



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

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Wednesday, December 5, 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 Pkwy	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	755 North Roop Street	Carson, Nevada	Upstairs Conference Room
Early Childhood Professional Dev. 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, 09:18 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Sherry Waugh, University of Nevada Reno, Child and Family Research Center
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District
- Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development

Via Phone:

- Megan Wickland, Aging and Disabilities Service Division
- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Nonprofit Early Childhood Programs
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation, Early Head Start

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- John Cregg, Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children / TEACH
- Julie Houchins, United Way of Southern Nevada
- Angela Rose, City of Las Vegas
- Brittnee Schuyler, Discount School Supply
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Childhood Research and Policy
- Yah-ner Walker, Child Care Licensing



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- Patrice Gardner, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Shelby Henderson, Children's Advocacy Alliance and Strong Start Campaign
- Amanda Harding, The Children's Cabinet
- Cheniqua Lee, The Children's Cabinet
- Emily Champlin, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development

In Reno:

- Janice Lee, University of Nevada, Reno
- Victor Sherbondy, Washoe County School District
- Cindy Johnson, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
- Shelly Nye, The Nevada Registry
- Bradley Bauler, DCA Inc.

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District (Phone)

In Carson City

- Tiffany Olivas, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development

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:

- Anna Severens moved for approval of flexible agenda.
- Sherry Waugh seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried.

4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM AUGUST 1, 2018

The Council discussed the August 1 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

Motion:

- Dolores Hauck motions to make correction on page 3-Item B from Dolores Hauck will send Jack Zenteno meeting information to Angela Triche will send Jack Zenteno meeting information.
- Dolores Hauck motions to make correction on page 3- Item D from University of Las Vegas to Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- Dolores Hauck motions to make corrections page 4- Item E from PBG to PDG.
- Dolores Hauck motions to approve minutes with noted corrections.
- Carrie Paldi seconded.
- All in favor.
- Motion carried to approve August 1 minutes with corrections.



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5. ITEM B: ONLINE DASHBOARD- EXAMPLE OF TOOL TO TRACK ECAC STRATEGIC PLAN

The council reviewed and discussed online strategic planning dashboard to organize and track ECAC Strategic Plan Progress.

Marty Elquist presenting.

- Still premature and adding to February agenda for further discussion.
- Marty Elquist will bring laptop to show example of potential system at next scheduled meeting in February.
- Marty will send link to Council for review and tour of system before meeting in February.
- Tina Springmeyer asked if system will be password protected. Marty Elquist explained that yes, it should be and there will be assigned agencies and users with designated responsibilities and access and that “widget” can be embedded in the ECAC website for direct access.

6. ITEM C: PROJECT HOPE – FOCUSING ON DISPARITIES IN ACTION PLANNING

The council reviewed and discussed Project HOPE assignments, Fact sheet and Disparities video.

Marty Elquist and Amanda-Haboush-Deloye presenting.

- Not able to move to phase 3 of Project Hope grant.
- Would like to continue to use Project HOPE focus in ECAC Strategic Plan.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye will send Marty Elquist two fact sheet with disparities to email out and post on ECAC website under reports and documents.
- Video link *Silent Beats* and factsheet will be posted on ECAC website under Reports and documents.

7. ITEM D: STRATEGIC PLANNING NEXT STEPS

The Council discussed and gave updates on subcommittee membership, meeting plans, and action step planning.

Identified crossover between committee action plans and key members.

Marty Elquist, Angela Triche, Dolores Hauck, Megan Wickland, Anna Severens, Tina Springmeyer and Steve Greeley presenting.

- Marty Elquist reported that the W.K.Kellogg funding for DCA facilitation had ended, but was able to work with Patti Oya to modify WKKF budget to extend facilitation support from DCA.
- Subcommittees are still finalizing action plans.
- Family and Community: Angela Triche, Dolores Hauck gave updates:
 - Held a conference call to review action plan and introductions.
 - Discussed action plan objectives, no changes currently.
 - Mind in the Making and Vroom:
 - All materials must be adaptable for children with disabilities, especially sensory activities.
 - Working on Mind in the Making and Vroom training
 - Libraries are engaged and Las Vegas-Clark County Library District has been a leader in Mind in the Making training and Vroom.
 - United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra wants to incorporate in their Reach Out and Read work.
 - One Stops want to use and put information on their waiting room screen.
 - Head Start and Early Head Start must have parenting curriculum. Mind in the Making and Vroom as possibilities and Angela will share with the Nevada Head Start Association.
 - Will share with Las Vegas Urban League and The Children’s Cabinet to use with Family, Friend and Neighbor providers.



