



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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
The Children’s Cabinet	5905 S. Decatur Blvd, Ste 13	Las Vegas, Nevada	Training Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Roop Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	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, 09:03 AM. Quorum is met.

#### Council Members in Attendance:

##### In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Patrice Gardner, Nevada Department of Education – Office of Early Learning and Development
- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education – Part B Office of State 619 Coordinator
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation – Early Head Start
- Denise Tanata, J.D., Children’s Advocacy Alliance – Executive Director

##### In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada, Reno – Child and Family Research Center
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department Education – Office of Early Learning and Development
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District Trustee

##### In Carson City:

- Christell Askew, Department of Welfare and Supportive Services

##### Via Phone:

- Dolores Hauck, The Smith Center



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##### **In Las Vegas:**

- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education
- Kaitlin Lewallen, Nevada Department of Education
- Kate McNabney, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League ECE
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy
- Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education
- Julie Houchins, United Way of Southern Nevada
- Mychelle Weart, Nevada Department of Education
- Brittnee Schuyler, Discount School Supply

##### **In Reno:**

- Kelly Stevens, United Way of Northern Nevada
- Janice Lee, University of Nevada, Reno and Nevada TACSEI
- Niesha Tinajero, The Children's Cabinet
- Rachel Breithaupt, Nevada Department of Education, Preschool Development Grant B-5 Systems

##### **In Carson City:**

- Tiffany Olivas, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development, QRIS
- Elisa Cafferata, Department of Welfare and Supportive Services

##### **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:**

- Carry Paldi moved for the approval of flexible agenda.
- Sherry Waugh seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried. Flexible agenda approved.

## 4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2019

#### **Motion:**

- Patrice Gardner motions to approve October 23, 2019 minutes with no corrections.
- Anna Severens seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carries to approve minutes as presented.



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#### 5. ITEM B: PDG:B-5 NEED ASSESSMENT ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN - MODIFICATIONS

**The Council discussed gaps identified in PDG:B-5 Needs Assessment and Pritzker Pre-Natal to Three Collaborative Focus Groups**

**Amanda Haboush-Deloye presenting.**

- Council reviews definitions of key terms: Quality Early Childhood Care and Education, Availability of Early Childhood Education and Care, Vulnerable or underserved children, Children in Rural Areas
  - Change to Availability definition: add the word “all” between provide and families.
- Council reviews Family & Community Plan Modifications
  - Objective 3, Strategy 1 on page 6
    - Broadened the scope to exclude home visiting as the needs assessment
    - Added Action #2
  - Objective 4, Strategy 4 on page 9
    - Shifted wording to “Increase access by increasing the number of programs”
- Council reviews Child & Family Health Plan Modifications
  - Objective 1, Strategy 2.7 on page 7 – new item
  - Objective 1, Strategy 3.3 on page 8 – added “affordability” to action step
  - Objective 1, Strategy 4.2 on page 9 – added “in their service area”
  - Objective 1, Strategy 4.6 on page 10 – new item
- Council reviews Early Learning Plan Modifications
  - Anna asked if Strategy 2.2 and 2.3 can be merged
  - Marty recommends we take out 2.2 because 2.3 takes care of both strategies
  - Amanda suggested also combining responsible parties
  - Strategy 3.3 Marty suggested taking out the examples after “such as” and end sentence after “most needed”
  - Strategy 1.1 is completed
  - Strategy 6.1 and 6.2 Marty added these action steps for subcommittee to review
  - Marty suggests adjusting timeframes to 2020 and taking out 2019

**Motion to approve definitions**

- Daina Loeffler moved for the approval of definitions.
- Angela Triche seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried.

**Motion to approve changes to the three strategic plans**

- Denise moved for the approval of the changes to the strategic plans
- Carrie seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried.

#### 6. ITEM C: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

**The Council identify key performance indicators to measure plan success**

**Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye presenting.**

- Sherry worries about Child & Family Health indicator to increase doctors to accept Medicaid (not in ECAC control).
- Council clarified the purpose of KPIs versus outcomes and outputs.



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- The Council will review KPIs and vote at the meeting in February.
- Marty asked everyone to send their suggestions to her by Friday, February 7.

