



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 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
Nevada Department of Education	9890 South Maryland Parkway	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Rook Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	

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, 09:04 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education
- Cheryl Joyce, Child Care Licensing
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Megan Wickland, Aging and Disabilities Service Division

In Carson:

- Christell Askew, Department of Welfare & Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Shelby Henderson, Children’s Advocacy Alliance, Strong Start Campaign
- Stacey Joyner, Nevada Department of Education
- Angela Rose, City of Las Vegas
- Julie Rae Kasper, Clark County School District
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education



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- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education
- Judet Diaz, Clark County School District
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League
- Joan Jackson, Nevada Department of Education
- Kelly May, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
- Lynette Medina, Boys Town Nevada
- Nicole Sailors, Clark County School District

In Reno:

- Janice Lee, UNR, Nevada Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Nevada TACSEI
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet
- Jamie Hutchison, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
- Jack Zenteno, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
- John Cregg, NevAEYC/TEACH
- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education, Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS)
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, UNLV-Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Lynn Houghton, CSA Head Start
- Danielle Viquez, Children's Advocacy Alliance

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District

In Carson City:

- Tiffany Olivas, Nevada Department of Education
- Lisa Bliss, Churchill County School District
- Alex Pennington, Division of Welfare & Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program

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 the third item on the agenda.

3. *APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA*

Motion:

- Carrie Paldi moved for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Megan Wickland seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, flexible agenda approved.

4. *ITEM A: MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2018*

The Council discussed the June 6, 2018 meeting minutes for approval.

Correction on page 2, number 3- change Meghan to correct spelling of Megan as well on page 3, Item B—same name correction.



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Motion:

- Megan Wickland motioned to accept June 6 Minutes with corrections.
- Christell Askew seconded.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried, June 6 minutes approved with corrections.

5. *ITEM B: OUTREACH TO MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE FAMILIES*

Jack Zenteno from Division of Health Care Financing and Policy gave updates.

- All children and youth under the age of 21 should be able to access any services as well as get an Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic.
- 60% of kids actually showing up to EPSD services.
- 6% of children do not have insurance. Good progress, but what can be done to push these services to children and help break barriers?
- How do we intertwine the ECAC Strategic Plan and Medicaid services?
- Pregnant women on Medicaid coming in for medical treatment in their 3rd trimester, how can we get them to come earlier?
- Help community access all services available.
- Dolores Hauck suggests Jack Zenteno give presentation at next Head Start meeting in Las Vegas. Dolores Hauck will send Jack Zenteno meeting information.
- Amada Haboush-Deloye shared concerns about changes with Medicaid not reimbursing providers in Behavioral Health community.
- Jack Zenteno suggested more people to go to Medicaid meetings. Very important for people to voice concerns or suggestions.
- Next Medicaid meeting will be August 14, 2018 at 10:00am.

6. *ITEM C: NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION*

The council discussed ways to implement action steps in ECAC Strategic Plan

Dani Vizquez gave presentation:

- Trying to help combat obesity for children ages birth to 8.
- Try to get many organizations to align together.
- State plan aims to improve policies on physical fitness, nutrition, and breastfeeding to meet the Caring for Our Children Standards.
- Any suggestions or how to participate in the plan, please contact Dani Vizquez or Janet Olsavo with Department of Public and Behavioral Health.

7. *ITEM D: STATEWIDE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR*

The Council discussed how to integrate calendar with ECAC activities and website.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye gave presentation.

- Events Calendar to be used for families and organizations – Statewide.
- Would like to have everyone share the calendar with community and other agencies to be able to provide the community with free events and resources available.
- University of Las Vegas can help to make it ADA compliant.



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8. *ITEM E: PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT*

The Council discussed the next upcoming rounds of Development Grant funding and the focus on needs assessments and Early Childhood System coordination.

Stacey Joyner gave presentation.

