



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

# NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

## PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 • 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.”*

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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. The Board may take agenda items out of order; combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.*

*Marty Elquist, Council Chair*

### 4. Item A: Minutes from June 23, 2021

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

*Marty Elquist, Council Chair*

*Materials: June 23, 2021 Minutes*



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### 5. **Item B: Open Meeting Law Refresher**

*(Discussion, For Possible Action)* Presentation on Open Meeting Law and an overview of the recent changes in AB253. Open Meeting Law may be found under NRS 241.

David M. Gardner, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Government & Natural Resources Division, Office of the Attorney General  
Materials : Open Meeting Law Presentation

### 6. **Item C: ECAC Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Election**

*(For Possible Action)* The officers of the Council shall be a Council Chair and Council Vice Chair. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Council. Election of each position is determined by a simple majority vote. Terms of officers may be up to three years and officers may serve more than one term upon election of the Council.

Marty Elquist, Council Chair

Materials: ECAC Bylaws

### 7. **Item D: 2022 + Strategic Plan Facilitator Introduction and Next Steps**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Presentation from the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Facilitator Committee to introduce our 2022+ Strategic Planning Facilitator and next steps.

Denise Tanata, ECAC Member and Ad Hoc Committee Chair

### 8. **Item E: UNLV Interns to Support ECAC**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Discuss the possibility of using UNLV interns to support the work of the ECAC.

Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, ECAC Member and Assistant Professor, Department of Early Childhood, Multilingual and Special Education, UNLV

## STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. **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.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair; Alberto Quintero & Lori Cox, Family & Community Subcommittee Chairs; Lori Ann Molina-Lovell & Denise Tanata Health Subcommittee Co-Chairs; Tina Springmeyer, Early Learning Subcommittee Chair

### 2. **Item G: New or Updated Early Childhood Funding Sources**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action)* Identify any new or updated local, state or federal funding sources that impact or inform the early childhood system. The [funding map](#) is posted on the ECAC website under Reports and Documents.

Marty Elquist, ECAC Chair

### 3. **Item H: 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.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Nevada Institute for Children's Research & Policy

### 4. **Item I: Facebook Page**

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

Anna Severens, Nevada Department of Education



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### 5. **Item J: Child Care and Development Fund Updates**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on CCDF subsidy and resource and referral programs including updates on CARES, CRRSA and ARP funding.*

*Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Systems Director, The Children's Cabinet*

*Crystal Johnson, CCDP Co-chair, and Nicole Martin, Social Services Program Specialist II, Child Care Development Program, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services*

### 6. **Item K: Child Care Licensing Update**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) Update on Child Care Licensing including impact on COVID and Nevada's Child Care Capacity*

*Latisha Brown, Child Care Licensing*

### 7. **Item L: Legislative Session Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Preparation for Nevada's 2022 Legislative Session and issues related to early childhood. The Children's Advocacy Alliance will discuss the Interim Session items as it relates to children.*

*J K Belz and Associates on behalf of Children's Advocacy Alliance*

### 8. **Item M: Pritzker Prenatal to Age Three Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Update on the Pritzker implementation plan and alignment with the ECAC strategic plan.*

*Jamelle Nance and Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Gardner, Children's Advocacy Alliance*

### 9. **Item N: 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.*

*Annette Dawson Owens, Children's Advocacy Alliance*

### 10. **Item O: Nevada Department of Education Updates**

*(Discussion/Information) The Council will receive updates from NDE on KEA, Read by Three, CCDF quality, PDG:B-5, and other NDE early childhood programs and projects. August meeting to include updates on PreK-12 Reopening and the status of PDG:B-5 planning projects.*

*Patti Oya & Stacey Joyner, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education*

### 11. **Item P: QRIS Update**

*(Discussion/Information) The council will receive updates on the progress of Silver State Stars QRIS.*

*Emily Champlin, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education*

### 12. **Item Q: Part C Update**

*(Discussion/Information) The council will receive updates on Part C IDEA.*

*Lori Ann Molina Lovell, Part C*

### 13. **Item R: Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) Update**

*(Discussion/Information) The council will receive updates on NEIS, current caseload and status of the phased re-entry plan.*

*Stephanie Wyatt, Nevada Early Intervention Services*



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### **14. Item S: Local ECAC Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Updates from the local ECACs  
Local ECAC Chairs*

### **15. Item T: NevAEYC Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Updates from NevAEYC  
Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center*

### **16. Item U: Nevada Pyramid Model Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) Updates from NVPMI  
Janice Lee, NVPMI Statewide Coordinator, University of Nevada, Reno*

### **17. Item V: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Early Childhood Comprehensive System Grant Update**

*(Discussion/ For Possible Action) Updates from the implementation of the HRSA ECCS Grant.  
Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Director, The Children's Cabinet*

### **18. Item W: Future Agenda Items**

*(Discussion/ For Possible Action) Council will discuss what they would like on the upcoming agendas.  
Marty Elquist, Council Chair*

### **19. Public Comment #2**

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### **20. Adjournment**