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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

“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.”

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (VIDEO CONFERENCED)

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Denise Tanata, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair called the meeting to order, 9:05 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Dr. Cathleen Rexing, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Inclusive Education
- Denise Tanata, The Children’s Cabinet
- Dr. Diane Nicolet, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees
- Emily Champlin, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Jocelyn M. Pereira, Aging and Disabilities Services Division
- Latisha Brown, NV DHHS, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing
- Dr. Lori Ann Malina-Lovell, Department of Health and Human Services, Part C
- Maggie Salas Crespo, Other Members as Appointed by the Governor
- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Patrice Gardner, Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Dr. Rebecca Meyers, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Pediatrics
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District

Public in Attendance:

- Alyson Godfrey, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye, NV Institute for Children’s Research and Policy, UNLV
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Annette Dawson Owens, Children’s Advocacy Alliance



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- Chastity Lord, Jeremiah Program
- Cynthia Magana, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
- Danielle Holmes, The Children's Cabinet
- Emily Bailey, GBC Child and Family Center
- Jamelle Nance, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- JT Champlin, NDE Management Analyst Contractor
- Kacey Edgington, Washoe County School District
- Karen Medina, The Children's Cabinet
- Lela Arney, The Children's Cabinet
- Mary Buchman, Child Care Services Center Project Manager
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Mychelle Weart, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Patty West, The Children's Cabinet
- Rachel Stepina, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Rebecca Dunne, NV Institute for Children's Research & Policy MPH Graduate Research Assistant/Advocacy Intern
- Rhonda Lawrence, Nevada Div Child & Family Services (DCFS) Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Services
- Tiffany Olivas, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Vanessa Pueyo, Nevada PEP
- Unidentified Caller on phone, named as caller number 1

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- No public comment provided.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA

Motion:

- Marty Elquist moved for the approval of a flexible agenda.
- Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried. Flexible agenda approved

4. MINUTES FROM MARCH 30, 2022

Motion:

- Items presented for correction: There were no items presented for correction.
- Latisha Brown moved for the approval of motion.
- Marty Elquist seconded the motion.



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- All were in favor.
- Motion carries.

5. Presentation – The Jeremiah Program with Chastity Lord

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on the Jeremiah Program which is focused on disrupting the cycle of poverty for single mothers and their children. Chastity Lord, President, and CEO

- Denise Tanata introduced Chastity Lord as a guest speaker.
- Chastity Lord stated that the program had offices in nine cities throughout the country. Chastity Lord has been in the position for 2 ½ years. The office based in Las Vegas; JP Las Vegas will have their own executive director who will be on board by the end of July. They also have opportunities for employment for other roles such as coaches and family service directors, the positions will be on the website.
- Chastity Lord explained about the office locations throughout the nation and that the offices are invited to the area based on the need of the population, mainly women and mothers with small children that are experiencing poverty and in need of the support of the program. Acelero will be working with the program.
- Chastity Lord explained how the program works, how the moms can benefit from the program and how long the moms are with the program, usually 4-5 years. The moms have coaches to support them through the program and assist in getting them the education they need. The moms need opportunities to thrive and should not have to choose between investing in themselves or their children.
- The program has an affordable housing support aspect, where they can live on campus if they choose to do so. They offer back up childcare with the program too.
- The program looks at the root of poverty and how this can be avoided. The JP moms can stay with the program until they feel comfortable, the support is there for as long as needed.
- The meeting was opened for questions and comments.
- Latisha commented on the program and thanked Chastity for the program and the support they provide.
- Carrie Paldi also thanked her for the support offered by the program and will definitely be contacting her for more information.
- Marty Elquist asked how many women they anticipate assisting in Las Vegas and did they have a timeline regarding the hiring of the director. Chastity answered that they are in the process of hiring and will have a director in place by the end of July. The candidate will be from the area and will know about the community and the needs of the community. Also, Marty asked about when the program will be available in Las Vegas. Chastity Lord stated that it will be available in September and anticipates that they will support between 250 – 300 moms. Marty Elquist thanked her for the support and is looking forward to working with her and the director of the JP program once the director is on board. Marty Elquist added that she would like to see the new director be part of the ECAC meetings and looks forward to partnering with her.
- Denise Tanata also commented that she is looking forward to working with Chastity Lord and will be connecting with her.
- Chastity Lord thanked Denise Tanata for the invitation to the meeting.
- Denise stated that the program slides will be on the chat and the Power point slides will be on the ECAC website for all to view.



