



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018 • 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 Rook 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, 09:06 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education
- Cheryl Joyce, Child Care Licensing
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, other appointed members

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada Reno, Child and Family Research Center
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District
- Megan Wickland, Aging and Disabilities Services Division

In Carson:

- Christell Askew, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Child Care Program

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Shelby Henderson, Children’s Advocacy Group and Strong Start Campaign
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, UNLV Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy



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- Stacey Joyner, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Angela Rose, City of Las Vegas
- Julie Rae Kasper Paldi, Clark County School District
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Tara Phebus, UNLV Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League
- Danielle Holmes, The Children's Cabinet
- Jay Cafferata, UNLV Prevent Child Abuse Nevada
- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Renee Wooding, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

In Reno:

- Bryan Hanna, Kaplan Early Learning Materials
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet
- Deborah Loesch-Griffin, B-3/Turning Point Inc.
- Laura Malkovich, Churchill County School District
- Joanne Everts, Turning Point Inc.
- Lois Ann Porter, United Way of Northern Nevada and Sierra
- Priscilla Acosta, Intertribal Council of Nevada

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District

In Carson City

- Tiffany Olivas, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Jessica Rowe, Nevada Early Intervention Services

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Brian Hannah from Kaplan Early Learning Materials was here to present and request to be used as a resource for any future materials needed. His contact information is email: bhanna@kaplanco.com or cell: 1-800-334-2014.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA

Motion:

- Meghan Wickland moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Sherry Waugh seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, flexible agenda approved.

4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM APRIL 4, 2018

The Council discussed the April 4 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Christell Askew motioned to accept the April 4 Minutes as presented.



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- Cheryl Joyce seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, April 4 Minutes approved.

5. ITEM B: MINUTES FROM MAY 4, WORKING MEETING TO MODIFY STRATEGIC PLAN

The council discussed the May 4 Working Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Meghan Wickland requests for Title correction on Roll Call from ADSP to ADSD.
- Cheryl Joyce Moved to accept May 4 Minutes with changes.
- Carrie Paldi seconded
- All in favor.
- Motion carried, May 4 Minutes approved.

6. ITEM C: STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION AND NEXT STEPS

The council reviewed the final draft of the ECAC Strategic Plan and discussed the next steps for plan implementation.

Marty Elquist presenting:

- All changes from May 4 meeting have been made.
- Missed a few areas and will go back to get feedback.
- Page 13 1st Row- “All means all,” change language to- children in all environments including those with disabilities.
- Page 13 3rd Row- leaving specifics out of action plan.
- Page 5 of Feedback document- change QRIS reimbursement from 4% to 1%.
- Workforce Standards 1st Bullet- change wording to- Conduct a review to establish state-of-the-art, aligned licensure and credential Standards for Community and School based professionals that are responsible for the care and education of children ages birth through 8yrs.
- Workforce Standards 2nd bullet change wording from reasonable standards to-reasonable requirements.
- Page 13 underneath Program Standards 1st Bullet- change wording to: Explore implementation guidelines to support teachers and administrators in Early Childhood and Elementary Education settings to put the B-3 framework into practice.
- Page 13 underneath Program Standards 2nd Bullet - Establish expectations and strategies to support child care and pre-K.

7. ITEM D: ECAC CHAIR NOMINEES AND VOTE

The Council discussed the Nominees and made a Vote on selected Nominees

- Carrie Paldi was nominated as Vice Chair.
- Angela Triche motions to select Carrie Paldi as ECAC vice Chair.
- Cheryl Joyce seconds.
- All in Favor.
- Motion carried, Carrie Paldi selected as ECAC vice Chair.
- Marty Elquist was nominated for ECAC Chair.
- Sherry Waugh motions to select Marty Elquist as ECAC Chair.
- Angela Triche seconds.
- All in favor of Slate.



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- Motion carried Marty Elquist selected for ECAC Chair.

8. ITEM E: CCDF STATE PLAN

The Council discussed the CCDF State Plan and gave feedback.

Christell Askew from Nevada Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care Program gave updates.

- 2019-2021 New State Plan is on DWSS website.
- Market Rate in Child Care received good percent of responses in last 3 years.
- Market rate results are posted on ECAC website.
- Working on increasing reimbursement rate.
- Working with TACSEI on Expulsion Policy Implementation.
 - TACSEI to develop support pieces to support providers.
 - Will follow up with plan at Future ECAC Meetings.
 - Discussing with Providers at TACSEI Celebration about Plan.
 - Sending a survey to all providers through Las Vegas Urban League and The Children's Cabinet.
 - Providing resources to parents and possibly having Public Hearings.
- Child Care Disaster and Preparedness Plan.
 - Arms reach for emergency situation kits.
 - Establish state Streamline Process and collaborating with Department of Emergency Management & Licensing, NDE and Resource and Referral.
- Working on OST Requirements and getting them in compliance for Subsidy Program.

9. ITEM F: FACEBOOK PAGE

Anna Severens was not available to give updates.

10. ITEM G: B-3 PROJECT

The council received updates on Nevada Ready B-3 Project and gave feedback.

Joanne Everts and Deborah Loesch-Griffin gave updates.

