



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) POLICY AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE **PUBLIC MEETING** **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022** **1:00 PM**

“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.

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Denise Tanata called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

Members in attendance:

- Denise Tanata
- Marty Elquist
- Patti Oya
- Lela Arney
- Brianna Cambra
- Katarina Jackson
- Brian Cullen

2. Public Comment #1

No public comment provided.

3. Approval of a Flexible Agenda

- Patti Oya motioned to approve a flexible agenda.
- Lela Arney seconded the motion.
- All members voted in favor of the motion, motion passed.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2022

- Patti Oya motioned to approve the minutes from September 8, 2022 as drafted.
- Marty Elquist seconded the motion.
- All members voted in favor of the motion, motion passed.

5. Discuss Fiscal Mapping Project

- Ms. Tanata reported that the project is moving along. Children’s Finance Project is mapping all state and federal funding focusing on 0-24. They are mapping all budget holders. We have received support from the Governor’s office to identify



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appropriate budget holders. Outreach to the various agencies is underway, but it is a long and tedious process. We hope to have information to share at next meeting.

- Ms. Oya confirmed that this is a massive task and has forwarded onto the different NDE offices that are indicated for NDE. She commented that they are working on it, but it is a very comprehensive task, especially since Heidi Haartz is retiring at the end of the year.
- Ms. Tanata agreed that the task is overwhelming and that NDE is not alone and that Children's Finance Project can help prioritize the funding sources. Ms. Tanata can help set up a meeting with CFP if necessary.

6. Discuss Policy Priorities

- Ms. Tanata shared the PN-3 Policy Priorities. The document is separated by effective policies and effective strategies: Ms. Tanata asked if the committee has any ideas for policies or strategies.
 - Nevada has Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance and State Minimum Wage of \$10 or Greater checked: <https://pn3policy.org/pn-3-state-policy-roadmap-2022/nv/>
- Ms. Arney asked about the Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs Strategy and if the state adopted Help Me Grow, would that meet this requirement?
 - Ms. Tanata stated that Health Steps and Family Connects are identified on the Roadmap, but that Pritzker is interested in Help Me Grow as is HRSA.
 - Ms. Tanata stated that Help Me Grow is a comprehensive screening and connection program and can be done statewide or regionally that is done with navigators. Family Resource Centers, Home Visitors, and CHWs can all be navigators. Two states that are using Help Me Grow picked this model as it helped bring partners together to create a plan. These states also used 2-1-1. Both had a lot of starts and stops. Regardless it would take staffing support and has a fairly large data component.
 - Ms. Tanata stated that the main point would be to identify if this area is an area that we want to add to the Committee's policy agenda.
 - Ms. Binder asked about the Child Care Subsidy section and stated that moms in Clark County are paying more for center-based care for children under 3 than they are for mortgages.
 - Ms. Elquist commented that the cost of infants is \$13,000 and \$11,000 for PreK. Both average rates has increased \$2,000 since 2018 for both age groups. The state is looking at an Alternative Cost Model to set the state's subsidy reimbursement rate based on the true cost of quality instead of a market rate survey and are working with P5 Fiscal Strategies to create an Alternative Cost Model for Nevada. We hope to have the model completed 6/30/2023.
 - Mr. Cullen commented that they used an Alternative Cost model previously with Veterans and saw enhancement with Veteran services and hope that we can achieve the same with using an Alternative Cost Model for child care.
 - Ms. Binder asked that the committee keep informed on these efforts as she can help gather parent voice to advocate for the change.
 - Ms. Tanata stated that she can connect with Ms. Binder to discuss the Communications Campaign aimed to inform and engage parents to increase access to services and supports.
- Ms. Tanata asked if there are other policies or strategies we want to include or can we prioritize as an ECAC and what we (the ECAC) are capable of doing.
 - Ms. Tanata recommended that we add a key activity to review the Comprehensive Screening programs so we can develop recommendations for what might work in the state of Nevada.
- Ms. Oya commented that Michigan has done a nice job developing a statewide sustainability toolkit. We need to discuss sustainability overall. Ms. Oya agreed to share Michigan's framework.
 - Marty stated that the toolkit that looks at sustainability overall across all funding would be very helpful to assess each program/service using a similar lens.
- Ms. Tanata stated that at the last ECAC meeting, the Council agreed on recommendations for additional ECAC members. The recommendation was included in the annual report to the Governor. Ms. Tanata asked for additional thoughts on legislative champions who we could connect with.



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- Ms. Binder stated that Brittany Miller and Claire Thomas would be great champions in addition to everyone on the Education Committee.
- Ms. Tanata also mentioned added all those that attended the Hunt Institute that focused on Early Childhood

7. Discuss Subcommittee Workplan

- Ms. Tanata reviewed the work plan. We have completed our 4.1 activities. We need to review our intersections with other subcommittees at each meeting in 2023. We need to start thinking of our 2023 activities. For both 4.1 and 4.2. Ms. Tanata would like to share the policy priorities with the larger ECAC.
- Ms. Arney stated that the NevAEYC policy priorities will be completed soon and we can incorporate several of the NevAEYC policy priorities. Ms. Tanata stated that the Finance and Policy workplan will be updated and posted on the ECAC website. The workplan has been updated, just needs to be posted.
- Marty commented that we need to talk through the systems project and reports and have those as actions. These projects will have recommendations for policy.
- Ms. Tanata agreed and will put the system projects on the next agenda to discuss.
- Ms. Oya stated that NDE is Teach for America is considering applying for LEE Fellows for a 9-month or a summer project who could assist.

8. Discuss 2023 Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 2023 meetings will take place on the second Thursday of each month from 1pm to 2:30pm.
- Ms. Tanata will send calendar invitations for these meetings.

9. Public comment #2

- Ms. Binder requested that Denise stay on the line after the meeting to discuss ECAC Committee meeting participation.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.