6. Presentation – ECAC Member Teams Access

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Presentation and discussion on how to access the ECAC Teams site for members. Marty Elquist, The Children's Cabinet

- Marty Elquist mentioned that they have created a TEAMS site for the ECAC members, the members will be able to get access to the TEAMS website.
- Marty Elquist shared her screen and demonstrated how to access the TEAMS account, by switching to the Children's Cabinet guest account.
- Marty Elquist will be sending out invitations to all members.
- The board was asked if TEAMS would be used going forward for all project features and virtual meetings.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that the TEAMS was unable to exercise a closed captioning tool, but there may be a phone number that they can add and use to for TEAMS, currently we are only able to join by video or online, but they are open to looking into that. Denise Tanata suggested that the ECAC board discuss that option.
- Marty Elquist stated that she would ask IT if that was possible, as it is a different subscription but may be a possibility as it would be helpful having everything in one area.
- The board was asked if they would like the subcommittee work to also go through the TEAMS platform Denise Tanata responded yes.

7. Subcommittee Reports and Updates

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss updates, recommendations and workplan progress from ECAC Subcommittees

- *Leadership Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
 - Denise Tanata welcomed Kathy Yoder-Bass as a provider representative from the childcare provider action committee.
 - Denise Tanata stated that Marty had brought up in the Leadership Subcommittee meeting that the Children's Cabinet is working on a contract with the Guinn Center to help support state leadership and infrastructure.
 - Denise Tanata explained that the Children's Cabinet will be coordinate with other partners and will be creating an electronic newsletter, to be put out before the meetings to share updates in order to allow more time in the meetings for discussion of strategic plan items.
- *System Alignment Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-Chairs*
 - Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward stated that the April meeting was cancelled due to quorum not being met and the next meeting date was for June 29th at 12:30pm.
- *Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Linda Young and Maggie Salas Crespo, Co-Chairs*
 - Denise Tanata stated that neither of the co-chairs were in attendance, so no update was provided.
- *Finance and Policy Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Denise Tanata, Co-Chairs*
 - Denise Tanata stated that due to unforeseen circumstances they were unable to get the agenda posted in time for the Finance and Policy Subcommittee meeting so that was cancelled. There will be a meeting next month, so currently has no additional updates.
- *Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist and Dr. Cathleen Rexing, Co-Chairs*
 - Dr. Cathleen Rexing stated that the meeting scheduled for the May 19th had to be cancelled and the next meeting date is June 16th. Dr. Cathleen Rexing asked if Marty Elquist wanted to add anything, Marty Elquist stated that Denise Tanata and herself have to present at Interim Joint Committee on Health and Human Services so the meeting had to be cancelled.
- Denise Tanata stated that the month of May had been a rough month as far as subcommittee meetings go and for members to be on the lookout as there will be a reporting template going out well before the next ECAC meeting and want to make sure they have info in advance about certain topics they want to discuss.



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8. Local ECAC Updates

(Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss updates from Local ECACs, including plans for the ARP Local ECAC Small Grants.

