



**Nevada Early Childhood  
Advisory Council**

**NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017 • 9:00 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 Locations:**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Meeting Room</b>
Nevada Department of Education	9890 South Maryland Parkway	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Roop Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	
Great Basin College, High Tech Center	1500 College Parkway	Elko, Nevada	Modular Conference Room

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

*(Video Conferenced)*

**1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL**

Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair called the meeting to order, 9:04 AM. Quorum is met.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

**In Las Vegas:**

- Sherry Bingham, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Special Education
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start
- Diane Hardy, Child Care Licensing

**In Reno:**

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada, Reno, Child and Family Research Center

**On the Phone:**

- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development

**Public in Attendance:**

**In Las Vegas:**

- Patty Oya, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Jessica Halling, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Cheryl Joyce, Child Care Licensing

**In Reno:**

- Diane Nicolet, TMCC
- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Joanne Everts, Turning Point
- Julie Hitchcock, The Children’s Cabinet
- Cristal Roldan, The Children’s Cabinet



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**In Carson City:**

- Ali Cooper, Small Blessings Preschool
- Christell Askew, Division of Welfare and Supportive Service, Child Care
- Millie Cady, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care

**On the Phone:**

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District
- Connie Zeller, Elko Consultant

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

No Public Comment regarding any item appearing on the agenda at this time.

No Public Comment on any matter within the Committee's jurisdiction, control or advisory power at this time.

The Committee moves on to Item #3.

**3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA**

**Motion:**

- Sherry Waugh moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Angela Triche seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, Flexible Agenda approved.

**4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2017**

The Council discussed the August 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes for approval.

**Motion:**

- Dolores Hauck suggested revising the statement on Item D: B-3 Project to "Early Head Start and Head Starts are aligned with National Performance Standards and a TA person is involved."
- No other changes noted.
- Dolores Hauck moved to approve minutes with changes.
- Sherry Bingham seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- Motions carried to approve August 1, 2017 minutes.

**5. ITEM B: STRATEGIC PLANNING NEXT STEPS**

The Council discussed the update on timeline, interviews and one-day planning retreat.

- Steve Greeley indicated that over 70 individuals have been interviewed to inform the strategic plan. Interviews will conclude in October.
- Contact Marty Elquist if members of the public would like to attend meeting.
- One-day retreat will take place November 2, 2017 at 9:30am at Hyatt Place-Reno Tahoe.
- Steve and Deborah will summarize goals and objectives from the interviews.
- If anyone would like to be interviewed contact Marty Elquist.

**6. ITEM C: FACEBOOK PAGE**

**Updates on status of ECAC Facebook page and who has administrative rights to the page**

**Anna Severens Presenting:**

- Contact Anna Severens for any information or updates on the ECAC Facebook page.



**7. ITEM D: B-3 PROJECT**

**Updates on Nevada ReadyB-3 Project**

**Joanne Everts gave updates**

- Pilot community sites already identified.
- Currently working with Churchill County, St. John's Room to Grow, Little House Day School, Lemmon Valley, Sierra Nevada Charter. In Las Vegas Mater Academy, Discovery Garden.
- Second week in September collecting data using Edusnap full-day observations.
  - Four children will be randomly selected to be followed.
  - Data will be shared with teachers in the springtime.
- Teachers must complete an online course for them to get data feedback.
  - Online courses are available for expanded enrollment beyond implementation sites.
  - Contact Joanne Everts to enroll on online courses.
- Launching a day-long meeting in Reno October 19, 2017 and Las Vegas October 20, 2017 in conjunction with University of North Carolina and University of Washington.
- Separate trainings for Teachers and Administrators Prek-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Birth- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Babysnap for Infants and Toddlers to be piloted in Nevada hopefully in Spring of 2018.
  - Will provide Registry and continuing education credits.
- Joanne Everts doing face-to-face meetings or by phone to personalize and support.
- Joanne Everts will share dates with Marty Elquist who will post information on ECAC website.
- Sherry Waugh suggested creating alignment to establish partnerships.
- Dolores Hauck stated that Head Start should be included.
- Cindy Johnson would like to connect QRIS coaches in future plan.
- For any questions or registration contact Joanne Everts at [everts.joanne@gmail.com](mailto:everts.joanne@gmail.com)
- Newsletter will also be created with B-3 information.

**8. ITEM E: CHILD CARE LICENSING**

**Update on Child Care Licensing**

**Diane Hardy gave updates**

- There will be information seminar to review bills passed in the 2017 Legislative Session:
  - AB 99-Gender Identity
  - SB 46- Adds disqualifying crimes on background checks
  - SB 189-Training requirements, Independent contractors, grading system
  - AB 346-Regulation of small child care establishments
  - AB 326-Priority admissions for children of veterans
- There will be Child Care Advisory Council Meeting on October 10, 2017 at 1:30pm
- Power point and other information available on website.

**9. ITEM F: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES**

**Updates on Nevada's 2017 Legislative Session and issues related to Early Childhood**

**Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates**

- Documents with all bills passed affecting Early Childhood is done and sent to Marty Elquist.
- Marty Elquist will upload document onto ECAC website under documents.



**10. ITEM G: UPDATES ON KEA AND READ BY THREE**

**The Council will receive updates on KEA and Read by Three**

**Patty Oya gave updates**

- Rolling out training on the Brigance Screener and Online Management System (OMS).
- On-line webinar is recorded and will be available for self-study.
- Form will be emailed out to people that have already done training to sign up and register children.
- Children attending QRIS-participating licensed programs will be screened annually in May.

**11. ITEM H: STRONG START UPDATES**

**Council will be updated on the progress of Strong Start and asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities forward.**

**Amanda Haboush-deloey gave updates**

- Southern Nevada Kid Mayor Election was held in September during Children's Week. There were 5 candidates in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - 600 people came to the Southern Nevada event and were able to vote for Kid Mayor.
- Northern Nevada also had 5 candidates, not as many came to vote.
- The month of May will be "no screen time" month. Would like council to promote help promote this event and spread the word with everyone.

**12. ITEM I: QRIS UPDATE**

**The Council will be updated on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.**

**Cindy Johnson will give updates**

- The pilot for the new process Steps to Stars is beginning this month (October).
  - Steps to Stars pilot with 23 centers, half in North and half in South.
  - The process will begin with sites completing the required paperwork submission during the first 6 months with coaching support from The Children's Cabinet.
  - During the first six months, sites will also receive training on QRIS Quality Indicators. This will be a 16-hour training on the Environmental Rating Scales (ERS). The two-day training will be conducted by Jennifer Kalas, Nevada's QRIS Anchor.
  - After the ERS training, site will complete a self-reflection survey and complete an action plan.
  - Sites will get a formal assessment in 3-6 months depending on program.
  - After the rating, sites will get an additional 30 days to get any remaining documentation uploaded for their star rating.
- During initial rating period, sites will be required to do six month leadership series.
- After initial rating, site will be able to request an external coach for 24 months. Sites must work toward identifying an internal coach at site to work with coach.
- Ratings will be good for 24 months instead of the current 18 months.
- Site can request, with coach approval, a one-time reassessment in the middle of their coaching period to increase their star rating.
- This new process requires centers to get all requirements in before committing a coach to them as many coaches were spending their time helping with paperwork submission instead of assisting with coaching in the classrooms.
- Pilot phase for Steps-to-Stars: October 2017-June 2018.
- Launch for Steps-to-Stars: July 1, 2018.
- This does not apply to the District model.
- District will get Star ratings during 2018-2019 school year.
- If anyone is interested in a report please contact Cindy Johnson at [cdjohnson@doe.nv.gov](mailto:cdjohnson@doe.nv.gov).



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**13. ITEM J: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES**

**Updates from the Local ECAC**

- Carson: Allie Cooper gave updates- No current updates.
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh gave updates- Engaged with B-3 project.
- Elko: Lisa Calder gave updates- Working with B-3 project. Retreat to be held in Elko on December 7, 2017.
- Nye County: No one present to give updates.
- Tribal ECAC: No one present to give updates.
- Churchill: No updates. Engaged with B-3 project.

**14. ITEM K: NEVAEYC UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS**

**Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates**

- Amanda solicited a Call for Proposal for the 2018 Statewide conference.
- Sending emails to “Save the Date” for the 2018 conference from November 1<sup>st</sup>- December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The theme for the 2018 conference will be “Superheroes: Guardians of the Future.”
- Amanda notified the Council of the new federal Child Care Family Act. This Act aims to support families who are middle class income who spend up to half of their income on child care.
- Northern Nevada mini-conference to be held in November.

**15. ITEM L: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Council discussed what they would like on the upcoming Agenda

Councilwoman Elquist states all are standing items other than Strategic Planning next steps and Legislative updates. To suggest Agenda Items please contact Marty Elquist one week prior.

**Email:** Marty Elquist at The Children’s Cabinet: melquist@childrenscabinet.org.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

**The Council and Public members discussed other matters concerning 2018 meeting dates and times.**

- Council discussed the same time and pattern.
- Dolores Hauck stated that the same time and pattern presents a conflict for her schedule.
- Diane Harding proposed discussing the new business for vote at the December 5, 2017 meeting.
- Patty Oya stated that due to scheduling the rooms for 2018, that this item must be addressed ASAP so the meeting rooms can be reserved.
- This council moved this item to the November 2, 2017 Strategic Planning meeting for discussion and approval.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**10:29 AM**