile initial Comments from ECAC Members.

6. **Item C: Report from the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee**

Updates on the work of the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Marty Elquist presenting:

- The Council discussed ‘Survey Monkey’ sent for organizing Committee to resume meeting over next couple of months.
- WK Kellogg Company plans to invest more in State of Nevada Education & to Support ECAC; currently moving through Budgeting Steps.

Motion:

- Diane Hardy Moves to have an outside facilitator support Strategic Planning.
- Sherry Waugh seconded.
- Motion carried.
- The Council discussed outside companies as potential facilitators, including: Boston Company, SEI – Social Entrepreneurs Incorporated, Turning Point, Inc. which currently handles facilitation for B3.
- Next Steps: ECAC plans to reach out to Jana Martella and DCA Company to inquire about consultant availability.

7. **Item D: Strategic Planning Next Steps**

The ECAC discussed next steps in the 2018 strategic planning process.

Marty Elquist presenting:

- ECAC will need to do additional commitment for Subcommittee later – Marty will send list back out to all the Subcommittee Chairs.
- Anyone who did not yet complete Subcommittee Survey, can still do so using original link, or email Marty.

8. **Item E: Facebook Page**

The Council discussed the status of the ECAC Facebook Page.

Anna Severens gave updates.

- Requests suggestions for content to post.
- Sherry Bingham suggests posting link to the ESSA Plan, the Council agrees.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye from Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy suggests using Facebook Page content to Re-Post and offers to share Facebook Resources.

9. **Item F: ECAC Minutes & Notetaking, Role of NDE in supporting ECAC**

The Council discussed NDE’s support to the ECAC.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair and Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education:

- Children’s Cabinet Admin, to take Over ECAC Meeting Minutes.
- Kourtenaye Monroe, NDE, will continue to assist with scheduling meeting room locations and requirements for Open Public Meeting Law.



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- Marty Elquist states consideration for ECAC support funding is also a part of Strategic Plan.

10. Item G: B-3 Project

Joanne Everts Turning Point, Inc. updates on Nevada Ready B-3 project.

- Statewide committee making own Strategic Plan. Goal for January meeting to create vision for B-3 in Nevada, then to focus on at State levels.
- Three different locations across State Pilot programs. Next Meeting March 8th, will be looking at working on plan developing application for Pilot Sites & How to Encourage School Districts to look at Comprehensive B3 – included Pre-K through 3rd Grade.
- Getting together groups for Pre-K K-3rd grade focus to get input and feedback to vote at State wide level, getting together Marketing plan. Suggested Documents for ECAC Reading, include: Approaching Pre-K.
- Children's Advocacy Alliance, Urban League and Children's Cabinet making a Glossary of Terms for all the abbreviations / acronyms used. Sherry will forward Acronyms List to Joanne.
- Kaia Bartley: Comments on the importance of not only using Acronyms when in Public Meeting setting.

11. Item H: Child Care Licensing Update

Diane Hardy Gave Updates.

- Currently work being done to improve website Licensing technology.

12. Item I: Legislative Session Updates

Updates given on Nevada's 2017 Legislative Session and issues related to 'Early childhood'.

Shelby Henderson presenting as Denise Tanata & Jared Busker of Children's Advocacy Alliance were unavailable.

- Gave Updates on Bill: Gaps and Cliffs, issues, senators recruitments and endorsements.
- Senator Faley Bill gives tax credit to Businesses that Support Early Learning and Families. Getting Business Community more involved as active partners with Development of Early Childhood/Child Care funding.
- Bills for Back Ground Checks, Development Funds, Health and Human Services, & Licensing Childcare Providers Senators pulling for Child Care Facilities for families with Military background.
- More information including 'Priorities List' with Bills/School Readiness Component, available on: [Children's Advocacy Alliance Website](#)
- Info on K12 available at: [Nevada Legislature Website](#)
- Or, more information can be requested by emailing Jared Busker at: [Jared Busker at the Children's Advocacy Alliance](#)
- Shelby will forward email from Jared summarizing all Bills affecting Early Education to Marty.

