



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

### NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) POLICY AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE **PUBLIC MEETING** **THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022** **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 Location:**

This meeting was held via Teams videoconference.

## MINUTES

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**

- Denise Tanata, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31am.
- Quorum was met with all members in attendance.
- Members present included:
  - Julie Houchins, Co-Chair, United Way of Southern Nevada
  - Denise Tanata, Co-Chair, The Children’s Cabinet
  - Marty Elquist, The Children’s Cabinet
  - Patti Oya, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning & Development
  - Brianna Cambra, The Children’s Cabinet
  - Katarina Jackson, Lullaby Nursery, Provider Representative
  - Nicole Martin, DWSS Child Care Development Program
  - Brian Cullen, DWSS Child Care Development Program
- Guest present included:
  - Lea Case, Belz and Case Government Affairs
  - Jamelle Nance, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
  - Amelia Vaughn, Children’s Funding Project
  - Cynthia Magana, DWSS Child Care Development Program
  - Rachel Stepina, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
  - Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner, Children’s Advocacy Alliance

### **2. Public Comment #1**

- No public comment was provided.

### **3. Approval of a Flexible Agenda**

- Brianna Cambra motioned for approval of a flexible agenda.
- Julie Houchins seconded the motion.
- All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.



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### 4. The Children's Funding Project – Fiscal Mapping Project Overview

- Denise Tanata reminded the group that The Children's Cabinet is entering into a contract with the Children's Funding Project to conduct fiscal mapping of the P-3 funding in Nevada, with support from the Children's Advocacy Alliance through the Pritzker Prenatal to Three Project and funds from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program ARP grant.
- Amelia Vaughn with the Children's Funding Project provided a presentation of the fiscal mapping project.
- In addition to the P-3 Fiscal Mapping, Nevada will participate in the new Fiscal Mapping Cohort, which will look at all funding for the prenatal up to age 24 groups.
- Denise Tanata asked Amelia Vaughn what specific support they will need from this subcommittee.
- Amelia Vaughn responded by stating that this summer is a research and background phase which will include development of a funding spreadsheet using federal funding sources and the Nevada state budget. This will be compared to our state organizational chart to identify who the different budget holders are at the state level. The Children's Funding Project will be looking for the subcommittee to help connect them with the appropriate budget holders so they can conduct interviews, fill in blanks in the spreadsheet and verify information is accurate. They will also share the data that is collected with those state partners.
- Brianna Cambra asked about the outcome categories – are they aligned with Kids Count or specific to the state's needs?
- Amelia Vaughn responded that they are still working on the specific variables. It will be setup in a spreadsheet that will include outcome categories that can be aligned across states, but they can code to meet individual state needs as well.
- Brianna Cambra mentioned that she was excited about the project and the opportunity to see how the funding aligns with intended outcomes.
- Denise Tanata stated that while this project will not be complete in time to inform funding decisions in the 2023 Legislative Session, there could be some opportunity to have data available to help respond to the upcoming biennial budget. The project will be complete in time to help inform the next biennial budget in the 2025 Legislative Session.
- Patti Oya mentioned that NDE is also working on a fiscal equity project around the \$8,410 for state PreK, but that will not be done for another year, so will not be done in time for the 2023 Legislative Session.
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner stated that she was excited about the possibilities and inquired if this would lead to any policy priorities. Denise Tanata responded that we will be discussing in the next agenda item.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that will be a separate advisory group for the Fiscal Mapping Project, but is looking at what options can be available for that so we do not violate Open Meeting Law for the ECAC.

### 5. Discuss Policy Priorities

- Denise Tanata asked if there were any thoughts or recommendations for policy priorities for this group.
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner asked if there were any other policy issues that they should be including in their policy agenda for the upcoming session.
- Patti Oya mentioned additional funding for state PreK using the \$8,410 formula.
- Denise Tanata asked Patti Oya if that is just a funding issue or if there are other policies related to that and if the funding was inclusive of administrative or system expenses needed to support PreK expansion efforts.
- Patti Oya responded that funding for infrastructure, particularly capital improvements, since the current funds cannot be used for those expenses.
- Patti Oya mentioned they are also doing some clean up regarding the Kindergarten entry birth date.
- Julie Houchins seconded Patti Oya's response regarding the PreK funding. There are a lot of providers that are interested, but we need more funding for seats as well as infrastructure.
- Denise Tanata recommended that Patti Oya connect with Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner and her team to discuss the specifics of what may be needed to advocate for the PreK funding.
- Nicole Martin asked what the "8410" is, as it is a new term to her.



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- Patti Oya explained that “8410” refers to the specific cost, \$8,410, that is needed to fund each PreK seat through the Nevada Ready PreK Program. This amount was established after the PreK funds were streamlined last session since there were different costs by jurisdiction because of braided funding. This allows the state to align funding across different types of programs among the various geographic areas.
- Denise Tanata mentioned that there have also been issues related to HOAs, landlords, etc. that are preventing home-based providers from offering services due to restrictions and wanted to make sure that was included on the Children’s Advocacy Alliance agenda.
- Marty Elquist also noted that the early childhood workforce is another issue that needs to be addressed. She asked Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner if they were planning to use any of their national partners to identify policy strategies for Nevada.
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner responded that they are meeting with some national partners, but if we have any general language that they might be able to use as a placeholder, to let her know.
- Marty Elquist responded that she has sent information through the ongoing meeting invitations for the workforce meetings, but if she needs additional information or other resources, please let her know.
- Denise Tanata asked to continue the conversation later, as we are limited in time to continue this conversation.

### 6. Discuss Subcommittee Workplan

- Denise Tanata tabled this discussion for the next meeting.

### 7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Minutes from March and this meeting.
- Update on fiscal mapping.
- Policy priorities.
- Discuss workplan.

### 8. Public comment #2

- No public comment was provided.

### 9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm.