



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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, 09:00 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Sherry Bingham, NDE
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, UNLV

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Julie Hitchcock, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, UNR CFRC
- Tina Springmeyer, WCSD
- Anna Severns, NDE
- Megan Wickland, ADSD

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Patti Oya, NDE
- Daina Loeffler, NDE
- Shelby Henderson, Children’s Advocacy Group and Strong Start Campaign
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Stacey Joyner, NDE



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- Angela Rose, City of Las Vegas
- Alberto Quintero, NDE
- Mia Pace, OELD
- Edie King, Part C

In Reno:

- Cindy Johnson, OELD
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District

In Carson City

- Tiffany Olivas
- Jessica Roew

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

The Council discussed the agenda and whether items could be taken out of order.

Motion:

- Sherry Bingham moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Anna Severens seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried.

4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2017

The Council discussed the October 3 Meeting Minutes for approval.

Motion:

- Sherry Waugh moved to accept October 3 Minutes as presented.
- Anna Severens seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried.

5. ITEM B: MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2017 RETREAT

The council discussed the November 2 Meeting Retreat Minutes for approval.

Motion:

- Angela Triche requested that her name be removed from attendance on minutes since she did not attend that meeting.
- Sherry Waugh also requested that her name to be removed from attendance on minutes since she did not attend meeting.
- Sherry Bingham motioned accept November 2nd minutes with these changes.



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- Carrie Paldi seconded the motion
- Motion carried, November 2, 2017 Retreat minutes approved.

6. ITEM C: STRATEGIC PLANNING NEXT STEPS

- Marty Elquist gave an update on the timeline, interviews and one-day planning retreat.
- Ms. Elquist stated that Steve Greeley from DCA and his partners are still contacting members for feedback, getting a summary of benefits, time frames, coordinating agencies, funding that is needed, ECAC's role, and synthesizing the information into the 3 ECAC subcommittee areas..
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye from Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy has been approved on funding to host a Long Term Systems Change/Visioning presented by Dr. Ida Rose Florez and hopes to include business leaders, elected officials, and other stakeholders. The one-day event will take place on January 31st 2018 in Las Vegas.
- Ms. Elquist stated that there is funding available for a follow-up ECAC retreat on February 1st so Council members could attend the Visioning event on the 31st and then hold a Strategic Planning follow-up meeting with DCA to incorporate the information from the Systems meeting as well as present the next draft of the Strategic Plan.
- Members interested in attending the 1/31/18 meeting or have recommendations on chamber members or other business leaders that are important to invite, contact Amanda Haboush-Deloye via email: Amanda.Haboush@unlv.edu.
- Ms. Elquist requested a show of hands to see how many ECAC members could make a face-to-face meeting in Las Vegas on 2/1. A show of hands indicated that the ECAC would have quorum on 2/1 and that the meeting date will be posted on the ECAC website.

7. ITEM D: FACEBOOK PAGE

Anna Severens presented an update on the ECAC Facebook Page.

- The ECAC Facebook page continues to get more followers.
- Keeping Developmentally Appropriate Practice post received about 300 hits.

8. ITEM E: B-3 PROJECT

Anna Severens and Sherry Waugh gave updates on Nevada Ready B-3 Project:

- Pilot sites, Lemmon Valley and Mater Academy have started the project.
 - Online course goes until spring.
 - Assigned regional liaisons to work with the sites.
- The Elko ECAC is planning a B-3 retreat on Thursday, December 7, 2017.
- There will be a B-3 track will be available at NevAEYC conference this spring.

9. ITEM F: CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATE

Diane Hardy was not in attendance available to give updates.

10. ITEM G: LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS UPDATES

Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates as Denise Tanata & Jared Busker were not available.

Ms. Haboush-Deloye stated that during the interim session, work is continuously underway to identify early childhood priorities and work on proposed bill language for next Session.

11. ITEM H: UPDATES ON KEA AND READ BY THREE

Patti Oya gave updates.



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- KEA in the Fall went well.
- Working on the data to be entered on to Infinite Campus and will start to enter in January.
- The goal is to identify what percentage of kids are Kindergarten ready and hopefully identify the percentage of children coming from Quality-rated programs by star-level.
- The Brigance screen is also being implemented and will begin for all children on Subsidy in FFN Programs starting this Spring.

12. ITEM I: STRONG START UPDATES

Shelby Henderson gave updates on the progress of Strong Start and asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities forward.

- This is the fourth year with Kellogg Grant with the big focus on community becoming advocates.
- Northern Nevada's Kid Mayor's picked homeless youth as her issue area to work on, and in Southern Nevada, Kid Mayor Katie Hollingshead is focused on how children can access healthy food.
- Still focusing on how to engage more Business Community partners.
- Las Vegas Strong Start partners will be invited to NICRP Early Childhood Stakeholder Visioning Meeting on Wednesday January 31, 2018.
- Strong Start Academy opened in August.

13. ITEM J: QRIS UPDATES

Cindy Johnson gave updates on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.

- There are currently 185 Centers in QRIS, 3 Family Child Care Centers, 1 Group Home and 69 School Based.
- There are 8 Five-Star, 14 Four-Star, 12 Three-Star, 28 Two-Star and 4 One-Star programs.
- 66 Rated, 136 participating and 54 on waitlist. The waitlist is largely in Southern Nevada.
- Piloting Steps to Stars and these programs will have 16 hours of ERS training with state anchor or assessor.
- TANF funding available to get families out of waitlist for Childcare Subsidy this funding provided an opportunity to hire more QRIS Coaches, 1 in northern Nevada and 2 in southern Nevada, to help clear the QRIS wait list.

14. ITEM K: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Carson City: Tiffany Olivas gave update: Had meeting yesterday December 4th 2017. Children's Expo will be Saturday March 3, 2018 at Boys and Girls Club.
- Elko: Lisa Calder gave update: Connie Zeller and Melinda Gomez planning Elko B-3 training. Over 90 people have registered including K-3 and administrators.
- Nye: No updates available.
- Churchill: No updates available. Ms. Elquist mentioned that the Churchill County ECAC is mostly focused on the B-3 pilot in Churchill.
- Washoe: Sherry Waugh gave updates and reported that Washoe County is also focused on the B-3 pilot.
- Tribal ECAC: No updates available.
- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates

15. ITEM L: NEVAEYC UPDATES

Carrie Paldi gave updates.

- Elections were held at October board meeting



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- President-Elect – Amanda Haboush-Deloye
- VP of Communication and Technology – Mary Regan
- VP of Membership – Dawn Wallace
- Board Development – Kaia Bartling
- Southern Nevada Chapter Representative – Denise Sydney
- Rural Representative – Holly Whittle
- VP of Public Policy – Jencie Davies
- The Annual Nevada Early Childhood Education Conference will be April 12-14, 2018 at Nugget Casino in Sparks Nevada. Theme will be Guardians of the Future.
 - Anyone interested in presenting needs to have their proposals in by January 15, 2018.
- Support The Child Care for Working Families Act by going to the naeyc.org website.

16. ITEM M: 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: melquist@childrencabinet.org

17. PUBLIC COMMENT # 2

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center, Announces Teleconference Meeting for Child Care Regulations on January 9, 2018 from 1:30- 4:00 pm. For more information Contact Carrie Paldi at cpaldi@learningcaregroup.com.

18. ADJOURNMENT

10:00 AM