- *Carson/Douglas ECAC*
 - Tiffany Olivas told the Council about the employment fair and how it was a success. It was a good opportunity for the providers in the area and the community to get together, reconnect and get back to normal daily work. There were providers from both Douglas and Carson. Tiffany Olivas stated that there were 2 membership meetings scheduled this year at open houses at childcare programs in the area. There was a lot of positive feedback so have decided to hold another employment fair scheduled Saturday, August 13th. Tiffany managed to get the fees waived for that, it will be at Carson City Community Center which is more central. The beginning planning for the fall ECE professional development Conference will be going ahead and that will hopefully be held at the WNC.
 - Denise Tanata opened the meeting up for questions or comments for Tiffany Olivas. There were no questions at this time, but Denise also wanted to congratulate Tiffany Olivas and her team on the employment fair and wanted to point out that the workforce is a problem area when getting employees to work in early childcare, and maybe we need to create an agenda to discuss a workforce plan for the future.
 - Marty Elquist mentioned that she has been aware of the problems in getting workforce in this area and has been working with John Cregg and Shelly Nye. They are going to be working together to get a group to try to help with the issue. There is a meeting invite going out today to a big group of people to try to brainstorm the problem, there will be an update at the next ECAC meeting.
- *Elko County ECAC*
 - Denise Tanata asked if there was a member from Elko. Emily Bailey spoke about their event, it was called Next Steps event for preschool children. There were over 100 students and families plus 20 vendors in attendance. It was a celebration event and was extremely successful, so much so that they will be making it an annual event. Emily Bailey also mentioned that they want to put together a services document focusing on Elko County. In the fall they are planning to bring in a speaker for professional development event, an event for elementary school teachers where there may be a night out, with training, dinner and to collaborate with each other.
 - Denise Tanata stated that after the meeting they would follow up on the ECAC Grant for Elko.
 - Denise Tanata opened the meeting up for questions and comments for Emily Bailey. There were no questions or comments at this time.
- *Lyon/Mineral/Storey ECAC*
 - Denise asked if there was a member from Lyon/Mineral/Storey County. There were no representatives.
- *Southern Nevada ECAC*
 - Southern Nevada ECAC representative Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye spoke about the Southern NV meeting which was held a month ago and there will also be one held today. The planning is ongoing for the Step Up For Kids Event in September at The East Las Veg Library, they are excited to be partnering with them. The agenda updates include Early Childhood Obesity Committee and how they can support that work. Denise Tanata will be joining the meeting today with the Southern NV ECAC where they will be talking about Children's Week at the Legislature which is March 13th through 16th. She hopes all the other ECACS will be joining them.
 - Denise Tanata opened the meeting for questions and comments, there were none at this time.
- *Tribal ECAC*
 - Denise Tanata asked if there were any representatives for Tribal ECAC, there were no representatives at this time.
- *Washoe County ECAC*
 - Dr. Diane Nicolet for Washoe County mentioned the professional learning event, called Kindergarten Passage. The event was very well organized and successful. The event was held at the Children's Discovery Museum, on May 11th, they were able to bring in food, the venue was affordable and centrally



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located and the large community room was state of the art and made it very easy to work with. The event was based on relationship building and the whole event was a wonderful positive meeting. There were 30 teachers from Pre-K to Kindergarten, including 7 principals and 23 teachers, there were 11 directors and 19 teachers, half public and half private, it really was a very successful event.

- There were a couple of key elements that centered around the event, communication, collaboration and resources but one core concept which was relationship building. Dr. Diane Nicolet thanked ECAC for support with funds. Dr. Diane Nicolet commended Kacey Edgington for leading the effort and is looking forward to many more successful events to come. The next event is September 16th from 4pm -6pm and will host a membership social to increase membership and awareness of ECAC. The participants of the event for PreK and kindergarten received a registry and My PGS, Washoe County Platform for training hours.
- Denise Tanata opened the meeting for questions and comments, there were none at this time.

