



# Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

## NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 • 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 Pkwy	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Roop Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Dev. Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	

### 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 at 9:13 AM. Quorum is met.

#### Council Members in Attendance

##### Las Vegas

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Patrice Gardner, Nevada Department of Education, Head Start State Collaboration
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, Other Appointed Members (UNLV Grad Student)
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation

##### Reno

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada, Reno Child and Family Research Center
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District, Child and Family Services
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education, State Pre-K
- Megan Wickland, Division of Aging and Disability Services

##### Carson City

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

##### Via Phone

- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education, Part B office of State 619 Coordinator
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Yah-ner Walker, Child Care Licensing

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**Public in Attendance**

**Las Vegas**

- Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development
- Angela Rose, City of Las Vegas
- Jennifer Kalas, Quality Rating Improvement System
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League
- Emily Champlin, Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development
- Caitlin Stapley, Boys Town Nevada
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

**Reno**

- Janice Lee, University of Nevada, Reno /Nevada TACSEI
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet
- Deborah Loesch-Griffin, Turning Point, Inc.
- Shelly Nye, The Nevada Registry
- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development, QRIS
- Rachel Breithaupt, Turning Point, Inc.

**Elko**

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District
- Connie Zeller, Independent Contractor

**Carson City**

- Tiffany Olivas, Nevada Department of Education Office of Early Learning and Development, QRIS
- Alex Pennington, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Child Care Program
- Anna Lisa Acosta, Western Nevada College Child Development Center
- Ali Cooper, Small Blessings Preschool

**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:**

- Carrie Paldi moved for the approval of flexible agenda.
- Dolores Hauck seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried. Flexible agenda approved.

**4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2018**

The Council discussed the December 5 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

**Motion:**

- Anna Severens motions to approve December 5, 2018 minutes.
- Christell Askew seconded the motion.
- All were in favor
- Motion carries.

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5. ITEM B: ONLINE DASHBOARD

**The council reviewed and discussed online strategic planning dashboard to organize and track ECAC Strategic Plan Progress.**

**Marty Elquist presenting.**

- The council discussed that funding for the dashboard is currently available through W.K. Kellogg Grant.
- Carrie Paldi asked how much a system like this cost and discussed concern over sustainability of system and if funding will always be available to keep it going.
- Heike suggests that use of a system like this would be a good tool to track all information regardless of which members are still in ECAC Council.
- Daina Loeffler suggested a presentation of the tool and how data will be entered. Daina stated that a tool like a dashboard would be good for transparency.
- Marty Elquist suggested that the Council should not make the decision solely based on funding after W.K. Kellogg since there could be other funding sources available to sustain after September of 2020. The Council should make the decision based on if this tool is something we need as we have the funding now.
- Megan Wickland suggests that company come and present the online dashboard system to ECAC.
- Sherry Waugh suggested that the company bringing a Non-Profit client that has used or using system to present as well and be available for questions.
- ECAC Council agrees to have a presenter come and present along with Non Profit or human services client at next ECAC scheduled meeting in April. After presentation ECAC can make a decision on using system.

6. ITEM C: CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

**The Council identified a Co-Chair and appointed a Co-Chair to replace Cheryl Joyce.**

**Marty Elquist presenting.**

- The Council appointed Yah-ner Walker as Co-Chair. Yah-ner will serve with Megan Wickland.

7. ITEM D: STRATEGIC PLANNING CORRECTIONS NEEDED

**The Council discussed and went over areas that needed to be corrected and changed.**

**Marty Elquist presenting.**

**Changes made to correct and clarify context (in additional to grammatical errors):**

- Throughout all Objectives – Remove Timeframe section as timeframes for all strategies were not indicated. The Subcommittee Action Plans have specific timeframes for each action item and should be used to timeline activities.
- Page 9 - Early Learning Section under Create Alignment, 6<sup>th</sup> bullet:
  - Change “Implement strategies (for children and adults?) that create...”
  - To “Implement strategies for children, their families, and the early childhood workforce that create...”
- Page 14 – Early Learning Section, Objective 2, Coordinating Agency
  - Add child care in front of licensing
- Page 26 – Family & Community Section, Objective 4, Benefits, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence
  - Change “The Nevada library system is well positioned to be a key resource for local services and promotion and the Nevada...”
  - To “The Nevada library system is well positioned to be a key resource for local services and promotion of early learning programs, and the Nevada...”
- Page 27 – Family & Community Section, Objective 5, Vision, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence
  - Change “Family engagement and partnership will be an embedded aspect of Nevada’s pre-K-3 education system.”
  - To “Family engagement and partnership will be an embedded aspect of Nevada’s birth through 3rd grade education system.
- Page 37 – Child & Family Health, Objective 3, Strategy, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet
  - Add statewide between on-line and Google to read, “...(online, statewide Google calendar...”

