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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 • 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 Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	Conference Room
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, 09:05 AM. Quorum is met.

Council Members in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center
- Angela Triche, Sunrise Children’s Foundation
- Daina Loeffler, Nevada Department of Education, Part B Office of State 619 Coordinator
- Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer, Other Appointed Members (UNLV Grad Student)
- Linda Young, Clark County School District Trustee

In Reno:

- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
- Tina Springmeyer, Washoe County School District, Child and Family Services
- Megan Wickland, Division of Aging and Disability Services.

In Carson City:

- Christell Askew, Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Child Care Program

Via Phone:

- Dolores Hauck, Southern Nevada Non-Profit
- Yah-ner Walker, Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing

Public in Attendance:

In Las Vegas:

- Julie Houchins, UWSN



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- Danielle Holmes, The Children's Cabinet
- Aaliyah Goodie, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- Stacey Joyner, Nevada Department of Education, PreK Development Grant
- Mia Pace, Nevada Department of Education
- Hailey Love, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Loni Ann Malina-Lovell, IDEA Part C
- Denise Sidney, College of Southern Nevada
- Meredith Smith, Nevada Succeeds
- Oluyemi Afalado, Legacy Tradition School
- Cynthia Romero, Nevada Succeeds
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League ECE

In Reno:

- Janice Lee, UNR/Nevada TACSEI
- Cristal Roldan, The Children's Cabinet
- Alice Ledesma, Contractor with HSA
- Jared Busker, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- Rachel Breithaupt, Nevada Department of Education of Education , Preschool Development Grant B-5 Systems

In Elko:

- Lisa Calder, Elko County School District
- Connie Zeller, ECE 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:

- Dolores Hauck moved for the approval of flexible agenda.
- Megan Wickland seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried. Flexible agenda approved.

4. ITEM A: MINUTES FROM APRIL 23, 2019

The Council discussed the April 23 Meeting Minutes for Approval.

- Daina Loeffler would like to make corrections. Corrections sent to Marty Elquist.

Motion:

- Megan Wickland motions to approve April 23, 2019 minutes with corrections.
- Angela Triche seconded the motion.
- All were in favor
- Motion carries to approve minutes with corrections made.



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5. ITEM B: WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY CHILD CARE SURVEY

The Council got a presentation of the feedback and outcomes of the Child Care Survey.

Alice LeDesma presenting.

- After a media report that was out on the lack of available Child Care. Washoe County Human Services saw a concern and wanted to see how they could get involved and help.
- The agency came up with an idea and created a Child Care Survey, sent out to Early Childhood teaching staff, Directors, Providers, parents, UNR and TMCC, Home Providers etc.
- Ninety-nine people responded with great feedback.
- Most common trends seen on the feedback were:
 - Not enough centers available.
 - Centers not having enough space to serve more children.
 - Difficulty finding staff to train and be able to keep hired on due to not enough pay.
 - Transportation issues due to poverty level.
 - Higher Ed staff feel cost of providing was not what they could charge.
 - ECE Professionals being discouraged to stay in field due to low pay and value level being so low.
- Agency is trying to find ways to be able to support these issues and find ways of financial assistance to be able to keep facilities open, more teaching staff to be committed and consistent. Possible alignment with Strategic Plan.
- Must relook at structure of how we use federal dollars.
- Looking at working with city as well as construction companies.
- Alice Ledesma will share report with Marty Elquist who will post on ECAC website.
- Heike will be traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with Senator for lobbying and advocating, and highly suggests getting a list of these concerns to be able to discuss with Senator.

6. ITEM C: CHILD AND ADULT FOOD CARE PROGRAM NEEDS ASSESSMENT RESULTS.

The Council got a review of the CACFP Needs Assessments and Recommendations.

Laura Urban presenting.