9. State Agency Updates

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Relevant informational items from state agencies and departments on programs, services, initiatives and/or issues relevant to the ECAC Strategic Plan. Denise Tanata, Chair

- Denise Tanata stated that before proceeding with the items that a difference in the agenda may be noticed, we want to be inclusive so may notice a few new agencies but going forward we want to make sure that they are invited and will be given a reporting template.
- *Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program*
 - Denise Tanata asked Cynthia Magana if she was presenting for the childcare development program. Denise Tanata asked Cynthia Magana to give additional information on the buildings grant, Cynthia explained that the application process is very easy and straightforward and can be used to add on structural additions to existing buildings. Denise Tanata asked Cynthia Magana for more details on the program. Cynthia Magana explained that the program is going through the Interim Finance Committee from the Governor's Office for \$30,000,000 and the grants offer funding for existing structure or bringing existing structures up to code.
 - Carrie Paldi asked if the grant needed to increase slots and Cynthia Magana answered yes, that was the case. Carrie Paldi also asked about the rates that are being paid, are they to be raised, she had not received an official notification regarding that. Cynthia Magana stated that they would be working on getting those out. Marty Elquist mentioned that they would be getting those official notification out.
 - Carrie Paldi also asked about the new rates and whether the providers will be told what the new rates are or just when the new contracts come out. Cynthia Magana answered that she thought that something went out on May 1st, but she would check and make sure that she got the email out. Cynthia Magana asked if Denise Tanata would be the appropriate person to send out the email to. Denise Tanata stated that yes, she could take the email on behalf of ECAC but the question was that would it be sent out to all of the different providers. Carrie Paldi mentioned that she and her schools had been looking for that and did not receive any official notice and maybe the Children's Cabinet or Urban League could get those out. Cynthia Magana apologized that they had not been sent out.
 - Marty Elquist mentioned that she talked to Chelsea Sliter about getting out notifications to providers in their service delivery area and then got sick. Marty Elquist will follow up with getting those emails out. Mary Regan from the Las Vegas Urban League asked Marty Elquist if she could forward the email to her to send out to their providers as well. Marty Elquist answered absolutely.
 - Denise Tanata thanked Cynthia Magana for presenting today.
 - Cynthia Magana thanked the Council and mentioned that she would be following up on the action



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items.

- *Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health*
 - Rhonda Lawrence from DCFS spoke about the infant toddler program in Reno, Clark, and Washoe Counties, also working on rural areas. DCFS, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and the Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy were selected to participate in a technical assistance learning community with other states focused on aligning early childhood and Medicaid. Rhonda Lawrence stated that she sent emails to Denise Tanata and Marty Elquist, she will be working together with Dr Kupro, Sarah Deerborn, Dr.Sindy Pitlock, herself, several others and Vicki Ives is participating too. They are looking forward to continuing this work to give support and training. There is also a Statewide Infant and Toddler Court Program for children 0-3 involved in Child Protective Services and child welfare, it involves a specialty court team and Rhonda Lawrence stated that she would be happy to present the program to the Council. Rhonda Lawrence also mentioned the infant and toddler metal health workforce development working closely with behavioral health centers. They are also working with universities to offer training and internships to become employees in the program.
 - Denise Tanata thanked Rhonda Lawrence and opened up for questions or comments. There were none at this time.
- *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing*
 - Latisha Brown of DPBH mentioned that the licensing numbers were up. The numbers were holding so that means they were not closing facilities since the pandemic. Latisha Brown mentioned they were getting help from Wonderschool, they have been helping get applications out for family child care providers.
 - Background checks: Clark County will no longer be doing work cards and those will be going through their agency now, in licensing. They will be doing life scans on the background checks, which may possibly be quicker. Licensing is doing well; they are on track in getting the licenses back.
 - Denise Tanata opened the meeting for questions or comments
 - Carrie Paldi stated that she is very excited but does have a question about the new fingerprinting process and the life scan. She asked if applicants that are already in the process with Metro background check will they still need to go through that process with them or will they honor the ones that were previously done through Metro. Latisha Brown answered that the ones that were still in process with Metro will be able to get their cards and continue the process, it is just that they will no longer be able to go through Metro after May 17th.
 - Carrie Paldi also asked if the background checks would be quicker if going through life scan, Latisha Brown answered that she is not going to promise anything, but it may well speed things up a little.
 - Carrie Paldi also asked about the out of state background checks on life scan, will that link eventually? Latisha Brown answered that as it is Federal, they are saying that it doesn't cover it at the moment. Latisha Brown added that they are trying to work with the Feds to speed things up a little for out of state requirements.
 - Denise Tanata thanked Latisha Brown for her information and introduced the next on the list
- *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal , Child and Adolescent Health*
 - Denise Tanata stated that there were no representatives from that office at the meeting as they got a last minute invite.
- *Director's Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C and NEIS*
 - Dr. Lori Ann Malina-Lovell from DPBH Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, Part C Office, Dr. Lori Ann Malina-Lovell spoke about the updates of early intervention. Experiencing a critical staff shortage and are working diligently on retention and recruitment. Using their ARP funds for developing webinars. NCCP have noticed their work and have reached out to their office and their work will be on their website. Working on more outreach and events working with advisory groups and equity subcommittees.
 - Denise Tanata congratulated Dr. Lori Ann Malina-Lovell on the work that they are doing at their office and opened for questions or comments, there were none at this time.