13. Item J: Updates on KEA and Read by Three

Patti Oya presenting:

- Kellogg Foundation supporting New Work Overlap with B3 KEA, Exciting thing in early discussions with Buffet Foundations – how Pilot Pre-mirror to bring together Legislators, partners of City of Las Vegas , United Way of Southern Nevada
- Kellogg foundation currently funds Leadership Academy: focuses on basic admin qualities, language and literacy, how to observe teachers, what to look for, and how give feed-back around certain skills
- Overlap was Ok & info appreciated, including How to choose Brigance Screener.
- QRIS, first time a baby enters childcare, all the way through 3rd grade.



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- Infinite Campus, Nevada to be one of the only States with Data on birth through 3rd grade & up.
- Working with Curriculum Associates to bring in Screening tools, Some 'Train the Trainer' is planned soon,
- Online management system: Data collected for Brigance Scoring, made easy to read and viewable for Parents – Needs funding to support.
- Carrie Paldi comments: Loves idea that Principals and Early Education cooperate.
- Patti states 3rd Cohort, Stratahan targeted Zip codes, opened up to Ocelero Head Start programs, Principles and a Charter school Principle.
- To begin sometime in May: Grant Meetings, District Level Planning Meetings, Getting Contracts together – Data likely to be rough in first couple of years.

14. Item K: P-20 Council

Kimberly Reagan gave updates on the progress of the P-20 Council.

- Forwarded Final Report that was sent to the Education Council Sent Marty Elquist.

15. Item L: Strong Start Updates

Shelby Henderson and Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates on the progress of Strong Start.

- Mayor Good man decided Early Education Critical Component.
- Strong Start Academy Opening
- Help with Messaging and Marketing, requests how ECAC would like to go about Marketing.
- Working with QRIS to ensure kids getting Quality Care.
- Actively using Facebook, Twitter, etc. for encouraging Parents to help kids learn 'Word of Week' type activities, Advocacy trainings for Parents at CCSD. High school students training to Be Advocates, learning how to write letters to their Local Representatives
- Seeking Businesses interested in being on a Business Council.
- Public Meeting for Strong Start scheduled March 22nd, 2017.
- Children's Week event March 13 - 16.

16. Item M: Local ECAC Updates

- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates - Finalized Learning Party, will send out flier to Marty Big events have been successful, suggests more for Early Childhood, Health and Wellness to stay a priority with coming Elections.
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh gave updates.
- Churchill County: Laura Malkovich gave updates.
- Carson City: Kaia Bartley gave updates, will forward flier for Family Event to Anna Severens for Posting to ECAC Facebook Page.
- Elko: Lisa Calder gave updates.
- Local ECAC's Nigh, Fallon, and Tribal were not represented – Marty Elquist states the need to Re-engage Local ECAC's.

17. Item N: NevAEYC Updates

Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center gave updates:

- NevAEYC Conference Event in March



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- New President, Michael Maxwell – past President, Kimberly Reagan.
- Working to gather participants for Leadership Academy, if interested contact Glenda Billingsly.
- NVAECY Seeking Candidate for Treasurer Position.

18. Item O: Future Agenda Items

The Council discussed what they would like on upcoming Agendas.

Councilwoman Elquist states all are standing items other than Strategic Planning and new Budgets, to suggest Agenda items, email: [Marty Elquist at the Children's Cabinet](#)

- New item: Strategic Planning and New Budgets
- Updates on P-20 Council progress remains standing item until the council is dissolved
- Standing Updates on KEA and Read by Three
- Next Steps: ECAC to reach out to Jana Martella and DCA Company to inquire about consultant availability.
- New standing item: Updates on Nevada's 2017 Legislative Session and issues related to 'Early childhood', Denise Tanata & Jared Busker, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- New standing item: Updates for Strong Start.
- Updates on Childcare Licensing, Diane Hardy
- B-3 update
- ESSA- Review
- Update on recruitment of Subcommittee members
- Facebook Updates
- Standing Updates from NVAEYC

19. Public Comment #2

- Stacey Joyner, NDE, Announces Available Positions to hire two Education Programs Professionals & an Education Information Officer, for Workforce Development Grant. Seeking suggestions for Preschool Development Grant Candidates – Will be working closely with TPI on B3 & position can be contract work if candidates do not prefer fulltime position.

20. Adjournment

11:42 AM