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**Changes made as a result of subcommittee work:**

- Early Learning
  - Page 11 – Objective 1, combine Strategies 1-4 under new main strategy of “Cultivate state, regional and local interest and support by developing partnerships, relationships and financial support from related entities.” Old Strategies 1-4 become sub-bullets.
  - Page 11 – Objective 1, Move Strategy 5 (Economic Impact Report) to an action item under Strategy 1 above.
  - Page 13 – Objective 2, Under Program Standards, bullet points 4 & 5 were combined as Strategy 5 (QRIS marketing).
  - Page 13 – Objective 2, Last bullet under Program Standards (re: QRIS common messaging) was moved as an action item under Strategy 5 QRIS marketing.
  - Page 15 – Objective 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Strategy (CEUs, training hours, college credits) was combined with Objective 2, Strategy 9.
  - Page 15 – Objective 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Strategy (tiered reimbursement for educators) was moved to Objective 5, Strategy 2 as an action step.
  - Page 15 – Objective 3, 7<sup>th</sup> Strategy (CDA Coursework) was moved to Objective 2, Strategy 9 as an action step.
  - Page 16 – Objective 4
    - Change “Review and align child care licensure and Part C IDEA program requirements and/or structures with other B-3 entities”
    - To “Review the placement and alignment of state offices including child care licensure and Part C IDEA with other B-3 entities”
  - Page 16 – Objective 4, 6<sup>th</sup> Strategy
    - Add “for child care settings (e.g., health, fire, child care licensing)” to read, “Establish common statewide licensing standards for child care settings (e.g., health, fire, child care licensing)”
- Family Support & Community Engagement
  - No changes to plan
- Child & Family Health
  - Page 37 – Objective 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Strategy – Remove. Redundant with 1<sup>st</sup> Strategy
  - Page 38 – Objective 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Strategy – Remove moved to action step under 1<sup>st</sup> Strategy
  - Page 40 – Objective 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Strategy – Remove. Only one strategy through legislative action is necessary.

**Overlap between Child & Family Health and Family & Community:**

- Vroom/MITM activities
- Objective 4

**Date the plan:** Sherry Waugh recommended that we put a date on each version of the plan.

**Definitions and Acronyms:** Dolores Hauck suggested that we add definitions and acronyms to the back of the plan and that we can use what we had in the old plan. Marty agreed to email the old acronyms and definitions for council review and we can vote on these at our next meeting to insert in the plan. In addition to the old plan, the following were identified to include:

- Early Childhood Workforce
  - ECE
  - Pre-K
  - B-3
  - PDG
- Megan Wickland motioned to approved the Strategic Plan with the above changes without the glossary and the acronyms.
  - Angela Triche seconded.
  - All in favor.
  - Strategic Plan updated as of 2.27.2019.

**8. ITEM E: SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**Angela Triche, Dolores Hauck, Megan Wickland, Anna Severens, Tina Springmeyer and Steve Greeley presenting.**

- The subcommittees reviewed their action plans and made recommendations for changes to the Strategic Plan.
- All changes in 7. Item D. above were discussed and included in the Strategic Plan revision.

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- The action plan objectives and strategies now match the ECAC Strategic Plan objectives and strategies.
- Carrie Paldi motioned to approve the subcommittee action plans.
- Tina Springmeyer seconded.
- All in favor.
- Action plans approved.

## 9. ITEM F: EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING MAP REVIEW

### **Marty Elquist Presenting**

- Work still in progress. Attempting to link potential funding sources to strategies. Move item to April meeting agenda.

## 10. ITEM G: FACEBOOK PAGE

### **Anna Severens gave council updates on status of Facebook page**

- 226 likes.
- 119 post reach.
- 68 engagements.
- If anyone would like to post anything contact Anna Severens.