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- *Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development*
 - Emily Champlin introduced herself and will be standing in for Patti Oya, Emily spoke about the transition work from PreK. Patti Oya will have updates at a later date. The kindergarten transition subcommittee and advisory groups are hoping to have LEAs and charter schools participate. They are hoping to be working with administrators, teachers, principals, psychologists, social workers and parents. Patti Oya will have updates on the kindergarten advisory group on the next meeting. QRIS Brigance screening requirements will now be removed from the criteria as a requirement for screening.
 - Denise Tanata asked if there were any questions, there were none at this time.
- *Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood Special Education*
 - Dr. Cathleen Rexing spoke about the office of inclusive education, there is a data collection is happening currently and this is for 3- 5-year-olds. The data is collected on entry and exit to see how children are progressing.
 - Denise Tanata asked if there were any questions for Dr. Rexing at this time, there were none.
- *Department of Education, Office of Student and School Supports*
 - Denise Tanata stated that no representatives were available to provide an update at this meeting.

10. Partner Updates

- *Pyramid Model Update – Dr. Janice Lee*
 - Dr. Janice Lee from NV pyramid model partnership, they will be having an end of year celebration and data review, scheduled for 6/17 9am -2pm. The meeting will be online and in person at locations around Las Vegas, Reno and Elko. Statewide data will be shared. They are also experiencing an increase in request for support and resources for early childhood programs. QRIS Coaches have been working closely together and collaborating with pyramid model staff on alignment work. Dr. Janice Lee also mentioned that anyone wishing to receive information on the end of year celebrations can contact her directly.
 - Denise Tanata asked if there were any questions or comments for Dr. Lee. There were no other questions or comments.
- *NevAEYC Update – Carrie Paldi*
 - Carrie Paldi thanked everyone that attending the 2022 NevAEYC Early Childhood Conference. This year was another successful year virtually. Each year, the conference is made possible with the generous support from sponsors, exhibitors, and presenters. We are verifying who attended which sessions and certificates will be issued by May 31st and sent to participants via email. We are beginning to plan the 2023 conference, which will be held in Las Vegas. As soon as dates and the location are confirmed, an announcement will be posted on our website and shared at an upcoming NECAC meeting.
 - To date, 4,762 early childhood educators and professionals have applied for the Early Childhood Staff Stipend Incentive, of which, 3,647 applications have been approved. As a reminder, early childhood educators and professionals employed at eligible programs and active with The Nevada Registry can apply to receive \$1,000 to assist with the financial hardship from the pandemic. The last day to apply is May 31, 2022 and the last day for applicants to submit their supporting documents is June 30, 2022.
 - With our T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada scholarship program, a new scholarship is being developed to offer to high school graduates that are interested in pursuing early childhood degrees. We hope by offering this new scholarship, that it will assist with the teacher vacancies for our workforce. More information will be shared once the new scholarship model is approved by the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood National Center. We anticipate announcing the scholarship this summer.
 - NAEYC's Professional Learning Institute is June 11 – 15 in Cleveland, OH. Five board members and our executive director will be attending. We will be sending a short survey to NevAEYC members to see who will be attending and interested in meeting up for dinner while in Cleveland.
 - On Thursday, May 26th, NevAEYC is hosting a member meeting from 6 to 7 PM. This meeting will be virtually, and the purpose of this meeting is to provide NevAEYC members with an update on programs and services, solicit feedback, and answer questions.
 - Finally, June 14 is the 2022 Nevada Primary Elections. Early voting begins on Saturday, May 28 and