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- The Children’s Cabinet is now a VROOM Ambassador through an agreement with Child Care Aware of America. The Children’s Cabinet will be able to provide training and access to materials support the implementation.
- Child and Family Health: Megan Wickland-
 - Group has met three times and went through action plans.
 - Identified where resources are needed.
 - The first priority is getting a representative from the Health Field as a seated member of the ECAC.
 - Amanda Haboush-Deloye stated that bill drafts are due 12/10 and she would be willing to work on the health care representative language to include this in a bill draft request. Amanda and Megan will work together on the language for the bill draft request.
 - Deborah Loesch-Griffin comments: Health member on council was approved on Strategic Plan and the language for the bill is likely already there.
 - Training module for Community Health Workers. Amanda Haboush- Deloye putting list together of trainings to provide to community.
 - WIC is looking to see if they can be a training location for Community Health Workers.
 - Angela Triche asked if Vroom and Mind in the Making will be included in the WIC pre-service training.
 - Deborah Loesch-Griffin replied that she will follow-up with Michelle at WIC.
- Early Learning: Tina Springmeyer and Anna Severens-
 - The EL Subcommittee has been meeting every other month.
 - The committee has great K-3 support as there are kindergarten teachers and principals on committee.
 - Still filling in boxes and tweaking the action plan.
 - Identified priority areas: 1.) Strengthen B-3 workforce—B-3 alignment with national partners. 2.) Strengthen local ECACs, 3.) Make a one-pager or presentation to share information on ECAC Plan—would be great to send to the new Administration.
 - Next EL subcommittee meeting end of January.
 - Would be great for the ECAC to get on the Governor’s schedule to discuss early childhood (especially wages) and ECAC plan.
 - Bradley Bauler comments: Need private funding for Early Learning Education and to fund local ECACs.
- Marty Elquist comment: Seems like there is duplication with some of the strategies across the three areas. We need to address how we will manage the duplication. We need to clean up some grammatical errors and some items that were on previous drafts that were not removed and do not reflect our current thinking (i.e., K-12 teachers in the Nevada Registry).
 - Marty Elquist suggested the ECAC make corrections to plan at next meeting and clarified that the Council just need to approve some clarifications, not changing entire plan.
 - Carrie Paldi will have sister proof read language and any typos.
 - Marty Elquist recommended that we also identify duplication and finalization of action plans at February meeting.
 - Sherry Waugh suggested that the B-3 leadership team also look over the Early Learning action plan.
 - Carrie Paldi suggested that other groups look over each other plans and give suggestions.
 - Marty Elquist stated that the February meeting will be a longer meeting so the plan can be cleaned up and the action plans approved.



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8. ITEM E: FAMILY AND CHILD HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

The Council discussed and suggested possible Co-Chair.

Marty Elquist presented

- Carrie Paldi suggested Yah-ner Walker after her ECAC appointment becomes official.
- Marty Elquist will send email to Board and Commissions to follow up about new members (Yah-ner Walker and Patrice Gardner) waiting appointment.

9. ITEM F: EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDING MAP AND POTENTIAL RESOURCE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Council discussed, process to review and updated all federal, state early childhood system funding, grant cycles, key contacts, and whether funding and policy is guided by separate state plans. Council also discussed the potential formation of an Early Childhood Resource Development Subcommittee.

Marty Elquist Presenting

- Steve Greeley from DCA created a Resource Subcommittee proposal (handout)
- Subcommittee will identify funders and cultivate funders with face-to-face meetings. The committee would need strong representation in seeking support from funders. Subcommittee members would be part of a plan with high funder profile which would create a good reason to remain an effective member of the ECAC partnership.
- Marty Elquist comment: If we create a subcommittee, please keep in mind that this committee will have to follow all open meeting laws.
- Dolores Hauck suggests: Not sure we are there yet. Instead of creating another subcommittee at this point, can we have a spreadsheet with available grants and timelines?
- Sherry Waugh suggests: Creating an ECAC folder starting off with updating our funding map that we have previously created.
- Dolores Hauck suggestion: DCA help and create list of possible funding sources that are needed to achieve the strategic plan.
- Marty Elquist will send map to everyone to look at, and send suggestions back to her so she can put together and discuss at February 2019 meeting.