## 11. ITEM H: B-3 PROJECT

### **Deborah Loesch-Griffin and Rachel Breithaupt gave updates on progress of B-3 Project**

- Leadership Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Professional Leadership Series present as co-hesive approach.
- Host approach with UNR best support structure discussed and further review in March.
- May 16, 2019 B-3 Summit from 11:30am-6:30pm at the Grove. Governor's office to host meeting. ECAC Council all invited. Important document will be sent prior to meeting for review.

## 12. ITEM I: CHILD CARE LICENSING

### **Yah-ner Walker reported that there are no updates at this time.**

## 13. ITEM J: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES AND 2020 CENSUS

No one available for updates; however, Carrie Paldi reminded the Council that a list of bills related to early education and care are listed on NICRP and CAAs websites.

## 14. ITEM K: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATES

### **The council was updated on NDE, KEA, Read by Three, CCDF quality, PDG-5, and other NDE early childhood programs and projects.**

#### **Patty Oya gave updates**

- State Pre-k application for districts and charter schools is now available.
- NDE is looking for non-profit organizations to recruit and work with and monitor private child care centers to provide state funded Pre-K classrooms.
- PDG B-5 Grant - work should begin in April. NDE has to submit a work program to accept federal dollars. No work can be done until there is approval.
- Looking to hire contracted position for PDG B-5. Part time for about 9 months to help facilitate projects. Will be available through Man Power. Also looking for a data person familiar with the Early Childhood field.

## 15. ITEM L: STRONG START UPDATES

No one available for updates.

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## 16. ITEM M: QRIS UPDATES

**The council was updated on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.**

**Cindy Johnson gave updates.**

- 75 centers on QRIS
- 32 Pre-K district sites will be rated by May 2019.
- TANF funding is available for two more coaches 1 for North and South. Focus on higher subsidy sites.

## 17. ITEM N: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Southern Nevada: No one available for updates.
- Elko: Lisa Calder-no updates available.
- Carson City: Ally – ECAC has started meeting since October 2018. Getting stakeholders involved.
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh- Continuing B-3 work.
- Nye County: No one available for updates.
- Tribal: No one available for updates.
- Churchill County: Anna Severens Presenting for Laura Malchovich- Meeting monthly, reaching out to stakeholders. Funding concerns for next year. Next meeting on March 3, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- Lyon County/Story County/Mineral County: Forming a local tri-county council. Meetings are just starting.

## 18. ITEM O: NEVAEYC UPDATES

**Carrie Paldi gave updates**

- Annual NevAEYC Conference – 25 Years of Strengthening the Silver State will be held April 25-27 at the Tuscan Las Vegas.
- Conference and exhibitor registration is now open as well as Early Bird registration at a discounted rate until March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- March 11-14 is Children’s Week at the legislature. Submit paper dolls and children’s art work to Shelby Henderson by March 8<sup>th</sup> so they can be displayed.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a free legislative 101 training at 6:30pm via Zoom. If interested contact John Cregg at 775-327-0680.
- TEACH scholarships are being accepted now for summer and fall 2019.
- Free training on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm at The Spring Valley Library titled *Won’t you be my Neighbor, Lessons learned by Mr. Rogers*. To register call 702-507-6332 or email [kjmay@lvccld.org](mailto:kjmay@lvccld.org).
- Week of the Young Child event will be April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Roots Community Garden. For more information or to purchase a table at the event contact Amanda at 702-347-0628 or [aharding@childrenscabinet.org](mailto:aharding@childrenscabinet.org).
- Annual Early Childhood Awards Event planning in process, more information to come. If you would like to volunteer or help for the event planning, please contact Mary at 702-473-9400 ext. 409 or email at [mary.regan@lvul.org](mailto:mary.regan@lvul.org).

## 19. ITEM P: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**The Council discussed what items they would like to see on the future agenda.**

- Strategic Plan approval for glossary.
- Online Dashboard Presentation.
- Sub-Committee.
- ECE Funding Map.
- Daina Loeffler will give updated number’s for inclusion rates and give updates at April meeting.
- Public and Behavioral Health CACFP needs assessment presentation in April.

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**20. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

- Dolores Hauck announced an upcoming CAT/ASL training. This is a 4-hour training on history and awareness of isolation. If interested, contact Dolores Hauck. This training not currently registry approved, would like to get registry approved.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**12:50PM**