#### 7. ITEM D: QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (QRIS) DEEP DIVE STUDY

**The Council was updated on Deep Dive study aimed to identify barriers for 1- and 2-star rated programs in maintenance cycle(s) to improve quality to 3-stars or higher.**

**Amanda Haboush-Deloye presenting**

- Deep Dive Study focusing on 25 centers serving the vulnerable children – Subsidy, race, ethnicity and etc.
- Goal: determine what resources are needed, identify the challenges and if we should reallocate the resources.
- They will make sure the center are serving infant/toddlers and PreK-3
  - Why aren't they serving infants and toddlers
  - They will be interviewing management, teachers, parents, etc.
  - Observations will be simply to live a day in their shoes: what does drop-off and pick-up look like, meal times, etc. – not a hard checklist similar to QRIS
  - They will provide updates to ECAC as needed.
  - Carrie suggests subs during Deep Dive observations in Centers (may be able to utilize ECSNs) so that the interviews don't happen in front of the children.
  - Carrie asked what will be the incentive for centers to want to participate.

#### 8. ITEM E: HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

**The Council appoints chair of Health subcommittee**

- Marty hereby appoints Lori Ann Malina Lovell as the Health Subcommittee Chair
- Lori Ann accepted the position via email conversation with Marty
- Denise is willing to be co-chair until a licensed professional is appointed
- Marty hereby appoints Denise as the Health Subcommittee Co-Chair

#### 9. ITEM F: SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

**The Council received Subcommittee updates, membership and action step planning.**

**Marty Elquist, Dolores Hauck, Anna Severens, Tina Springmeyer presenting.**

- Family & Community Subcommittee: Angela no updates besides the work they did with Amanda. However there was discussion about a needs assessment inventory.
- Health Subcommittee: Lori Ann cannot be here until the February meeting. Amanda has additional updates.
- Early Learning Subcommittee: They updated posters and worked on KPIs. They also had discussion about adding a "What's Happening" to QRIS Website

#### 10. ITEM G: FACEBOOK PAGE

**Anna Severens had to leave**

- No further questions from the Council

#### 11. ITEM H: CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATE

**Yah-ner Walker is no longer on the Council.**

- Carrie says that the biggest update is that their updates will not be presented in front of the board until 2020.



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- Graded licenses – still making modifications including cross violations, fines, time to fix corrective actions before fined.
- They were working on language and clarifications.

## 12. ITEM I: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES AND 2020 CENSUS

**The Council prepared for Nevada's 2021 Legislative Session and issues related to early childhood. The Children's Advocacy will also discuss the importance of and pending legislation regarding the 2020 Census as it relates to children.**

**Denise Tanata gave updates.**

- Denise recommends that ECAC give report to legislative committee on Health and Education.
- CCA is working on Pritzker and CCDF Policy priorities including:
  - PreK in State Education funding formula
  - Health – Pritzker and CHW EC Certification
  - Diapers – possibly taxes or vouchers
  - Establishment of a Children's Commission at the governor's office at executive level for children to achieve efficiency and alignment of services
- Mia Pace – Any initiatives for mental health and support to children and families
  - Children's Mental Health is an added interest at the federal level. What is it specifically at the policy level we are asking to change?
- 2020 Census: website census.nv.gov
  - 5 million appropriate to do outreach
  - Mini grants up to \$10,000 specifically for hard to reach populations. Can use on staff and materials.
  - Count Me In books to ECE Providers and Parents: 100 books = \$175 with December 31 deadline

## 13. ITEM J: STRONG START UPDATES

**The Council was updated on the progress of Strong Start and asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities forward.**

**Denise Tanata gave updates.**

- Almost 40 statewide applicants for parent ambassadors; final selection of 10 will be made on 12/19
  - Hope to expand selection process to rural areas next year
- Election of Kid Mayors in Washoe County is Lincoln and Clark county is Cameron
  - Lincoln is working with Spread The Word Nevada and Cameron's campaign is still being identified.
- NAEYC/Jon facilitating a meeting from 10-12p on 12/19
  - They will be sending emails, letters (sending a couple to DC)
  - Hope to make sure all regions on NV are represented.
- Daina – Are families represented?
  - Amanda – There will be a diverse group of voices

## 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.**

**Patti Oya gave updates.**

- PDG-B5 will receive an update from the feds via email on Friday, December 20.
  - \$17,000 Kellogg money will be used for Kick Off.



