



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

11:30 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:

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Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Nevada Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo, Ste. 114	Las Vegas, Nevada	Board Room
Nevada Department of Education	700 E. Fifth Street	Carson City, Nevada	Silver Ore
Early Childhood Professional Development Center	240 Rock Blvd	Reno, Nevada	Training Room

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Marty Elquist, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair.

2. Public Comment #1

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council will impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Council’s jurisdiction, control or advisory power.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

(For Possible Action) The Council will approve a flexible agenda.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

4. Item A: Minutes from December 18, 2019

(Discussion, For Possible Action) The Council will discuss and approve the minutes.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

Materials: December 18, 2019 Minutes



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5. **Item B: Fiscal Analysis of the Nevada Early Education System**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) MetrixIQ will present their research and analysis related to the PDG B-5 fiscal analysis project. Topics covered will include discussion of the current state of Nevada's early education landscape, an overview of service delivery and financing models employed by other states, and initial analysis of costs related to addressing child care deserts, increasing and sustaining quality, and increasing service delivery for underserved populations (tribal, special needs, and children requiring mental health support).

Phil Perrin, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, Phil Perrin Consultants; Emma McCarthy, Director of Eligibility & Enrollment Programs, MetrixIQ; Rob McDaniel, President, MetrixIQ

Public comment allowed

6. **Item C: Child Care and Development Program Strategic Planning & Alignment to ECAC Strategic Plan**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Strategic Planning timeline and how plan will be aligned to the ECAC Strategic Plan

Christell Askew, Child Care Chief, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care and Development Program

Public comment allowed

7. **Item D: Key Performance Indicators**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Identify Key Performance Indicators to measure plan success.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair; Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy

Materials: Draft Key Performance Indicators (See December 18th meeting handouts)

Public comment allowed

8. **Item E: Early Educator Investment Collaborative**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Information on grant opportunity to transform ECE higher education teacher preparation programs.

Melissa Burnham, Professor, University of Nevada, Department of Education, Human Development & Families Studies

Public comment allowed

9. **Item F: Subcommittee Progress and Roster Updates**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on subcommittee membership and action step planning. Update on use of OnStrategy and support needs. Identify any new or upcoming needs assessments that are being conducted in respective areas to add to inventory.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair; Angela Triche & Dolores Hauck, Family & Community Subcommittee Chairs; Lori Ann Molina-Lovell, Health Subcommittee Interim Chair; Anna Severens & Tina Springmeyer, Early Learning Subcommittee Chairs

Public comment allowed

10. **Item G: New or Upcoming Early Childhood Needs Assessments**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Identify any new or upcoming needs assessments that impact or inform the early childhood system. All needs assessments identified will be posted on the ECAC website under Reports and Documents.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair

Public comment allowed

11. **Item H: Facebook Page**

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Discuss the status of the ECAC Facebook Page.

Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education

Public comment allowed



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12. Item I: Child Care Licensing Update

(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on Child Care Licensing.

VACANT, Child Care Licensing

Public comment allowed

13. Item J: Legislative Session Updates and 2020 Census

(Information/Discussion) Preparation for Nevada's 2021 Legislative Session and issues related to early childhood. The Children's Advocacy will also discuss the importance of and pending legislation regarding the 2020 Census as it relates to children.

Denise Tanata & Jared Busker, Children's Advocacy Alliance

Public comment allowed

14. Item K: Strong Start Updates

(Discussion/ Information/For Possible Action) The council will be updated on the progress of the Strong Start and be asked for guidance in moving the Strong Start agenda and activities forward.

Denise Tanata, Children's Advocacy Alliance

Public comment allowed

15. Item L: Nevada Department of Education Updates

(Discussion/Information) The Council will receive updates from NDE on KEA, Read by Three, CCDF quality, PDG-5, and other NDE early childhood programs and projects.

Patti Oya, Office of Early Learning and Development

Public comment allowed

16. Item M: QRIS Update

(Discussion/ Information) The council will be updated on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.

Emily Champlin, Nevada Department of Education

Public comment allowed

17. Item N: Local ECAC Updates

(Information/Discussion) Updates from the local ECACs

Head of Local ECAC Chairs

Public comment allowed

18. Item O: NevAEYC Updates

(Information/Discussion) Updates from NevAEYC

Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center

Public comment allowed

19. Item P: Future Agenda Items

(Discussion/ For Possible Action) Council will discuss what they would like on the upcoming agendas.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

20. Public Comment #2

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21. Adjournment