- Next grant round is coming up. We are in our 4th year now and the grant will end 12/31/18. Submitted request to extend grant to 6/30/19.
- Next round will be different and only focusing on birth-5 years. No “seat” money. This opportunity focuses on needs assessment, strategic planning, parental choice, improving quality and improving professional development.
- Proposal is due to be released on 8/14/18; grant submission due 10/15/18 and Grant awards will be 12/15/18 with a start date of 12/17/18.
- Range of funding is from \$10M to \$500K with a 30% match requirement.
- How can we incorporate ECAC plan with Grant?
- Marty Elquist suggest sharing plan with PBG application.
- Marty Elquist will assist with action steps as well as committee members.
- We will make this process standing item on agenda and get updates and to see improvements.
- The capacity created by the last round of PDG funding will cost approximately \$26 million to sustain. This is in the Superintendent’s budget that is submitted to the Governor.
- Stacey Joyner will provide updates.

9. *ITEM F: STRATEGIC PLANNING NEXT STEPS*

The council discussed the subcommittee membership and action planning.

Marty Elquist gave updates.

- Strategic Plan Final draft is on ECAC website. Not sure if it has been approved by Governor yet.
- Subcommittee groups are forming, recruiting members, and building relationships with other community agencies. We need to identify subcommittee members and share action steps developed.
- Family and Health and subcommittee rosters on website.
- Project Hope – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye went to conference and where able to spend 2 days on viewing families in poverty and disparities situations. Became eye opener on what families we are trying to reach to make change for children who need high-quality services the most? Will they benefit from Strategic Plan?
- We need to make sure we are all on the same page on how to actively address these disparities.
- August is the last month that DCA will be working with group. Will still continue guidance but not as closely.
- **Child and Family Health Group: Megan Wickland and Cheryl Joyce**
 - Seven confirmed members such as Clark County Nurse PR actioners, Early Childhood Mental Health, The Children’s Cabinet, and Immunize Nevada.
 - Will be meeting August 14, 2018
- **Family and Community Group: Angela Triche, Dolores Hauck**
 - Looking at national models (Daily Vroom and Mind in the Making).
 - Had several meetings with the libraries regarding Mind in the Making.
 - Looking at what can be done without funding becoming an obstacle, through WIC, HIPPIY, Head Start, and Sunrise Children’s Foundation.
 - Looking at Strategies in Florida to promote family engagement.



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- Put webinar together to promote what we are trying to accomplish and get on same page regarding family engagement.
- **Early Learning Group: Anna Severens and Tina Springmeyer**
 - Action Steps are plugged in, but still work in progress.
 - Brad, Tina and Anna have met several times as well.
- For October ECAC Meeting:
 - Have subcommittee roster.
 - Chairs come with meeting plan.
 - Have action plans uploaded with minutes.
 - Discuss having an online dash board.

10. *ITEM G: FACEBOOK PAGE*

Anna Severens not available for updates.

11. *ITEM H: B-3 PROJECT*

The Council got updates on Nevada B-3 Project

Rachel Breithaupt gave updates.

- This is year three and final year.
- June 13 met with committee.
- Working with ECAC to collaborate.
- A lot of work done this school year. Professional development with teams, teachers, and administrators.
- Online course.
- There will be 2 core teams for 3rd year: B-3 policy Team and Professional Learning Guidance team.
- Merge ideas and create a more comprehensive meeting to finalize. Will provided updated information at next meeting.
- Newsletter available on ECAC website.

12. *ITEM I: CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATES*

The Council was updated on Licensing Updates

Cheryl Joyce gave updates

- As of 7/1/18 online background checks are up and running.
- Working on getting system by end of September 2018.
- Draft on grading system not public yet, but was presented at Child Care Advisory Council. Draft may be available on legislative website.

13. *ITEM J: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES*

The Council was updated on the 2019 legislative session and issues related to Early Childhood.

Shelby Henderson gave updates

- Doing Legislative Session Prep for start in February 2019.
- Have been attending interim committee meeting and working with legislators on drafting Bill Draft Reviews (BDRs).
- 2020 Census is critically important. If there is low count of children it will affect funding. In 2010, there was a large undercount and it impacted funding. Working with Legislators to make sure it doesn't happen again.



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- Currently working on 2019 Legislative priorities and will have Briefing Book again. Book will be finalized in September 2018.
- Send out release in Northern and Southern Nevada. October 9, 2018 in Reno and October 10, 2018 Las Vegas. Amanda Haboush-Deloye will provide location.
- Children's Week at Legislature next year will be March 11-14th 2019. No Kellogg Funds available this year, so will need other resources.
- Planning for buses will be available from Elko to Carson City as well.