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- Brigance, KEA, IC, Unique I.D.s
  - Matthew Hoffman is on staff and is diving into all systems and aligning to other groups
  - Children will be coming in and leaving age equivalent
  - H.S., EHS and some FFN
- Senate Bill 84 was passed. PreK Statute in four components. Starting in January and will have stakeholder meetings.
- AB309: Can increase sales tax for 7 areas. Early childhood is one area.
  - 1/8 penny increase in Clark county!
  - Will yield \$14 million which will go to seats in the 2021 school year
  - Working with CCSD looking to jumpstart PreK virtually. NDE submitted what definition of PreK is on SB84 and this type of virtual program does not meet the definition.
- Question from LCB – How much money from Zoom and Victory is going to PreK seats?
  - Must make case to replace loss of funding from Zoom and Victory on state PreK.
  - Denise and Patti looking at alternative revenue sources to fund PreK
  - Sherry Waugh asked about the EC License and elementary license is being changed and if Patti had an update?
    - Patti didn't know they were making those changes and will ask Jason with NDE for an update.

### 15. ITEM L: QRIS UPDATES

**The Council received updates on the progress of Silver Stars QRIS.**

**Emily Chaplin presents.**

- The new Steps to Stars cohort is underway in Las Vegas, and there is one starting on January 16 in northern Nevada.
- Still focusing on programs with the highest percentage of Subsidy and making great gains.
- They are updated the policy regarding the provider survey feedback. Streamline the process into one survey.
- They are continuing to use the QRIS website as the CCDF Consumer Education Website “Hub” until state can move it to a more elaborate website.

### 16. ITEM M: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush-Deloye – Met in October; working on a breastfeeding toolkit and its uses, planned 2020 meeting dates, discussed ways to support statewide group. They will need to come up with ways to contribute to the larger ECAC plan.
- Elko: Lisa Calder – plan to meet in January for spring training on inclusion. Team up with Head Start for teacher training on Kindergarten prep in May.
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh – Waiting for funding. Connected with Early Learning, B-3. Rachel says the local ECAC support is geared towards community initiative projects in PDG-B5.
- Churchill County – No representative present.
- Tribal ECAC- No representative present.
- Carson/Douglas ECAC: Tiffany Olivas – Outreach to each child care program in area to ask about needs, Spring mixer in Douglas, Exposure at NAEYC.



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#### 17. ITEM N: NEVAEYC UPDATES

##### **Carrie Paldi gave updates.**

- Election will be announced after board meeting on Dec 19
- Conference on April 16-18 at the Nugget
  - Proposals from January 6-30
- Accepting application for sponsors
- The NevAEYC public policy form is held in Washington, DC - Feb 23-25
- Received a two year grant from AEYC to do advocacy work – will partner with CAA on parent ambassadors.
- 129 Teach received scholarships and are currently accepting applications for Spring 2020 – mostly AA.
- Mixer on January 10 for SNAEYC
- Mia Pace – How many of the 129 TEACH participants are enrolled for Bachelor's Degree?
  - Most are AA. 9 credits/year is the minimum and takes about 4 years to get AA.

#### 18. 18.ITEM O: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

##### **The Council discussed what items they would like to see in future agenda items.**

Items for March's agenda include:

- Metrix IQ – Present findings on funding analysis in NV and recommend funding feasibility strategies
- CCDF strategic plan and alignment to the ECAC plan

#### 19. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

- Denise just got an update from BUILD that 14 states already received calls today that they were awarded. They are awarded at 98 percent. There are up to 23 winners. Also, there a grant opportunity for Early Education Investment Collaborative. Proposal due in March.
- ECAC will do presentation on January 15 for Health Census Committee.
- Rachel announced PDG is having their official task force meeting today for the consuming education website at 3:30pm for 30 minutes and another one on Friday for data systems at 1pm.
- Christell Askew reported that the Child Care Subsidy Program reinstated the waitlist on Monday, December 16.
- Amanda Southern Nevada is doing a photo contest around children's mental health. Children are asked to submit photos that illustrate well-being with a 50 word or less statement. Open through March and winner announce in May. They will put together a book for advocacy or any issue around mental health. Although it is southern NV, looking for statewide submissions for book. Open up to age 24.

#### 20. ADJOURNMENT

**12:30PM**