- Program intended for Obesity Prevention and Improved Nutritional Outcomes.
- ECE centers do qualify if enrolling low-income children.
- Children enrolled in program are eating more fruits and vegetables.
- Low participation rates in Nevada than other States.
- Several challenges were identified when asked about lack of enrollment:
 - Administration part including paperwork, tracking and submitting reports was too much work.
 - Food preparation, meal plans and lack of room for storage for food is a barrier.
 - General lack of knowledge on program benefits.
 - Difficulty getting food permits.
- Strategies to improve enrollment: Possibility of streamlining requirements such as resources for training, food permit regulations, promoting community, enhance training resources.
- Linda Young suggests outreach to promote.



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7. ITEM D: ECAC MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The Council discussed deadline for applications for re-appointment.

Marty Elquist presenting.

- Marty Elquist sent email to council with online application. Get authorization for release of information that needs to be notarized.
- All terms expire on July 31, 2019.
- Application needs to be submitted by June 30, 2019.
- When application is submitted, you should receive confirmation. If you do not receive confirmation, you need to follow up and make sure they have received your online application.
- Notarized waiver should be emailed to boards@gov.nv.gov.
- Please send Marty Elquist an email if you do not wish to continue.

8. ITEM E: ECAC STRATEGIC PLAN- ADDITION OF GLOSSARY AND APPENDIX

The Council reviewed and discussed any additional changes or corrections needed for Glossary and Appendix.

Marty Elquist presenting.

- After reviewing the Glossary and Appendix, the council felt that all the correct changes and verbiages have been made.
- **Motion:** Carrie Paldi motions to approve Glossary and Appendix with modifications and additions.
- Linda Yound seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- Motion carries to accept Glossary and Appendix with modifications and changes.

9. ITEM F: ONSTRATEGY UPDATE AND TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Council got updates and discussed the timeline for implementing web-based Strategic Plan management tool.

Marty Elquist Presenting.

- July 24th meeting with all Council Members to discuss training on system.
- Erica Olsen and Kathleen Colombo have inputted our Strategic Plan into the online system.
- We will be able to generate the report needed for LCB (AB-194).

10. ITEM G: SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

The Council received Subcommittee updates, membership and action step planning.

Angela Triche, Megan Wickland, Yah-neer Walker, Tina Springmeyer presenting.

- Family & Community Subcommittee: Angela Triche – DCA and Stakeholders got VROOM and Mind in the Making Presentation. Planning training for South on August 13, 14th and 15th. North trainings completed. One day training LVCCLD for partners and collaborators just for implementing of training not a Train the Trainer. Anyone interested in using with families is invited. OST is not getting enough participation, needing more parent volunteers and consistent structure. Currently looking into this. Head Start already using a different parent curriculum.
- Health Subcommittee: Megan Wickland and Yah-neer Walker- Next meeting in July 2019. Deborah Loesh-Griffin has been a huge help. Meeting with partners to crosswalk services. Subcommittee member Jaime Hutchinson stepped down. We will be discussing OnStrategy at next meeting. Subcommittee members attending Mind in the Making.
- Early Learning Subcommittee: Tina Springmeyer- Guideline Group met in May. Brad Pasley was at meeting. Early learning Pre-K to K transition. Next meeting on 7/18/19.



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11. ITEM H: FACEBOOK PAGE

Anna Severens not available to give updates.

12. ITEM I: B-3 PROJECT

Rachel Breithaupt presenting.

- Wrapping up all grant deliverables.
- Turning point reviewing Policy Analysis Evaluation Report in the next two weeks.
- B-3 Summit summary, Policy Analysis and Professional Learning Series reports will be sent to Marty Elquist and post on ECAC B-3 webpage.

13. ITEM J: CHILD CARE LICENSING UPDATE

Yah-ner Walker gave updates

- New supervisor in Northern and Southern Nevada, Connie Flores is the North.
- Grading systems getting meeting room to have workshops.

14. ITEM K: LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES AND 2020 CENSUS

The council was updated on Nevada's 2019 Legislative Session and issues related to early childhood. The Children's Advocacy Alliance gave updates on 2020 Census as it relates to children under age of five.

Jared Busker gave updates.

