



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT PART II- PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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
Switch Innevation Center	6795 S. Edmond Street	Las Vegas, NV	3 rd Floor

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 at 9:00 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start
- Megan Wickland, ADSDQA
- Anna Severens, NDE
- Sherry Waugh, UNR CFRC
- Tina Springmeyer, WCSO
- Daina Loeffler, NDE
- Brenda Bledsoe, IDEA Part C
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, UNLV Doctoral Student

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Patti Oya, NDE
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Stacey Joyner, NDE
- Denise Tanata, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Mirna Mejia, Las Vegas Urban League
- Larissa Heinnah, The Children’s Cabinet
- Edie King, IDEA Part C
- Mia Pace, NDOE/OELD
- Cindy Johnson, NDE/OELD



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- Amanda Harding, The Children's Cabinet
- Deborah Loesch-Griffin, TPI
- Stephen Greeley, DCA
- Brad Bauer, DCA
- Pat Sanborn, NDE
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet
- Danielle Holmes, The Children's Cabinet
- Kayelynn Ogden, The Children's Cabinet
- Connie Zeller, SPCSA
- Christell Askew, DWSS/CCDP
- Millie Cady, DWSS/CCDP
- Renee Woodring, NDE/OELD
- Alberto Quintero, NDE Family Engagement
- Lois Ann Porter, United Way of Northern Nevada

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Marty Elquist announced that Christell Askew has joined the ECAC.

3. REVISION OF ECAC STRATEGIC PLAN

The Council discussed information on next steps of Strategic Plan. Steve Greeley from DCA gave the presentation.

- The ECAC must have a plan that can be achievable regardless of funding, due to lack of sustainable funding.
- The importance of partnership and the impact of people coming together and working together for one common purpose were emphasized.
- Mr. Greeley reviewed the planning process to date:
 - Gather knowledge (September-November).
 - Establish focus (November).
 - Planning (November-January)
- Mr. Greeley explained that the objectives are to create an ambitious, actionable, achievable plan to support young children and their families.
- Mr. Greeley re-reviewed the objectives and strategies which are provided in the handouts.
- The ECAC and members of the public split out into work groups that reviewed the draft objectives and strategies to date and gave the following reports on what they discussed:
 - ◆ **Early Learning Standards Group-**
 - Discussed developing standards 0-3rd grade, program standards, workforce standards and minimum standards for workers B-3.
 - Research data and build solid work groups for strategies.
 - ◆ **Licensure Group-**
 - Discussed moving Part C office with Part B office and what that would take.
 - Discussed moving Childcare licensing under Office of Early Education and what that would take.
 - Recommended to wait on Early Intervention and Licensing integration.
 - Discussed the revisited work of looking at alignment and reigniting higher education committee.
 - ◆ **Registry Group-**
 - Early childhood preconditions.
 - Having a B-3 license in place and promote to K-3rd grade teachers to see benefits.



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- Encourage early childhood teachers to participate in the TEACH program.
- Link or integrate data from the Department of Education to the Registry, not actually have teachers submit to the Registry to align these systems.

- ◆ **Investments Group-**
 - Look at ways to get other corporations and local communities to invest in ECE
 - Research what would happen if these corporations invested in ECE.
 - Make a case and reach local communities.

- ◆ **Health and Family Support Group-**
 - Increasing access to health and support services.
 - Raising awareness across providers about the importance of ECE.
 - Promote high quality services that are implemented with fidelity.
 - Expand ECAC to include a representative from the health sector.
 - Create a cabinet-level position or team to align systems and plans that include young children and their families.

- ◆ **Family Group-**
 - Be able to go to families that are not able to access services they need through community health workers or other community-based services.
 - How can we get these families the resources they need? 3-20 year focus on shifting the system.
 - Partner up other community centers that provide classes for parents.
 - Get information about services and programs to all locations utilized by children and families (e.g., parks, stores, and other community places). How do we engage these non-traditional stakeholders?

- Next steps: Steve and his team will take the notes and information from today and incorporate into the final draft plan which will be presented at next ECAC Meeting on April 4th, 2018.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

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.

5. ADJOURNMENT

12:05 PM