



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

PUBLIC MEETING
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MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Denise Tanata, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Quorum was met, as at least 10 appointed members out of the current roster of 19 seats were present. Denise Tanata welcomed the two newest members – Brenda Morales-Solorzano & Karissa Loper Machado – who have been appointed since the last meeting.

Council Members in Attendance:

- Seat A – Latisha Brown
- Seat B – Alberto Quintero
- Seat D – Dr. Diane Nicolet
- Seat E – Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward
- Seat H – Patrice Gardner
- Seat I – Brenda Morales-Solorzano



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- Seat K – Marty Elquist
- Seat L – Dr. Rebecca Myers
- Seat M – Tina Springmeyer
- Seat M – Jocelyn Pereira
- Seat M – Denise Tanata
- Seat M – Jennifer Butler
- Seat M – Karissa Loper Machado
- Seat M – Dr. Linda Young

Council Members Absent:

- Seat J – Julie Houchins (excused by Chair)
- Seat M – Maggie Salas Crespo
- Seat C – Vacant
- Seat F – Vacant
- Seat G – Vacant

Public in Attendance – LV Childcare Services Center (CCSC)

- Mychelle Weart, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Mia Pace, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Yvonne Jacob, Acelero Learning Early Head Start, Head Start
- Emily Champlin, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Ashley Dines, The Children’s Cabinet
- Kara Wasiak, The Children’s Cabinet

Public in Attendance – Reno CCSC

- Anna Severens, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Rachel Stepina, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Jessica Marsala, The Children’s Cabinet
- Janice Lee, Nevada Pyramid Model Partnership, UNR/NCED
- Patricia West, The Children’s Cabinet
- Tracey Tapiz, The Children’s Cabinet
- Karen Medina, The Children’s Cabinet
- Kim Cullen, The Children’s Cabinet
- Mary Buchmann, The Children’s Cabinet

Public in Attendance – Online

- Lela Arney, The Children’s Cabinet
- Alyson Godfrey, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Brianna Cambra, The Children’s Cabinet
- Rebecca Dunne, NV Institute for Children’s Research & Policy, UNLV
- Brooke Conway-Kleven, NV Institute for Children’s Research & Policy, UNLV
- Mary Regan, Las Vegas Urban League
- Rachel McKinney, United Way of Northern NV & the Sierras
- Ashleigh Baker, Inter Tribal Council of Nevada
- Jon-Thomas Champlin, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Tiffany Alston, Sunrise Children’s Foundation



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- Jeanne Hughes, The Discovery Source
- Tiffany Olivas, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development Carson-Douglas ECAC
- Gerilyn Slicker, UNLV
- Sarah Adler, Belz & Case Government Affairs (represents the Children's Advocacy Alliance)
- Kathy Yoder-Bass, Child Care Provider Action Committee
- Jamelle Nance, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- Patti Oya, NDE Office of Early Learning & Development
- Sara Kharrat, Education Programs Professional at NDE
- Carrie Paldi, The Learning Care Group
- Tara Phebus, City of Henderson
- Anna Lisa Acosta, Carson-Douglas ECAC
- Crystal Johnson, Division of Welfare & Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program
- Annette Dawson-Owens, Children's Advocacy Alliance
- Lori Ann Malina-Lovell, NV Division of Health & Human Services

2. Public Comment #1

- No public comment provided.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

Motion:

- Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward moved for the approval of a flexible agenda.
- Marty Elquist seconded the motion.
- All were in favor of approval of a flexible agenda.
- Motion carried. Flexible agenda approved.

4. Minutes from July 13, 2022

- Dr. Diane Nicolet moved for the approval of motion without corrections
- Jennifer Butler seconded the motion
- All were in favor.
- Motion carried. The Minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