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runs through Friday, June 10. We urge everyone, particularly our early childhood community, to make sure your vote is casted. Remember...EVERY vote matters.

- *Child Care Provider Action Committee – Carrie Paldi*
 - Carrie Paldi stated that they have been busy and have had 2 meetings. The first one was focused reviewing their mission and vision, the second one was an overview of newly funded projects. There was a review of the resources list, where is it housed and how is it found easily. How to get it to providers when they need it. The shared services platform and discussions on where people can find their ECE information how we can expand that and create more networking and connection opportunities, using QRIS coaches, Licensing, health and community ECE organizations. Also discussion about what they want the CCPAC to work on for the upcoming session and training for speakers on legislative issues, visiting legislatures both during and off the legislative session. The second meeting focused on Dreams for Early Childhood in Nevada and what would they like to see to support the field. Also, childcare providers working with children, all need to be licensed, we need to make sure that there aren't any licensed exempt groups, that everyone working with children have to be licensed to protect the children. Also, a Childcare Food program specialist to support schools that use that program. Carrie Paldi also mentioned that they would like to see updates on system websites to make it easier for people to understand new regulations. Carrie Paldi asked Lela Arney if there was anything that was missed. Carrie Paldi thanked Lela Arney for bringing the two groups together and asked if there were any questions. Carrie Paldi stated to Denise Tanata that she would share the documents with her.
- *Pritzker PN3 Initiative and Early Childhood Policy Update – Jamelle Nance*
 - Jamelle Nance introduced herself and explained that the Strong Start coalition focused on three areas, maternal and child health, community health workers and home visits, and early learning and childcare. Maternal and child health follow 12 month eligibility of children, to make sure they are getting the services that they need, paid family leave as this is critical for bonding. The Community Health workers and home visit group are focusing on expansion of federal funding, particularly for the home visits, as they are effective and critical to children. Early learning and childcare group are following the increase in childcare subsidy, and what it means to have sustainable wages for childcare providers. They have talked a lot with Children's Cabinet about the providers and how they can achieve this. Working with partners on issues include the groups of people that are prohibited from becoming licensed but want to become licensed, such as renters etc. There are licensing barriers that they want to continue to monitor. They also want to make sure that equity is at the center of everything that they do, particularly when working with children. Jamelle Nance asked if there were any questions.
 - Latisha Brown wanted to get her information to talk to her about the licensing issues on renters.
 - Jamelle Nance will be working on getting groups together, so if anyone interested to let her know and she will get the details over to the coalition groups.
- *Strong Start Update – Annette Dawson-Owens*
 - Annette Dawson-Owens spoke about the Strong Start updates, they continue to revamp policies, they are 7 months in with their parent ambassadors and are continuing training with them, able to get their stories and will share those. They have started a Podcast, the first taping was May 17th, they spoke about mental health, early investments, and foster care. They are also advocating more on out of school time.
 - Denise Tanata asked if there were any questions for Annette Dawson-Owens, there were none at this time.
- *HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Update – Denise Tanata*
 - Denise Tanata mentioned that the program was integrated into the ECAC. Denise Tanata will be collecting needs assessment reports on early childhood sector. Comprehensive Asset Gap analysis is at the end of October she needs to look at how the agencies all connect and work together. Denise Tanata asked if there were any questions, there were none at this time.



