



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

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TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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
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

9:39 AM - Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair, called the meeting to order. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Sherry Bingham, Nevada Department of Education-Section 619
- Diane L. Hardy, Child Care Licensing
- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education
- Julie Hitchcock, KinderCare Learning Center
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada, Reno Child and Family Research Center (CFRC)

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Stacey Joyner, Nevada Department of Education
- Jessica Halling, Nevada Department of Education
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Cheryl Joyce, Child Care Licensing
- Patty Oya, Nevada Department of Education



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- Edie King, IDEA Part C
- Nya Berry, SPCSA
- Shelby Henderson, Children's Advocacy Alliance / Strong Start Campaign

In Reno:

- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Laura Malkovich, NWRPDP
- Joanne Everts, Turning Point Inc.
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet

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 in were in favor.
- Motion carried, Flexible Agenda Approved.

4. Item A: Minutes from February 7, 2017

The council discussed and modified the minutes for regular scheduled meeting on February 7, 2017

- First bullet point should be removed.
- Add deadline for feedback March 1st.
- Page 3 line 6: End fourth bullet down with period.
- Number 7: 1st bullet point should read "will need to do additional communication for subcommittee."
- Page 5: Item J change Principles to Principals and correct Ocelero to Acelero.
- Item K: Correct 'Goodmen' to Goodman.
- Item M: Correct Nigh to Nye.
- Number 17: conference on May 18-19 not March.
- Number 17 on page 6: correct 'NVAEYC'
- Number 18: Public comment should say Pre K Grant.

Motion:



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- Anna Severens motioned to approve minutes as corrected for regular scheduled meeting on February 7, 2017.
- Dolores Hauck Seconded.
- Motion carried.

5. **Item B: Minutes From February 21, 2017 Special Meeting- ECAC ESSA Recommendations**

- Modified bottom of page 2 bullet
- Supporting schools at lower level, leadership training give more background

Motion:

- Marty Elquist requested a motion to approve minutes and edits for special meeting on February 21, 2017.
- Sherry Waugh made the motion as stated.
- Angela Triche seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, February 21 minutes approved.

6. **Item C: Alignment Of Work With Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) Technical Assistance**

- Edie King gave presentation on the goal of the ECPC and how to improve outcomes for all young children and families.
- ECPC would like to collaborate or combine work with ECAC.
- Bridge other agencies in the state so we can all work together.
- Marty Elquist proposed to move forward and align the strategic plans and invited ECPC to the table and address all indicators.

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

- ECAC discussed two facilitator proposals: one from SEI and other from DCA.
- Funds to pay for ECAC facilitation including travel and meeting costs put in a new request for funds to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Official approval will take place in 60 days. The Children's Cabinet will be the fiscal agent for these funds.
- Council would like more clarification of roles and involvement in ECE.
- Marty suggests doing a Rubric and discussing as a whole group.

Motion #1:

- Sherry Waugh moves to accept DCA proposal.
- Tina Springmeyer seconded.
- Through further discussion, the Council felt they needed the facilitator criteria available to make the decision, more information on the budget breakdown from DCA, and a common scoring rubric that was tied to the criteria with additional scoring for regional/state/national expertise in facilitating planning for early childhood systems.
- Sherry Waugh withdrew her motion to accept DCA proposal. Tina Springmeyer withdrew her second.



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Further Discussion

- Council discussed holding a special meeting on May 2, 2017 with additional information noted above to review facilitator proposals and select a facilitator.
- Marty Elquist will request additional information from DCA, create rubric tied to facilitator criteria and post all on ECAC website.

Motion #2:

- Marty Elquist requests a motion to hold an open telephone conference meeting before regular scheduled meeting with 1 item on the agenda to Review and Approve Strategic Planning Proposals.
- Angela Triche moves to accept the motion as stated.
- Sherry Waugh seconded the motion.
- All were in Favor.
- Motion carried, Telephone conference meeting approved.

8. Item E: Facebook Page

The Council discussed status of ECAC Facebook Page. Anna Severens gave updates.

- Facebook page 163 likes.
- Reaching 20-90 people.
- Continue to like and spread the word.
- Anna Severens requested for Council members to share any updates with her so she can post.

9. Item F: B-3 Project

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

- Pilot Project will start in fall.
- Letter of intent is due April 12, 2017.
- Full application will be due May 15, 2017.
- Technical support will be available.
- Proposal will be on ECAC website.
- Schools will reach out and spread the word.
- B-3 project is part of the Nevada Ready Pre-K Development Grant.
- Work on the B-3 plan – vision is the same as the ECAC.