- Session ended two weeks ago.
- Goal for this session was funding for K-12 system.
- Michelle Reynolds wrote article about ECE Education that was released Monday.
- AB-234: Amended –Christell Askew commended that the goal was to expand access to childcare for children with disabilities. Need to see report to see what is out there for next session.
- AB-253: Support ECE Infrastructure, private/public partnership: bill died as it had a fiscal note.
- AB-346: Marijuana removed from list of convictions-bill died.
- SB-444: \$24K for State Pre-K Program, bill died.
- AB-194: Health Representative on Advisory Council, bill passed.
- SB-90: appropriations to increase access for healthy nutrition. Half million-dollar bill passed.
- SB-504 application for 5 million for 2020 Census. Establish Census coalition to oversee funds. First meeting is tomorrow. Representation from ECE population highly suggested.
- In need of more funding for ECE systems.
- Governor put in request for foster youth at 100% but stripped funding through Pre-K Development grant.
- Legislators in support of expansions, but the barrier is funding.
- In need of a lot of outreach from parents, providers, advocates etc... to support legislators in 2021 session.
- Jared Busker has flyers for 2020 Census. Marty Elquist will post flyer on ECAC website under ECAC documents and reports.

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 forward.



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Jared Busker gave updates.

- Shelby Henderson resigned and is now at Boys Town.
- Currently hiring for the School Readiness Policy position.
- First Parent Ambassador Program was very successful. Parents participated and numerous activities to bring awareness to legislators and community. Trying to find funding to be able to do another round.
- Creating a storybook to share NAEYC and can also share with State. Subsidy parents to share success stories. Stories can be one paragraph with basic information like first name, if pictures want to be included; they need a release to share pictures. Jared Busker will share release with Marty Elquist.
- All stories turned in by Friday June 28 2019. Send to jared.busker@caany.org.

16. ITEM M: NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATES

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

Rachel Breithaupt gave updates.

- PDGB-5 completing meds assessment.
- Parent's Focus group draft at end of July for grant. 48 participants, 7 counties, 3 scheduled, 7 remaining and trying to target 17 counties.
- Counties in the North remaining to be scheduled. Clark County is not complete yet.
- Angela Triche suggests piggyback with meeting already conducted with parents so they can get more participation.
- Assessment results will be aligned and added to ECAC Strategic Plan.
- In need of more parent participation, please share through email, Facebook or other social media methods.
- Working with Christell Askew to create consumer website and data system.
- Stakeholder meeting in August to discuss alignment with Consumer Ed and important decisions moving forward.

17. ITEM N: QRIS UPDATES

Emily Chaplin not available for updates.

18. ITEM O: LOCAL ECAC UPDATES

- Southern Nevada: Heike Ruedenauer-Plummer- Tool kits for Breastfeeding Resources, Parent support resources online. Brainstorm priorities for children zero to five needs for Nevada Department of Education.
- Elko: Lisa Calder- End of May was end of kindergarten transition meeting. Great outcome, meeting again in August for pizza.
- Northern Nevada: Wrapping up B3 project.
- Churchill County: No one available for updates.
- Nye: no one available for updates.
- Carson City/Douglas: Marty Elquist-Saw email from Tiffany Olivas regarding meeting and realigning activities to ECAC Plan. Working through relationship issues and reaching out to reengage participants.
- Lyon/Mineral/Story County: No one available for updates, Deborah Loesch-Griffin working to get more participation.
- Tribal ECAC- Pricilla interested in reengaging Tribal ECAC.



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19. ITEM P: NEVAEYC UPDATES

Carrie Paldi gave updates.

- TEACH Applications being accepted for fall.
- Southern Nevada Chapter ECE Awards night had great attendance.
- Save the date for 2020 Annual ECE Conference in Reno for 4/16/20-4/18/20.
- The 2019 Annual conference had a wonderful turn out. Thankful to all that attended and participated. ECAC Chairwoman, Marty Elquist, received award of recognition for *ECE Professional of the Year* for a lifetime of dedicated service.

20. ITEM Q: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council discussed what items they would like to see in future agenda items.

- Regular updates.
- OnStrategy Tool.
- Potentially forming a funding work group.
- Megan Wickland suggested bringing presenter to move forward with any funding issues.
- Send any additional items to Marty Elquist by Mid-July.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

No comment

22. ADJOURNMENT

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