- Two main strategies: Professional Learning Series and the B-3 Implementation Pilot.
- Completed 4 focus groups in Elko, Clark, Lyon and Nye Counties.
 - Presenting to B-3 focus group findings to Elementary School Principles.
- Newsletter going out this week. Contact Rachel.turningpoint@gmail.com for additional info.
- Met with NDE Leadership to discuss Read by Grade 3 and possible alignment.
- B-3 Implementation Project at Local level.
- Pilot Overview – How does B-3 happen at the local level?
 - Observed how children interact and engage in their classrooms
 - Teachers took online course
 - Shared results in the fall
 - Teachers and Administrators saw summary for their school. Teachers and administrators will be using data in the fall to develop process.
- Pilot Baby Snap in fall at 3 ECE sites in Nevada:
 - Discovery Gardens (Vegas)
 - SNACS (Reno)



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- St. Johns Room to Grow (Fallon)
- Dolores Hauck- Add information to meeting packets, points of contact with email and number's provided.
- Marty Elquist stated that B-3 has a page on the ECAC website. Need to update the page name. Deborah suggested B-3 School & Community Partnerships.

11. ITEM H: CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATES

Cheryl Joyce Gave Updates.

- Regulations adopted. Enforced in October 2018.
- Ratio and group size are being implemented.
- New Training Requirements - 120 days for new providers.
- Grading system not finalized, but passed.

12. ITEM I: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

Shelby Henderson gave Updates

- \$25.6M CCBG Funding increase (net 16.2 million).
- 2019 Legislative Agenda focus areas:
 - Urge state to increase market rate.
 - Develop and expand Kindergarten programs.
 - Childcare tax credit.
 - Suspension and Expulsion Policy- reduce and have clear definitions to help prevent exclusion policies. Working with My Brother's Keeper.
 - Safety and Health impact on 0-8 community.

13. ITEM J: UPDATES ON KEA AND READ BY THREE

Patti Oya gave updates

- 2017 first year for the Brigance Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) screener.
 - No analysis yet. There was some confusion on the reporting.
 - 13 sites are up and running and able to send data.
 - Report's numbers will be provided at next meeting.
 - Unique Identifier's not available yet.
 - FFN's will be in test mode using live data.
 - Online Management System (OMS) for screener cost \$90,000.
 - Dolores Hauck asked if students with IEPs and special needs are included in data?
 - If children are in inclusive classrooms-yes; self-contained classrooms-no.
- Infinite Campus: Early Childhood tab collects additional information, but have to be careful not to overburden districts. Need to identify what questions we want to answer and what data are needed to answer questions.
 - School District entered children, still working on how to report data.
 - Want to make sure how we are tracking children with IEP's.
 - Timeframe on this project will hopefully be by fall.



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14. ITEM K: STRONG START UPDATES

The Council was updated on progress of Strong Start and gave feedback and guidance on moving Strong Start agenda and activities forward.

Shelby Henderson and Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates

- 23 parents applied for the Parent Ambassador Program. Trying to get a core group of 10.
- Hope to select members in June.
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer suggested making sure that all parents from different family setting as well as parents of children with special needs are being represented.
- Dolores Hauck asked if parents be involved in reviewing the marketing materials and if not, should be considered to review.
- Kid Mayor Project-waiting for submissions. Application due at end of month. Kid Mayor opened in all counties.
- Research open meeting laws.
- Can Council make decisions with quorum on other groups for advisory power? Marty will email Council to get guidance.

15. ITEM L: QRIS UPDATES

Cindy Johnson gave updates

- First round of district Pre-K sites rated.
- 37 School's, 4- 5 star rating, 11- 4 star, 11- 3 star, 9-2 star and 2-1 star.
- Cut off scores in Pre-K model higher than center-based.
- 196 Centers on QRIS.
- 71 Rated
- 7 Family Child Care.
- 68 School based sites.
- Updated Model launching on July 2018.
- Moving from ECERS-R/ ITERS-R to ECERS-3/ITERS-3.
- Will start July 2019.

16. ITEM M: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Elko: Lisa Calder- B-3 Mini Conference was a huge success. Continue to work together and plan for another one on September, Ann Hansen will be the keynote speaker. 75 people attended last conference.
- Carson City: Tiffany Olivas- ECAC has dissolved, re-engaging folks that are invested in kids as well as waiting for Strategic Plan and re-gather. First meeting will be held 6/18/2018, Marty Elquist will be giving overview and reporting next meeting.
- Nye: No updates available
- Tribal: Pricilla Acosta- Training in Reno in October and creating network for child care workers. Tribal ECAC not actively meeting. Marty Elquist will contact Sherry Ruppert.
- Churchill County: Laura Malkovich- Meeting with Schools and community based partner's also met with Military, hospitals and schools.
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh- Continues work in B-3 group.



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- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush-Deloye- Submitted HOPE grant which would provide technical assistance to reduce disabilities. Priority areas are alignment to increase breastfeeding, developmental screenings, Mental Health resources and reducing obesity. Submitted proposal and should be hearing if funding was accepted in June 2018.

17. ITEM N: NEVAEYC UPDATES

Carrie Paldi gave updates

- Conference will be held at the Tuscany Suites in Las Vegas Nevada from April 25-27.
- Early Childhood Celebration banquet in Southern Nevada is June 29, 2018 at the Cannery.
- Tickets available at ecewardspanquet@eventbrite.com.
- Register by 6/9/18.
- For any questions contact Mikayla Cunnigham.

18. ITEM O: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Council discussed what items that would like to see on the future agenda.

- Open Meeting response.
- Subcommittee lists/updates.
- Usual updates.
- Project HOPE.
- Strategic Plan next steps.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT#2

- Carrie Paldi: Child Care Licensing Committee Meeting on Tuesday July 10th, 2018.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye: Would like to pull Assistance Thinking Group together and get list of agencies that work with kids and crosswalk to overlap Excel document and send list of agencies, get others that are missing. Pulling Policy priorities together to find partners.

20. ADJOURNMENT: 12:20PM