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- *Early Childhood Institute on March 2-5, 2022 – Dr. Linda Young*
 - No updated provided.
- *Research and Needs Assessments – Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye*
 - Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye introduced herself and mentioned that they did do updates on the list of Research and Needs Assessments. Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye introduced Rebecca Dunne and she spoke about new needs assessments and types of plans. They have found new needs and have been working on getting the list organized. It is being organized by date and items of topic. Dr. Amanda Haboush-Deloye spoke about how to add to the list and where to access on the website. Marty Elquist asked if it was the same link on the ECAC website, she confirmed that it was.
 - Denise Tanata asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none at this time.
- *New or Potential Grants and Funding – All*
 - Denise Tanata mentioned the Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood Grant that is being submitted by the Kirk Kirkorian School of Medicine at UNLV. If funded, this would establish a program to place early childhood experts in pediatric settings to assist with wrap around needs and support in accessing services.
 - Denise Tanata stated there was a grant opportunity for maternal health, healthy start and perinatal services, it is State Maternal Innovation Data Capacity Program. There is \$1,000,000 yr. for 5yrs.
 - Denise Tanata also mentioned the Shared Services Network is currently up and that child care providers can access PPE supplies through the network. There is currently \$500,000 available for the PPE fund through June 30th.
 - Denise Tanata asked if anyone had any knowledge of any other grants or funding opportunities that they know of and would like to share. There were none at this time.

11. Supporting Equity and Shared Leadership

- Denise Tanata spoke about the two documents that were attached to the agenda and asked if anyone had any questions regarding those.
- Denise Tanata indicated there was limited time to go over the materials in detail, but they are on the website posted alongside the agenda.
- Marty mentioned that they received the Civil Rights Principles and that the Cabinet is committed to making the changes and how can they do better at the Children's Cabinet and that they are committed to this.
- Dr. Diane Nicolet mentioned that the 9:00am time for the meetings might not work for everyone, particularly to enable parent representatives and suggested a rotating meeting schedule.
- Someone suggested that the meeting take place on the weekends sometimes to accommodate schedules and asked if there was funding available to pay parents rather than have them volunteer their time.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that most people who attend the meeting are paid and that there are resources for parents to be paid to participate through the HRSA grant.
- Carrie Paldi mentioned how the document touches on everything and that it is very important.
- Denise Tanata thanked everyone and mentioned that some decisions may be difficult, but that we must consider changes in order to better engage parent leaders.

12. Future Agenda Items

(Discussion/ For Possible Action) Council will discuss what they would like on the upcoming agendas.

Denise Tanata, Council Chair

- Update on the workforce plan discussion, Marty will lead that but will check with John and Shelly.
- Patrice mentioned having a presentation for those in the South as she would like more information.
- New executive director for the Jeremiah Program in Las Vegas will be chosen soon.



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- Shared Leadership discussion.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that the agenda might look a little different under a new restructure, will be implementing written reporting and need updates.

13. Public Comment

- Denise Tanata asked about resources for CPR training.
- Carrie Paldi mentioned that they run from \$30-\$80 per hour, also that years ago the Fire Department would do this but is not sure if they still offer that service.
- Marty Elquist mentioned that they may be able to use startup funds from NV DOE and DWSS to assist with that cost to get people back into the workforce.
- Carrie Paldi mentioned that there are programs that assist with getting back into the workforce but not for CPR.
- Denise asked if there were any other comments.
- Someone asked who was requiring the CPR and Carrie Paldi mentioned that it is a requirement to get the license and can be costly to get back into the workforce.

14. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.