10. Item G: Child Care Licensing Update

Diane Hardy gave updates.

- Gave updates on several bills and drew special attention to two bills:
 - SB46-Background checks- If person is from other state, they need to provide a background check from that state as well.



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- AB200-Immunization Bill- If child is not immunized the school will notify other parents that the child is not immunized.
- Other bills include: SB189-Provider training; AB176-Seasonal & Temp employees; AB99-Gender identity; AB346-Background checks for small unlicensed child care.

11. Item H: Legislative Session Updates

Shelby Henderson gave updates on Nevada's 2017 Legislative Session and issues related to Early Childhood

- Gave updates on several bills related to early childhood. Ms. Henderson gave information and updates on: SB46-Background checks; SB147-Child Care Tax Credits for Businesses; AB346-Background checks for small unlicensed child care; SB189-training; SB326-Priority for children of parents in armed forces; AB186-Prek for all 4-year-olds and decrease minimum age for school enrollment from 7 to 5.

12. Item I: Updates on KEA and Read by Three

Patti Oya Presenting:

- Schools ready to implement Infinite Campus online management starting July 2017.
- Will start with district Pre-K programs first and then will include child care programs caring for children on Subsidy.
- There will be training and are currently working on the training contract and dates.

13. Item J: Strong Start Updates

Shelby Henderson gave updates on progress of Strong Start

- Children's Week had a great turn out. 40 people from Southern Nevada. About a total of 70 people on Monday. Early childhood focus all throughout the week.
- Strong Start hired Marketing person to increase awareness and take Strong Start to the next level and market Early Childhood.
- Business committee – Working on setting up a business committee from participants from the Business Luncheon held in Las Vegas.
- Tabling season: Have two events coming up in April and two in May.

14. Item K: Local ECAC Updates

- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush gave updates
 - UNLV is creating a Child Research Consortium- Bring together cross-sector early childhood research with community focus to make sure needs are met and research is not conducted in silos. Will reach out to UNR too. Reached out to Stacy Joyner to give B3 updates.
 - Learning parties are not getting off the ground like they had hoped.
 - Step Up For Kids on 4th Monday in September, CCSD can be entry point and send out invitations.
- Churchill County: Laura Malkovich gave updates
 - Have re-identified partners for local ECAC and are revisiting goals.



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- Working on B-3 pilot application. Looking at 3 district schools and 2 early learning providers.
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh gave updates
 - Working on B-3 initiative-providing support on statewide leadership team and guidance with B-3 pilot applications and implementation.
- Elko: Lisa Calder gave updates
 - Distributed '*I'm Ready for K!*' Booklets from The Children's Cabinet to all Pre-K programs in district.
 - Holding a Move and Grove event.
 - Will encourage B-3 participation with Preschools.
- Nye and Tribal were not represented and did not give updates.

15. Item L: NevAEYC Updates

Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center gave updates:

- NevAEYC Conference event May 18-19 Tuscan Suites in Las Vegas. Volunteers are needed.
- April 24-28 is Week of the Young Child.
- The Council discussed if there should be an ECAC table.
 - Marty Elquist will check if we can cover ECAC materials in next round of Kellogg Funds.
 - In the meantime, we could now give out ECAC Meeting Schedules, invites to meetings, B-3 information and Facebook page.

16. Item M: Future Agenda Items

The Council discussed would they would like on upcoming Agenda

- Chair Elquist stated that all items on the next meeting agenda are standing items other than Strategic Planning and encouraged Council members to suggest Agenda items or email items to [Marty Elquist at The Children's Cabinet](#) .

17. Public Comment #2

Patti Oya, NDE, Suggested using Lifesize standing meeting link. This will solve the ongoing connection issues and make meetings easier.

Patti Oya, NDE, updated the Council that the posting for the Head Start State Collaboration position cannot happen until June Board of Examiner's meeting.

Patti Oya, NDE, updated the Council that NDE is currently working with the Buffet foundation to bring an Educare Center to Las Vegas.

Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center announced the April 11, 2017 Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee meeting. Meeting will start at 1:30pm to review propose regulations and provide feedback to bureau.



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Amanda Haboush- Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy announced that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Events are happening across Nevada and she encouraged all to send event pictures to her.

18. Adjournment - 12:43 PM