14. *ITEM K: UPDATES ON KEA AND READ BY THREE*

No current updates for neither

15. *ITEM L: STRONG START UPDATES*

The Council was updated on the progress of Strong Start.

Shelby Henderson gave updates

- Fall Kid Mayor only had small amount of applicants. Children have already been notified.
- Parent Ambassador group already selected. Had a good response and a diverse group of people selected. Will be working with group for a year. Have meeting in August and provide them data about Nevada and give them basics in advocacy.
- Systems thinking meeting in January follow up in November to see how to expand and be inclusive with ECAC plan. Would like to invite subcommittee members.
 - Would like to show screening at meeting and help get people on the same page as far as with disparities.
 - Location will be decided depending on how many people attending.

16. *ITEM M: QRIS UPDATE*

Council was updated on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS

Cindy Johnson gave updates

- QRIS Advisory Committee will meet again in September.
- Ordering Kits to go to families receiving subsidy through The Children's Cabinet and Urban League.
- All staff meeting yesterday to help discuss with parents on centers that are star rated and provide more marketing.
- 273 participating programs: 193 Centers, 12 Family Child Care Centers, 68 School sites. 81 Centers Rated are currently rated. 25 sites have 4-5 star rating. 37 District sites are now rated with 15 at 4-5 star ratings. 49 programs are participating in the Steps to Stars model that will be rated within the next 6 months and will then go into coaching.

17. *ITEM N: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES*

The council got updates on the local ECAC's

- Elko: Lisa Calder-September 14-15, 2018 will be part 2 B-3 Collaboration Retreat. Breakout session by grade and age, discussing standards. Session 3 will be in the spring time and breakout groups will talk about strategies.
- Washoe: Marty reported that the Washoe Committee is still largely focused on PDG B-3 work.
- Churchill: No updates
- Carson City: Tiffany Olivas- ECAC has not met since May. Scheduling meeting in September to welcome back ECAC members.
- NYE County: No updates
- Southern NV: Amanda Haboush-Deloye



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- Had a meeting in June with presentation on Life Hazard Control for Lead Poisoning hazards in home. Led Poisoning Hazard Program. Children will be tested at 12 and 24 months of age and check for any led poisoning that may be due to mines or older housing. Doctor's and families need to be educated.
- Southern Nevada ECAC did not make into second phase of HOPE Grant. Working on tool kits and will continue to create with agency funding.
- Planning Step up Event. Paint rocks similar to those the Rock Society Create, possibly paint at next meeting and then spread them at Step up Event location. Incorporate Child Care Centers and Schools to participate and paint rocks as well.
- Tribal ECAC: Priscilla Acosta-Will continue to reach out to get tribal participation.

18. *ITEM O: NEVAEYC UPDATES*

The Council was updated on NevAEYC activities

Carrie Paldi gave updates

- Conference will be April 25th-27 in Southern Nevada at Tuscany Hotel. Tickets will be available to purchase as of January 2019.
- Presenters need to submit request in October and know that they do need to be registry approved trainers.
- Southern Nevada ECE Awards was on 6/29/18 at the Canniry, Event had a great turnout. Next year their will be a more broad selection to nominate all staff including bus driver, kitchen staff etc...

19. *ITEM P: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS*

The Council discussed what they would like in the upcoming agenda

Councilwoman Elquist states all are standing items other than Strategic Planning and new Budgets, to suggest Agenda items,

Email: Melquist@childrenscabinet.org

- Marty Elquist to send out Doodle calendar for October 3rd meeting.
- Strategic Planning Committee Updates
- Dashboard

20. *PUBLIC COMMENT #2*

- In September 26-27th Public Health Association in Vegas Early Bird registration ends today.
- Step Up for Kids will be September 23rd in Las Vegas from 11am-2pm. In Reno it will be September 30th at Ferrari Farms from 10am- 2pm. Elko dates and times are still being worked on.
- Smith's Center will be showing a sensory friendly performance of The Lion King on November 17, 2018. For tickets and pricing to go to their website.

21. *ADJOURNMENT*

11:13 AM