



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

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PUBLIC MEETING | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018 • 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:

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Nevada Department of Education	9890 South Maryland	Las Vegas, NV	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	Parkway		
	755 North Roop Street		

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, 09:03 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance

In Las Vegas:

- Cheryl Joyce, Child Care Licensing
- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Special Education
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, UNLV Graduate Student

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada, Reno, Child and Family Research Center
- Megan Wickland, Aging and Disability Services Division
- Christell Askew, Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Tina Springmeyer,

In Carson City:

- Brenda Bledsoe

Public in Attendance

In Las Vegas:

- Edie King, Department of Health & Human Services, Part C Office
- Iandia Morgan, Department of Health & Human Services Part C
- Tara Phebus, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research & Policy
- Renee Woodring, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Shelby Henderson, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League

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- Warren Evans, Las Vegas Urban League
- Angela Rose, City of Las Vegas
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, UNLV, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Jessamy Rose Sevilla, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Danielle Holmes, The Children's Cabinet

In Reno:

- Kayelynn Ogden, The Children's Cabinet
- Rachel Breithaupt, Turning Point and Nevada Ready B-3
- Priscilla Acosta, Intertribal Council of Nevada
- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning &
- Shelly Nye, The Nevada Registry
- Millie Cady, Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program
- Kelsey Piechocki, United Way of Northern Nevada and The Sierra
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

No Public Comment regarding any item appearing on the agenda currently.

No Public Comment on any matter within the Committee's authority, control, or advisory power currently.

The Committee moves on to item #3.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA

Motion:

- Sherry Waugh moved for approval of flexible agenda.
- Brenda Bledsoe seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, flexible agenda approved.

4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2018

The Council Discussed the December 5 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Anna Severens moved to approve December 5 Minutes as is.
- Christell Askew seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, December 5 Minutes approved.

5. ITEM B: MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2018

The Council Discussed the February 1 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Christell Askew moved to approve February 1 Minutes as is.
- Carrie Paldi Seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, February 1 Minutes approved.

6. ITEM C: STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION & NEXT STEPS

Steve Greely and Brad Pacely, DCA Boston gave presentation and updates.

- There is a clear willingness to embrace this plan, but success will depend heavily on collaboration.

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- This is truly a systems change plan that will need partnership and collaboration statewide with schools, business leaders, policy makers and families as key partners. Real and lasting progress is achievable and can build on progress made.
- Early Education Group: Objectives- Stay aligned with others doing B-3 Systems work. Look at other states and adopt ways to success. To unify workforce, we must work close with Department of Education, have state level conversations, and get feedback from providers and district teachers to see what they think.
- Family Support and Engagement Group: Objectives-Enhance family teaching and power, provide extra support, a lot of partnership. We must create large scale partnership to get families knowledge. Work with The Children’s Cabinet use libraries as community hubs. Working relationships with city and town parks, city leagues etc. Work with Renown and Community Health Alliance. More outreach and pediatricians provide books, resources, and guides to families. Work close with Evelyn and get assessment with home visiting. Expand Community based learning with libraries and schools and help parents be referred. Connect with NV 211 and out of school network. Strengthen Family partnerships.
- Child and Family Health Group: Objectives- ensure all children and families have access to comprehensive healthcare and look for any barriers to address. Expand workforce knowledge in early childhood development. Strengthen partnership with State and local partners. Meet families with young children. Going forward with sub groups and see where there is an overlap and where it can continue. Be allied with families, all these groups need to be aware of ECAC Plan. Work with 211 and see which practices high quality are. Rural Nevada Network meeting in April (mobile Health services) ECAC will present plan and discuss potential placement. The first objective to accomplish in the next 6 months is getting someone on ECAC to represent the Health profession.
- In subcommittees, we will dive deeper into the strategies and create action steps, timelines, and agencies responsible for each action. Sub-committee working groups must also follow open meeting laws.
- The ECAC felt strongly that they needed more time to review and make sure the plan reflected what has been discussed over the last six months. After ECAC members review the plan and make edits, the plan will be sent to additional stakeholders who have not been involved up to this point. ECAC members will identify additional key partners and submit names with their plan review.
- Participants who attended focus groups and the November and February meetings will also be sent the draft plan for their feedback/comments. Plan will be sent on April 13, 2018 with an April 20, 2018 deadline. Feedback will be returned to sub-committee chairs.
- ECAC will hold a Special Meeting to review all feedback and make edits to the plan. Marty will send out a Doodle today to schedule Special Meeting.

7. ITEM D: FACEBOOK PAGE:

Anna Severens gave updates

- 200 followers
- Current followers should share the page with their contacts to get more followers.
- Send any posting requests to Anna Severens.

8. ITEM E: B-3 PROJECT

Rachel Breithaupt gave updates.

- Annual report will be available soon.
- There are two main goals: 1.) planning for a statewide B-3 approach through 3 pilot sites where 25 staff have completed the course and 80 have participated, and 2.) Create a professional learning services.
- Statewide input and implementation at statewide and local levels.
- Completed focus groups.
- Washoe County awarded CEU’s, 25 people completed out of 85 participants.
- April newsletter posted on ECAC Website

9. ITEM F: CHILD CARE LICENSING

Cheryl Joyce gave updates.

