



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

9:00 A.M.

“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 Location:

This meeting was held via videoconference and teleconference through Zoom.

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
(TELECONFERENCED)

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Lori Ann Malina-Lovell, Child and Family Health Subcommittee Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 am, quorum met with 8 of 11 active members in attendance.

Members in attendance:

- Andrea Rivers, WIC
- Evelyn Dryer, Nevada Home Visiting, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness
- Lori Ann Malina-Lovell, IDEA Part C
- Denise Tanata, The Children’s Cabinet
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy
- Patrice Gardner, NDE Office of Early Care and Learning
- Linda Lang, NV Statewide Partnership of Community Coalitions
- Megan Schwarzrock, UNR Head Start

Non-Members in attendance:

- Rachel Schmidt, NV Department of Ed
- Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet

2. Public Comment #1

- Marty Elquist – We have been very fortunate with the COVID stimulus funds. With this last round, the state wants to focus on systems investments. The ECE system is very complex, especially as we are looking at building a comprehensive EC system, including child and family health. The state will be funding one FTE to do state-wide early childhood systems coordination. The state has one year to plan with ARP funds and three years to expend the funds. This position is temporarily going through The Children’s Cabinet. Denise Tanata has joined The Children’s Cabinet as of 4/13/21 to



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serve in this role moving forward. Will need to look at coordination and alignment of ECAC Strategic Plan and ARP funding.

3. Review meeting minutes from 10/26/2020

- Minutes from 10/26/20 – Linda Lang moved to accept the minutes of 10/26/20; Patrice Gardner seconded to motion. No discussion, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- Will review minutes from 10/14/20 at the next meeting since it was not included on agenda.

4. Reviewing the Strategic Plan

Denise displayed the objectives and strategies on the screen for subcommittee members to review:

Objective 3.4:

- 3.4.1 - Patrice – Roseman still in the process of getting MOUs in place.
- 3.4.2 – Amanda – NV Peds program is having a hard time getting up and running due to COVID. Have not started consultations, but have a good list of providers and they send out a quarterly newsletter. Could be a good opportunity to get information out. They also held a 0-3 training to get information to providers on DSM for early childhood. NICRP distributed the ECMH brief to providers and can send that to the group.
- 3.4.3 – No updates
- 3.4.4 – Denise – RFP for MCOs has gone out, still a good time to reach out to MCOs to encourage them open up panels for providers and engage in additional outreach activities to support this work. Linda also mentioned AB191, which passed out of committee, to allow clinical CHWs to be reimbursed by Medicaid (not community-based organizations).

Objective 3.5:

- 3.5.1 – Denise – Meeting last week to discuss the CHW-ECE endorsement requirements/process. The Children’s Cabinet will be taking the lead on putting this together. Marty – The Children’s Cabinet is going to work with Kate (CHW Association) to outline the training for the endorsement. Denise – We believe the timeline is sometime this summer to have the endorsement requirements/program setup.
- 3.5.2 – Denise – This subcommittee could potentially look at placement opportunities. Marty also suggested that the subcommittee provide feedback on the ECE endorsement plan. Lori Ann agreed to help review. Linda mentioned that there is a lot of conversation about grants/funding for this and agreed that a review by this subcommittee would be helpful. Process to get the endorsement up and running is very quick. Marty – in FY22 hoping to do a pilot of CHWs in ECE settings. Patrice – meeting with DWSS today, but still need to figure out the final dollar amount and when that would be available to spend. Unable to start until funds are available. Evelyn – asked HV programs if they would be interested in having interns and some have expressed interest. Will follow up to see what that might look like and who would be interested. Marty will assist with those conversations as well.



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Reminder that CHW-ECE endorsement are really for two settings: ECE pilot and First Touch program.

- 3.5.3 – Linda previously provided update on AB191. Linda – the pilot study referenced in this strategy was completed about 1.5 years ago, with mixed results due to mixed funding sources. Some good knowledge, but that piece should be taken out. Marty – we should leave it in and mark it as complete rather than removing and provide details in narrative. Linda will send information on the pilot study findings.
- 3.5.4 – Linda stated that these strategies are very specific, but during the last year (3.5.4 & 3.5.5) have been happening at a higher level by CHWs due to COVID funding, but not specific to these issues (more generally linking individuals/families to resources) – not specific to early childhood, helping the whole family. Denise – we do want to capture that information, even if it is broader than these specific strategies. We also need to look at how we can sustain these efforts after COVID funding is gone.

Objective 3.6:

- 3.6.1 – Amanda stated that the online calendar is still going on, but have not received any updates from the group. NICRP is still updating it and looking for events to include. Will keep calendar up and going – please forward along event information to continue to populate the calendar. Amanda will share an update on the calendar at the next meeting to seek input/feedback on how they can make the calendar more easily accessible to the public.
- 3.6.2 – No updates.

Objective 3.7:

- 3.7.1 – No updates.
- 3.7.2 – No comprehensive analysis of EBPs in the state. Lori Ann provided an update on early intervention evidence-based, social emotional training model that started in 2019 – currently serving 5 of 12 programs statewide. Denise – we could use this strategy to start a list of EBPs in NV serving our target population to identify what is available, who is being served and where it is available. Amanda – we need to define what we are looking for with this strategy. Could likely get some information from recent needs assessments.

5. Next steps

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Focus on potential changes for next strategic plan
- Send out template with updates to be submitted prior to the meeting
- Linda requested a high level overview of how the subcommittee plan fit into the larger plan – Marty will provide a quick review at the next meeting and will send out the one-pager/graphic
- Amanda will provide a brief presentation on the community calendar for input



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2021 Meeting Dates – The subcommittee will meeting every other month, in between full NECAC meetings, on the first Tuesday of the month at 9am. Meeting dates for 2021 are:

- May 4th
- July 6th
- September 7th
- November 2nd

6. Public comment #2

None

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am

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