



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) SYSTEMS ALIGNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 12:30PM

“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 Location:

This meeting will be held via [videoconference](#) at:

<https://zoom.us/j/97229243458?pwd=YnRTNVU0ZzkxdlIHL1B3SmJ2MkpzZz09>

Meeting ID: 972 2924 3458; Passcode: ECAC

Or join by phone at (One tap mobile)

+16699006833,,97229243458#,,,,*494362# US (San Jose)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby noticed that the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council reserves the right to take agenda items out of posted order (except that public hearings will not begin earlier than posted times); items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; and items may be combined for consideration. A time for public comment is provided at the beginning and at the conclusion of the meeting. A time limit of three minutes may be imposed by the Subcommittee Co-Chairs, for public comments, in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment, with an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Council. The Subcommittee Co-Chairs reserve the right to call on individuals from the audience or to allow for testimony at any time.

The Subcommittee Co-Chairs reserve the right to call items of the agenda out of order as needed.

Reasonable efforts will be made for members of the public who have disabilities and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting. Please contact Denise Tanata at DTanata@childrencabinet.org, at least five business days in advance so that arrangements can be made.

This public notice has been posted at the offices of the Department of Education in Carson City and Las Vegas; Department of Health and Human Service in Carson City; and at the Nevada State Library and Archive in Carson City. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada ECAC website at <http://nvecac.com>.

The support materials to this agenda are available, at no charge on the Nevada ECAC website at: <http://nvecac.com/> (under the meeting date referenced above) or by contacting Denise Tanata at The Children’s Cabinet, 1771 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 200B or 702.544.9629 or DTanata@childrencabinet.org.

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Julie Houchins, Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Members in Attendance: Julie Houchins, Co-chair; Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-chair; Diane Nicolet; Patrice Gardner; Tina Springmeyer; Emily Champlin; Kaitlin Lewallen; Anna Severns; Rachel McKinney; Mary Buchman; Rachel Stepina
- Public in Attendance: Scott Jones; Tiffany Tyler-Garner; Annette Dawson; Maura Snyder; Anna Binder

2. Public Comment #1

- Rachel McKinney
- Scott Jones, from Lakeshore Learning

3. Subcommittee Member Introductions



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-chair

- Each member of subcommittee introduced themselves, their affiliation, and reason for volunteering for subcommittee.

4. Review of NECEC Strategic Plan and Systems Alignment Goals

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Julie Houchins, Co-chair

Materials – [Nevada Early Childhood Coordinating Council 2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#)

- Julie Houchins provided an overview of NECAC Strategic Plan then specifically reviewed subcommittee's primary goal—Goal 2 and its objectives:

Goal 2: Increase Coordination and Alignment Between Systems of Care for Young Children and Families by Enhancing and Aligning Standards and Creating and Supporting Improvement Strategies

Objectives:

- Conduct assessment of the strengths, disparities, inequities, strategic priorities and goals among programs and agencies within the early childhood system.
- Produce and disseminate an early childhood system assets and gaps analysis.
- Integrate cross-sector priorities, goals, and initiatives into the Nevada ECAC work plan to better coordinate and align services and improve access and outcomes.
- Establish workplan to update and align early childhood system standards, administrative rules and program practices.
- Julie Houchins shared a workplan template to guide the subcommittee's work from 2022-2024
 - Subcommittee discussed Goal 2, objectives, and potential ideas for workplan. These included:
 - Discussion of defining cross-sector/system alignment and what systems we are targeting (e.g., childcare, licensing, Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (i.e., QRIS, Nevada Silver Stars), childcare subsidy, K-3, special education/early intervention, Head Start, before/after school care).
 - Need to review activities related to Nevada PreK Standards update and recent work with SRI, current B-3 documents, Cylinders of Excellence, kindergarten transition, personnel/professional standards.
 - Deciding on focus of work that is within our control and consider the representation of systems within our committee members.
 - Remembering to create a workplan that is feasible and manageable and remain focused.
- Subcommittee agreed to do the following steps before next meeting:
 - Review NECAC Strategic Plan
 - Review Goal 2 and objectives
 - In shared workspace, begin to list existing work related to Goal 2 (e.g., projects, grants, activities) and ideas for potential activities for workplan.

5. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-chair

Materials – [Nevada Early Childhood Coordinating Council 2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#); Systems Alignment Subcommittee Workplan

- Review subcommittee contributions to Systems Alignment Subcommittee Workplan
- Draft work plan



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

6. Public comment #2

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair will impose a time limit of three minutes.

- Three members of public expressed interested in joining subcommittee: Anna Marie Binder, Maura Synder, and Rachel McKinney. These people will be contacted by co-chairs with appropriate information.

7. Adjournment

- Jenna Weglarz-Ward adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm