

**Nevada EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
Systems Subcommittee**

“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.”

**Public Meeting
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2:00 PM**

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Minutes

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Chairwoman, Brenda Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

Subcommittee Members

- Brenda Bledsoe, IDEA Part C Office
- Iandia Morgan, IDEA Part C Office
- Nick Easter, Nevada Department of Education
- Sherry Waugh, Head Start/Early Head Start
- Brian Turner, Nevada Department of Education
- Denise Tanata, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Angela Rose, United Way of Southern Nevada
- Dena Schmidt, Department of Health and Human Services

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- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Shari Fyfe, IDEA Part C Office

2. Public Comment #1

No public comment was given.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

Chairwoman, Brenda Bledsoe asked for a motion to approve a flexible agenda.

Motion

- Dena Schmidt made a motion for a flexible agenda.
- Denise Tanata seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion was carried.

4. Review Charge of the Subcommittee

Chairwoman Brenda Bledsoe stated the ECAC, at a recent meeting created four subcommittees, Family and Community, Early Childhood Development, Professional Development, and Systems designated to review their strategic plan and each to have their own responsibilities. The Systems Subcommittee was charged with looking at the current strategic plan with specific areas of focus which are detailed on the ECAC Subcommittee Infographic. The Subcommittee will need to determine if the activities within the strategic plan are still relevant, which subcommittee would be best to lead the activity, review and update the responsibilities, entities, organizations and agencies that should be involved, funding sources for each focus area, and recruit additional members, if necessary, who may be able to provide information to support the work of the subcommittee. The ECAC charged the Subcommittee to meet monthly up until the June two-day strategic planning finalization meeting in Las Vegas. Future meeting dates will be determined in a later agenda item.

Chairwoman Brenda Bledsoe remarked the remainder of the time for this agenda item would be spent reviewing the activities within the strategic plan worksheet discussing whether it is relevant to the current work of the ECAC and which subcommittee would be best to oversee the activity. Marty Elquist commented that the Early Learning Subcommittee had reviewed this same worksheet and provided input on the activities. She indicated she would happily share their comments with this subcommittee. She also remarked that each activity is going to have overlap between subcommittees but which is the key committee to take the lead and then keep the communication lines open between all interested subcommittees.

The following were the comments and suggestions from this Subcommittee:

- Project 1: Silver State Stars (TQRIS) The Subcommittee agreed with the Early Learning Subcommittee that most of these fit best with the Professional Development Subcommittee with the exception of “Continue to collect validation Data on all participating programs and Collect random sample of child-level data” which should be with the Systems Subcommittee. It was noted the Systems Subcommittee should be kept in the communication loop of the “100% of State funded Pre-K programs will be included in Silver State Stars” activity.
- The activities “Require participation for all centers participating in TEACH and Launch provider- and family-friendly website” were noted as completed.
- Project 2: Silver State Kids (KEA) The Subcommittee agreed with the Early Learning Subcommittee on who should oversee these activities. The Systems Subcommittee would oversee the majority of the sections in this Project. The Early Learning Subcommittee would oversee the sections of NECAC/HSSC & ECSO; NDE RPDPs; and HSSC & ECSO. The Early Learning and Systems Subcommittee would work together on NDE DHHS. The Professional Development Subcommittee would take the lead on The Nevada Registry and NECAC/HSSC & ECSO sections.
- The Systems Subcommittee would like to receive information from the Early Learning Subcommittee on “Use data sharing to support peer mentoring to facilitate improved outcomes and provide an annual report to all stakeholders on outcomes and progress”.
- Project 3: Silver State Skills The Subcommittee again agreed with the Early Learning Subcommittee on which committee would take the lead on these activities. Most of the activities within this section would be headed by the Early Learning Subcommittee. The Professional Development Subcommittee was noted as the lead for the NDE and The Nevada Registry TEACH NSHE sections. The Systems subcommittee would lead the activity called

“implement a wage supplement program and Education Award program to support early childhood educators increase proficiency”.

- The activity “Hire additional Education and Information Officer in Office of Early Care and Education to provide training on the ELG and Pre-K Standards” was marked as complete by this subcommittee.
- Project 4: Silver State Supports This subcommittee indicated the Early Learning Subcommittee would oversee the section under Nevada Registry in this project as well as the “Provide programs and services with information about the children they are serving to improve individualized teaching and learning, and to inform and support CQI” activity. The Systems Subcommittee would take the lead on the NDE, DHHS activities. The Family & Community Subcommittee would take the lead on all the other activities in this Project. It was noted though that these activities overlap with the goals of the Systems Subcommittee.

Chairwoman Brenda Bledsoe stated she would pull out the specific activities related to this subcommittee to work on at the next meeting. The Subcommittee will need to look at these activities to identify the resources, funding sources, responsible entities, organizations and agencies around these. Marty Elquist suggested the Subcommittee go through the activities to determine which data components are critical to the statewide longitudinal data system. Brian Turner spoke on what basic structural items need to be completed before there is an actual working early childhood data system and the timelines associated with those activities. Chairwoman Brenda Bledsoe noted over the next few meetings the subcommittee will go over the activities to determine if they are needed or are targeted and then prioritize these. Once they are prioritized, identify the particular governing bodies and initiatives related to those activities.

5. Set monthly meeting dates

Chairwoman Brenda Bledsoe stated this subcommittee was charged with meeting monthly up to June 2016 and asked for suggestions on possible dates for March, April and May. The dates of March 17 at 1:00 pm, April 14 at 1:00 pm, and May 5 at 1:00 pm were proposed.

Motion

- Nick Easter made a motion to accept the dates as indicated.
- Dena Schmidt seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- The motion was carried.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Continue with the review of Strategic Plan Projects to identify initiatives and activities as well as the available resources.

7. Public Comment #2

No public comment was given.

8. Adjournment

Chairwoman Brenda Bledsoe adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.