



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
EARLY LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020
1:00 PM

“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:

This meeting will be video conferenced and/or call-in number will be provided as needed. Please e-mail Rachel Schmidt at rschmidt@doe.nv.gov for call-in information.

| Office | Address | City | Meeting Room |
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| Early Childhood PDC | 240 South Rock Blvd; Suite 143 | Reno, NV | Training room |

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE EARLY LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Anna Severens & Tina Springmeyer, Committee Co-Chairs

Tina Springmeyer, Early Learning Subcommittee Co-chair, called the meeting to order, 1pm. Quorum is met.

Subcommittee members in Attendance:

In Reno:

- Anna Severens, NDE Office of Early Learning and Development, Co-chair
- Tina Springmeyer, WCSD PreK and Early Learning Standards, Co-chair
- Kacey Edgington, WCSD Kindergarten Coordinator
- Sara Cunningham, NWRPDP Director
- Shelly Nye, NV Registry
- Sherry Waugh, Director, University of Nevada, Reno- Child and Family Research Center
- Kathleen Colombo, OnStrategy

Via Phone:

- Kaitlin Lewallen, NDE OELD B-3rd Grade Workforce Development Coordinator
- Lisa Calder, Kindergarten Teacher (ECSD)
- Emily Champlin, NDE QRIS Administrator
- Daina Loeffler, NDE Early Childhood Special Education; Part B- 619 Coordinator
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, UNLV- Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy

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.



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3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

Motion:

- Daina Loeffler moved for the approval of flexible agenda.
- Shelly Nye seconded the motion.
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried. Flexible agenda approved

4. Item A: Review and Discuss PDG 0-5 Needs Assessment Recommendations for Early Learning

The Subcommittee discussed next steps needed related to the finalized needs assessment and implications for the subcommittee related work.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye presenting.

A few take-aways that were highlighted included: Capacity issues from providers; Lack of variety in care; Availability does not meet the need of our families; How do we provide before and after care; Need to looking at supports for providers to provide before and after school care; How do we work towards increasing education for providers; and We do not know how many of our slots are I/T or PreK.

Moving forward next steps:

1. Transition support from PreK to K
 - Better way of looking at transition support...highlighted the subcommittee on-going work and discussion to develop a guidance document

Subcommittee Member Kaitlin Lewallen discussed progress made to support transition guidance into Kindergarten. She is partnering with NDE family engagement office and NDE OIE (Daina). She is referencing previous reviewed WCSD and Arizona documents, and will send out a draft to this group in next couple months for feedback.

Other questions discussed:

- How can we move forward with the vulnerable populations?
- Implementation of programs that were not funded: serving more diverse populations, sharing information about needs assessment, what are we able to provide? What are the low hanging fruit?

5. Item B: Review KPI Data and ECAC Early Learning Dashboard and Assign Owners/Contributors

Kathleen Colombo with OnStrategy walked the Subcommittee through the Early Learning Dashboard to provide an overview and how to navigate the Dashboard. The group reviewed all current objectives and strategies as a team to update dates, and any other relevant information as appropriate.

6. Item C: Review and/or Update Strategic Plan and Action Steps and discuss progress made and/or next steps

Subcommittee Members gave the following updates related to our strategies.

Emily- Afterschool network (OST) conference will be in Las Vegas in March.

Anna- Shared the PreK-K DAP Summer Institute information that is being held in NC in July; She discussed the possibility about bringing such an event here next year with support from RPDs if there is such interest. Also, the NDE 2nd Annual SEAD Summit will be held in Las Vegas, July 20-22, 2020 if there might be any interest to include a B-3 track/session.

Daina- EC Inclusion Summit- September 17-18, 2020 (Reno)



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Item D: Update on PDG 0-5 standards alignment work: Learning, Workforce, and Program Standards and/or identifying overlap with our action steps

Update from Key Partners: Learning Standards, Tina Springmeyer

Workforce Standards: Shelly Nye

Program Standards: Emily Champlin

- Shelly Nye gave the following update regarding the Workforce Standards workgroup- The decision was made to adopt NAEYC competencies and adding an emerging level. We are waiting for direction from NDE OELD to direct remaining funds to either move work forward for Workforce or Learning Standards to finish out the existing SRI contract.
- Tina Springmeyer gave the following update regarding the Learning Standards workgroup: We are working on alignment ELG and PreK to Kindergarten standards.
- Emily Champlin gave the following update regarding the Program Standards workgroup: We have drafted updates for the district QRIS model based on work group recommendations.

7. Public Comment #2

- Registration for NevAEYC conference is open.

8. Adjournment

Adjourn: 2:52pm

Next meeting: **March 31, 2020; 11am**