



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) POLICY AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE **PUBLIC MEETING** **MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022** **10:30 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 Location:

This meeting was held via Teams videoconference.

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

- Denise Tanata, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31am.
- Quorum was met with all members in attendance.
- Members present included:
 - Julie Houchins, Co-Chair, United Way of Southern Nevada
 - Denise Tanata, Co-Chair, The Children’s Cabinet
 - Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
 - Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
 - Lela Arney, The Children’s Cabinet
 - Ashley Dines, The Children’s Cabinet
 - Brianna Cambra, The Children’s Cabinet
 - Anna Marie Binder, Parent Representative
 - Katarina Jackson, Lullaby Nursery, Provider Representative
- Guest present included:
 - Valerie Balen, Children’s Advocacy Alliance

2. Public Comment #1

- No public comment was provided.

3. Discuss Subcommittee Goals and Objectives

- Denise Tanata provided the subcommittee with an overview of the Goals and Objectives from the ECAC Strategic Plan that align with the Policy and Finance Subcommittee:
 - Goal – Identify Budget and Finance Strategies to Drive Policy Goals and Objectives
 - Objective 1 – Perform fiscal analysis of early childhood funding streams and program development needs.
 - Objective 2 – Identify funding pathways and policy changes needed to meet program and system goals.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that this work will be dependent to some extent on the work of the other subcommittees as they identify needs for resources and policies in their individual workplans.
- Anna Marie Binder asked if there would be someone assigned to develop the workplan.



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- Denise Tanata responded that we would discuss that process today under item 5.

4. Discuss Subcommittee Membership

- Denise Tanata provided an overview of the current subcommittee list and asked if any of the others present were interested in becoming members.
- Katarina Jackson indicated interest in becoming a member of the subcommittee, as a representative from the Child Care Provider Action Committee.
- Denise Tanata asked if there was anyone else at this time that we should invite to this subcommittee.
- Julie Houchins reached out to Angela Rose from the City of Las Vegas. Angela Rose is checking her schedule to see if she can attend.
- Denise Tanata recommended having someone from DWSS participate.
- Anna Marie Binder suggested having someone from the Interim Finance Committee.
- Denise Tanata responded that she wasn't sure if we'd be able to get someone from the Legislature to join, but we could try.
- Anna Marie Binder invited another parent representative who does some grant writing, but waiting to hear back.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that we are also looking at maternal and child health, so should consider someone from that area at the state, as well as someone from the Children's Advocacy Alliance.
- Marty Elquist recommended reaching out to Vickie Ives. Brianna Cambra mentioned Evelyn Knight.
- Marty Elquist also suggested Amber Weiss and will reach out to see if she is interested.
- Denise Tanata reminded the group that not everyone needs to be an official member which requires regular participation. We can also have guests attend meetings or request specific presentations as needed.

5. Discuss Subcommittee Workplan

- Denise Tanata shared the Subcommittee Workplan template with the group.
- Denise Tanata reiterated that we only have two objectives under this Subcommittee, but they are fairly complex.
- Denise Tanata walked through the template and the components that the Subcommittee must consider when developing the workplan.
- Denise Tanata suggested starting the conversation with the key activities and reminded the group that the focus is on systems level changes.
- Objective 4.1 – Denise Tanata mentioned that this work is going to be done primarily through a contract with the Children's Funding Project to conduct fiscal mapping in Nevada for the P-3 sector. We are in the process of finalizing the contract and scope of work. Denise Tanat will share the Scope of Work at the next meeting. This subcommittee will need to provide support in connecting the contractor with the appropriate representatives at the state and review budget details to be included in the fiscal analysis. Denise Tanata went on to say that this is a multi-year project that will not only conduct the fiscal analysis, but also identify gaps in funding and potential new sources.
- Marty Elquist stated that having the Children's Funding Project present to this group will be critical to help guide the work moving forward.
- Denise Tanata also mentioned that The Children's Cabinet and DWSS will be contracting to complete a Cost Modeling Analysis for the subsidy program, which will also align with the fiscal mapping project.
- Brianna Cambra asked about the timeframe for the Cost Modeling Analysis.
- Marty Elquist responded that they are working on setting up a meeting with Jeanna Capito, who has tentatively agreed to conduct the work.
- Patti Oya also mentioned NDE-OELD is working with West Ed on the cost modeling for the PrK program.
- Marty Elquist mentioned that we will want to look at funding for different populations and call focus to different needs based on age groups of our children.



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- Denise Tanata responded that we'll need to look at different age groups, as well as across sectors and other demographic factors.
- Denise Tanata suggested that we might need to have a joint subcommittee meeting with Data and Evaluation to walk through the specific metrics that we may want to look at.
- Marty Elquist mentioned that there is a lot of crossover with all of the subcommittees that we need to address.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that we'll also need to address the policy priorities needed to support the work and we will look for additional priorities from other subcommittees as well as through our other partners and projects.
- Denise Tanata asked if there was anything else we wanted to consider for key activities in the workplan.
- Katarina Jackson asked if we are going to discuss what is happening with the funding that is currently going out (ARP funds) to make sure the funds are being used correctly.
- Denise Tanata responded that this subcommittee won't be addressing the use of ARP at an individual level, but the Children's Cabinet will be reviewing the use of funds through the reporting process. Marty Elquist confirmed that they would be reviewing all receipts and documentation for the funds.
- Anna Marie Binder mentioned that we need to address getting the information out to the community, however that might be a better discussion with the Communications and Engagement Subcommittee.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that there will be a Marketing and Outreach Campaign as well to help connect people to the resources and supports that are available, as well as making the case for high quality early childhood programs.
- Patti Oya asked about the status of the Business Collaboration to see if that might align with this work.
- Marty Elquist responded that yes, we do have some pieces to start from, particularly the funding map on the ECAC website.
- Denise Tanata will put together a draft of the workplan key activities for the group to discuss at the next meeting.

6. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- The subcommittee identified the following items for the next meeting:
 - Children's Funding Project Fiscal Mapping Overview and Scope of Work
 - Discuss Workplan Document
 - Policy Priorities – invite Children's Advocacy Alliance

7. Discuss Meeting Schedule

- Denise Tanata recommended that we schedule monthly meetings as we develop the workplan document.
- The subcommittee identified the following meeting schedule: second Thursday of each month at 1pm beginning in May (the subcommittee will not meet in April).

8. Public comment #2

- No public comment provided.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.