10. ITEM G: FACEBOOK PAGE

Anna Severens gave council updates on status of Facebook page

- 218 followers
- 300 people reached last post.
- Marty Elquist suggested to post ECAC meetings on Facebook page.

11. ITEM H: B-3 PROJECT

Deborah Loesch-Griffin gave updates on progress of B-3 project

- Currently working on projects in 2 areas:
 - Policy review and recommendation – reviewing several state plans (ECAC, NDE State Improvement Plan, State Literacy Plan, etc.) in a B-3 context.
 - Second team is working on the creation of a Professional B-3 Leadership Series for administrators. Currently crosswalking leadership competencies across B-3, NEPF, PISOL, NAEYC, and NAS.
- Reconvene statewide committee between April-June, 2019. Evaluation on process will be shared at the statewide committee meeting.
- June 30, 2019 – funding ends.



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12. **ITEM I: CHILD CARE LICENSING**

Yah-ner Walker gave updates

- Grading language document available on the legislative website. Yah-ner Walker will send two links to Marty to share with the ECAC. Document is not yet available to public.
- DUI on background checks are causing hiring issues. If it is 5 years after incident, employee will not be affected. If DUI caused any serious or death then they will automatically be disqualified.

13. **ITEM J: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES AND 2020 CENSUS**

The Council was updated on Nevada's 2019 Legislative Session and issues related to early Childhood. Children's Advocacy Alliance discussed importance of pending 2020 Census.

Shelby Henderson gave updates

- 2020 Census is extremely important for the birth to five-year-old population and we have to make sure there is not an undercount.
 - Last Census there were approximately 68,000 children under 5 that are not all counted.
 - Accurate count is very important.
 - Need to come up with an outreach event to try and bring awareness to importance of filling out Census.
 - 34,000 copies of bi-lingual flyer being distributed in Nevada. Shelby Henderson will forward one page document to Marty Elquist to post with Census information.
 - Carrie Paldi suggested to share information to licensing so they can share with providers and families electronically.
 - There will be a website and we need to share with everyone.
 - Dolores Hauck suggested to share with WIC Clinic, Workforce Connection, libraries can have access to this document and share.
 - Angela Triche suggested to share with Head start Association so the more people that can help to spread the word so the Census numbers can go up.
 - Marty Elquist will send separate email to ECAC members with contact information to help spread the information.
- This Legislative session has a huge impact on Early Childhood Education. Some potential bills Children's Advocacy Alliance is currently working on:
 - Increasing child care subsidy funding to foster care children.
 - Build infrastructure to increase PreK seats.
 - Appropriate funding to improve nutrition and physical activity standards.
 - Continuation of funding to sustain current PreK seats expanded with PDG funding that is ending 6/30/19.
- Holding a policy meeting on January 14, 2019 in the South and January 16, 2019 in the North. Amanda Haboush-Deloye will send email next week.
- March 11-14 is Children's Week at the Legislature.
 - Reaching out for possible funding opportunities to support Children's Week with buses, Strong Start Campaign and Ambassador Program.
- Will have comprehensive list of bills that affect children on the Children's Advocacy Alliance and Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy webistes.

14. **ITEM K: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATES**

The council was updated on NDE, KEA, Read by Three, CCDF quality, PDG-5, and other NDE early childhood programs and projects.

Patti Oya gave updates

- PDG-B5 Grant still pending, some states were given extra time.



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- B-3 workforce alignment meeting will be held on 12/19/2018. So far, 65 people registered from several programs that working with children.
 - Came about mainly due to teacher licensure changes.
 - Many workforce issues due to not enough licensed teachers.
 - Need to also look at other areas of the workforce like coaching and the need for coaching credentials.
 - Using NAEYC Power to the Profession module.
- Contracting with TNTP (The New Teacher Project) with W.K. Kellogg funding to support Leadership Series Training with the goal to align to Read by Three. The first module focused on language and literacy and how to observe milestones. Just rolled out the Math series, next module is social emotional, and fourth module is still in the making.
- Working with TNTP to create an online series consisting of 4 x 30-minute modules. These will be Registry-approved and will be very interactive. Roll out in early 2019.
- Carrie Paldi commented: there is good feedback from Directors on the in-person series so far.