5. NECAC Membership and Appointment Updates

- Denise Tanata announced that there are currently 19 positions on the ECAC, including mandatory positions listed in the NRS and other positions appointed by the governor's office. There are currently 3 (Seat C [NDE Section 619]; Seat F [Local Childcare Provider – Carri Paldi has previously held this seat and reapplied but has not received her appointment]; & Seat G [Head Start Agency Representative – Tiffany Alston has previously held this seat and reapplied but has not yet received her appointment]). There is one position open in Seat M [others as appointed by the governor – waiting reappointment of Lori Ann Malina-Lovell].
- The seat for the 619-coordinator can only be filled by the 619-coordinator.
- Denise Tanata noted that submitting reappointment materials a few months ahead of time is completely appropriate.
- Denise Tanata will update the membership roster that is available on the website to include the appointment terms. Marty Elquist clarified that the [ECAC Member Roster](#) does include the terms of appointment under each individual's name, but that this document needs to be updated, as it was last updated in December of 2021. Denise



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and Marty noted that this document was updated in March of 2022 and thus the date needs to be change to reflect that it was updated.

6. Presentation – 2022 Market Rate Survey Results

- To access the 2022 Markey Rate Survey Report, go to the nevadachildcare.org website to the Resources heading, scroll down to Provider Resources, and then under the third subheading on the Resources page is the 2022 [Market Rate Report](#)
- Marty Elquist provided background information on this 2022 Markey Rate Report. The report was initiated in February of 2022 and data cleaning began upon hitting the targeted 65% response rate on June 16, 2022. The rates for children were examined in terms of county, provider type, and age of child. The federal government uses a 75%-tile rate as guidance for the subsidy program to set their state's reimbursement rate. This means that if you rank-order all the rates (provider type, region, age group) from lowest to highest, parents will have access to 75% of the market. This document outlines all of the rates in that order in the appendices. You can see all of the providers that responded, their rates rank-ordered, and exactly where the 75th percentile lies.
- Providers exceeded the 65% response rate. For licensed centers overall in the state of NV, there was a 74.22% response rate, for licensed family child care the response rate was 74.48%, and for group family childcare, the response rate was 82.93%. There is a need to be set reimbursement rates so that access to childcare can be provided for at least 75% of the market. The average weekly rate is also in this report.
- Comparisons between where are we now in our state subsidy reimbursement rate and where would the difference be if we went to 75% of the current market rate were done. The state was not at 75% of the market using the 2018 rate and thus wanted to increase access for parents. Because the 2022 Market Rate Survey was not yet completed yet, the State jumped to 95% of the 2018 rate to increase access. When this happened, the rate was so high that it possibly could have grabbed an outlier and thus you may see in some cases that the difference between 95% of the 2018 rate versus 75% of the 2022 rate is higher or lower. It is split about 50/50.
- What else is included in the report? Rates for QRIS are provided by county in the STAR rating. Program fees – additional costs to the price of care – are discussed. Afterschool rates are included and you can see that rates vary so much that there is not a market price for out-of-school time. There is a need to modernize the rates for out-of-school time.
- Karissa Loper Machado indicated that they are trying to get consultants on board to do fiscal cost-modeling analysis and an alternative rate methodology to set rates for all providers in NV and provide quality care. An alternative cost analysis will allow for looking across provider types to determine what it actually costs providers to provide care. A market rate that has been done within the past 3 years or an alternative cost analysis can be used to determine the cost of care. The cost-modeling tool is being built at this moment using CRRSAA funds.
- A variety of opinions and feedback from providers regarding the subsidy program is outlined in the report.
- The bulk of the report is the individual provider responses to the questions and rates outlined in rank-order.
- Lyon county's rate were analyzed separately from Carson/Douglas and in a rural region, as there was no benefit moving around county partners.

7. Presentation – NDE Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) Kindergarten Policy Statement

- Anna Severens presented the PowerPoint, “Statewide and Local Approaches and Strategies to Support Birth-3rd Grade Alignment.”
- The why of the B-3 is as follows: Each and every child across NV, birth through 3rd grade (B-3), has the right to equitable learning opportunities with educators who engage in developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) as defined by NAEYC that promotes each child's optimal development and learning through a strengths-based, play-based approach to joyful, engaged learning.
- Now is a critical point given the alignment of the State Improvement Plan (STIP) and Read by Third Grade. Working with kindergarten teachers shows that nothing works without the support of administrators and thus support here is critical to implementation. This is a time to move research and policy to practice. In order for implementation to occur, there needs to be some sort of state policy that we look to for support.
- Anna Severens spoke about the P-3 Leadership Academy & Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP) Kindergarten, as these two programs give context to work being done. The Kindergarten Transition document and local ECACs are initiatives that this work also supports. WestEd Center to Improve Social and Emotional Learning and School Safety has been helping with the draft policy statement. There are opportunities in the PDG B-5 Renewal Grant-FY24-26 as well.