- Sanctions for all new regulations are in works and are in hands of higher level. No answers as of yet.

10. ITEM G: LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Shelby Henderson presenting as Denise Tanata and Jared Busker were unavailable.

- Bills sponsored are in process.
- Working on the 2019 Legislative Briefing Book, which is a companion piece to the Nevada Report Card. The Briefing Book addresses policy suggestions to overcome each section of the Report Card.
- Book release planned for October 10, 2018.

11. ITEM H: KEA AND READ BY THREE

Patty Oya was unavailable for updates

12. ITEM I: STRONG START

Shelby Anderson and Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates

- Kid Mayor Campaign will be held again in September.
- Creating Parent Advocate groups in Northern and Southern Nevada. Identified that one-shot training isn't enough and need to create a parent group to interact with parents, build skills, craft stories, build advocacy, and present in 2019 legislative session so they can hear from families experiencing life difficulties.
- Send application to Marty Elquist and Marty will distribute to ECAC members.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye will work closer with ECAC members to streamline process to help ECAC members give feedback to Strong Start.
- Strong Start will continue to provide updates at regular scheduled ECAC Meetings.

13. ITEM J: QRIS UPDATE

Cindy Johnson gave updates

- New Steps to Stars is going well. This new process was expedited due to TANF dollars.
- There are currently 4 cohorts, 36 centers.
- Cohorts receive rating scale training and support with Easy Folio.
- Directors seem to be on board. No complaints.
- The Child Care Subsidy Program now requires all licensed child care centers to participate in QRIS. Christell Askew and Cindy Johnson visited sites that were more hesitant and let them know it was time or that they could no longer participate on the Subsidy program.
- Tribes are also getting their QRIS Model going. Cindy and Tiffany are helping them with the planning.
- The first round of district sites will be rated. 37 ratings will be rolling out by mid-May at the latest.

14. ITEM K: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave updates.
 - The ECAC draft plan was reviewed at last meeting and will be used to refocus efforts. This will be discussed again at July Meeting.
 - Week of May 1st - 7th is Screen-Free week. Promote with activities and encourage people to participate.
 - Step-up for Kids is coming in September and starting to plan with Kid Mayor event. Location will be the same and hoping to get more families this year. Kid Mayor Election Day same day on Sunday September 23, 2018.
- Carson City: Tiffany Olivas gave updates.
 - Children's Expo was cancelled due to weather.
- Elko: Lisa Calder gave updates.

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- Planning Elko County Reads where community members come and read to students. Planning on fall 2018 or next spring 2019.
- Churchill County: Anna Severens gave updates on behalf of Laura Malcovich
 - Will be presenting at Mega Conference with B-3 session.
- NYE County: No Updates
- Tribal: No Updates
- Washoe County: Sherry Waugh gave updates.
 - Focus continues to be working with B-3 Project.

15. ITEM L: NEVAEYC UPDATES

Carrie Paldi Gave updates

- Annual State Conference “Guardians of the Future” will be in northern Nevada at the Nugget Resort Casino.
- Southern Nevada Family Fun Day is scheduled for April 21st at Family Roots Community Garden.
- Reno Family Fun Day is scheduled for June 9, 2018 at UNR.
- Week of The Young Child is April 16th – 20th. There will be themes for each day.
- Working on America for Early Education Campaign to get policy makers to commit to early childhood. There is a link to the movement on the NevAEYC website.
- Six NevAEYC members joined the public policy forum in Washington DC.

16. ITEM M: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Marty Elquist gave a review on future agenda items:

- ECAC Chair Marty Elquist’s term is up in June, need to identify new possible chair or reappoint.
- All terms end 7/31/19.
- Christelle Askew CCDF State Plan Review.
- 2019-2021 State Plan go over final feedback and adopt new plan.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

- Brenda Bledsoe announced that this will be her last ECAC meeting as the Part C Coordinator. Reported that the state’s SSIP (State Systemic Improvement Plan) was submitted to OSEP and will be posted on the Part C website by the end of the week. Reported that many programs have received federal increases including Part C that received a \$11.4M increase nationally. Others: Part B-12.8M; Early Head Start/Head Start-\$610M; CCDF-\$2.37B; Family Partnerships-\$34M, 21st Century Community Learning Programs-\$20M; PDG (flat); EC Mental Health-\$5M; CAPTA-\$60M.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, wear blue! May 10, 2018 Mental Health Awareness. Southern Nevada Mental Health Summit. March 13th Early Childhood Research Meeting in Reno. Different agencies will come together and have plans to infuse data where ever there is lack of data. Amanda Haboush-Deloye will update on those needs.
- Carrie Paldi-If you didn’t get your Go Blue T-shirt this year, make a point to get one next year. Youth submit drawings for t-shirts and proceeds will go towards Child Abuse and Prevention. Child Care Advisory Council meeting will be held on 4/10. Call-in number is 415-655-0002 #804030423.

18. ADJOURNMENT - 11:35 AM