15. ITEM L: STRONG START UPDATES

The council was updated on the progress of Strong Start and asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities.

Shelby Henderson gave updates.

- Kid Mayors are in place: Trey Young Winfrey, Kid Mayor of Las Vegas, focus Foster care and homelessness. In Reno, Treasure Hunt is the Kid Mayor and her issue is access to food.
 - Kid Mayor's will talk to Legislatures at Children's week.
 - Dolores Hauck suggested creating videos to share with community to share the young Mayors' drive to help their communities.
- Parent Ambassadors: 8 in Southern Nevada and 1 in Northern Nevada. Parents are meeting monthly.
 - Angela Triche asked if recruitment was closed for parent ambassadors as many Head Start parents could benefit.
 - Shelby responded that the specific group is closed, but could train parents separately.
- Shelby stated that CAA can do additional advocacy training for groups and to contact her if interested.
- Carrie Paldi requested that announcement for Kid Mayor be made to ECAC so we can help support.
- Anna Severens asked if Kid Mayor was available in the rurals.
 - Shelby responded that there is possible opportunity to extend Kid Mayor in rural areas. Just need someone to step up and lead this project in the local community and Strong Start will provide all the support. Critical to have a connection in the community for the event and Kid Mayor to be successful.
- Dolores Hauck commented that it would be great to have a Kid Mayor in every community and it could be great PR for the mayors themselves.

16. ITEM M: QRIS UPDATES

The council was updated on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.

Cindy Johnson gave updates.

- New Nevada Department of Education staff member Emily Chaplin in Southern Nevada.
- The top 75 Subsidy providers are now participating in QRIS.
- Having a hard time retaining FCC providers in QRIS in Las Vegas.
- Doing a Deep Dive: Looking at specific barriers subsidy centers are facing and help them be more successful on QRIS
- QRIS is helping with Census 2020 outreach by sending packets with new subsidy parents.
- QRIS communication committee has formed and is working on communications plan.



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- Working on getting a UNR HDFS Intern to do surveys with families and the community to see if they are aware of QRIS and if so, the experience they have with QRIS.

17. LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Elko: Lisa Calder gave updates- Having a meeting this Friday. Met with Anna Severens and moving forward with B-3 discussions/activities.
- Southern Nevada: Amanda Haboush-Deloye- Last meeting was in October. SNEAC finalized focus for next year, and are aligning with ECAC plan.
- Carson City: No one available for updates.
- Churchill: No one available for updates.
- Washoe County: Anna Severens and Sherry Waugh gave updates- Local ECAC work focused on B-3 leadership team activities.
- Tribal: No one available for updates.
- Nye County: No one available for Updates.

18. ITEM O: NEVAEYC UPDATES

Carrie Paldi gave updates.

- April 25-27th is the State AEYC Conference at the Tuscany in Las Vegas and the call for proposals is open.
- TEACH Scholarships in spring have 30 openings.
- There is an opportunity for NevAEYC members to attend Public Policy Forum. Amanda Haboush- Deloye will post information on website.
- The Southern Nevada chapter's holiday mixer is on Friday. Registration extended through today on Eventbrite.

19. ITEM P: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The council discussed what they would like on upcoming Agendas.

Councilwoman Marty Elquist states all are standing items other than Project HOPE, to suggest Agenda items,

Email Marty Elquist at melquist@childrenscabinet.org

- One member has a conflict with current meeting dates (first Wednesday of every other month).
 - Marty Elquist to send doodle calendar to get 2019 standing dates.
- February meeting possibility will be all day.
- Southern Nevada NDE office will be moving in spring so room set up may be limited.
 - Possible NDE life-size meeting room availability, Patti Oya will talk to Jason about technology.
 - Patti Oya will take mobile device to Las Vegas Urban League or The Children's Cabinet office in Southern Nevada if conflict exists for NDE meeting room.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

- Amanda Haboush-Deloye announced focus groups about violence in the community. Amanda Haboush-Deloye will send information to Marty to forward to ECAC. They are looking for 15-20 people to attend each session and hope to come up with prevention strategies. There will be food and a gift for incentives. Sessions will be held in Las Vegas, Reno, Fallon, Elko, Yerington, Pahrump, and Ely.

21. ADJOURNMENT

12:00 PM