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- One of the hopes of this position statement is to actually help kindergarten teachers make changes in their positions in the classrooms.
- The idea of the Draft Nevada DAP Kindergarten Position Statement is to create a unified voice and endorsement for what DAP Kindergarten looks like to support teachers and administrators to align practices and implementation.
- The ask is that people look through this position statement and provide feedback. Then, ultimately, the ECAC can decide to jointly and formally endorse this document before it is taken to the State.
- Timeline:
 - 9/21/22: Present DRAFT DAP Kindergarten Statement to ECAC for review and feedback and potential joint endorsement with NDE and/or any others.
 - 10/11/22: Present DRAFT DAP Kindergarten Policy Statement to NDE Leadership for review and feedback and potential joint endorsement with state ECAC and/or any others.
 - 10/17/22-10/20/22: NV participates in National P-3 Institute including NDE Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, WCSD Superintendent, CCSD Chief Strategy Officer, and rural representation.
 - 11/30/22: Submit to ECAC for final endorsement and/or signatures.
 - 12/16/22: Awaiting final direction on presenting to State Board of Education
- No members of the committee or public had questions.
- Denise Tanata clarified with Anna Severens what the process for sending revisions looks like. Anna clarified that sending feedback before the October 11, 2022 meeting with NDE Leadership would be ideal. If that is not possible, please send any feedback before the next ECAC meeting.
- Send feedback to either Anna Severens (aseverens@doe.nv.gov [Education Programs Professional with NDE OELD]) or Rachel Stepina (Rachel.stepina@doe.gov (Birth-3rd Grade Education Specialist with NDE OELD))
- The [DRAFT-DAP-Kinder-Policy-Statement PDF](#) shared on the ECAC website is the most recently updated for individuals to look through and provide any feedback on.

8. Presentation – NDE Preschool Development Grant (PDG) B-5 Grant Application

- Denise Tanata introduced Rachel Stepina, the Birth Through Third Grade Education Specialist in the Office of Early Learning and Development in the NV DOE
- Rachel Stepina presented the PowerPoint, “Preschool Development Grant Birth-5”
- In light of the federal government (Administration for Children & Families) releasing another funding opportunity announcement for a renewal grant, the DOE is currently in the process of writing and planning for this, taking into consideration COVID-19 and the many accomplishments/momentum the state currently has
- The timeline for submission of the grant (aka the writing process) is as follows:
 - Begin 9/14/22
 - Draft 10/17/22
 - Due 11/7/22
 - Award 12/30/22
- To ask questions, share ideas for projects or partnerships to contribute, etc., consider attending one of the PDG B-5 Idea Exchange Meetings:
 - 9/26/22: 430-730 pm;
 - 9/29/22 12-2 pm; and
 - 10/1/22 10 am-12 pm
 - Zoom information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/pdgb5ideaexchange>
 - There is also an opportunity for a JamBoard collaboration as an online space to share your input
- The ask with this grant and presentation is to consider your personal role through your organization, how/where do you see yourself fitting?
 - Example activities include: Support the EC Workforce (priority); Promote an integrated B-5 ECCE System; Promote ECCE Program Sustainability; Expand Meaningful Community and Family Engagement and Leadership; Ensure inclusion of children with, or at risk of, disabilities; Address suspensions, expulsions, and other exclusionary practices; Incorporate trauma-informed approaches;



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Develop and implement coordinated application, eligibility, and enrollment systems; Align with CCDF activities; Support effective and appropriate transitions; Build infant-toddler care capacity; and Provide services to underserved children.

- As the following information regarding Activities was borrowed from the Administration for Children & Families Early Childhood Development webinar screenshots, watch the webinar for more information.
 - Activity 1: Conduct or Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment
 - Do not have to completely redo the Needs Assessments but can take another look at already-existing needs assessments.
 - Activity 2: Develop or Update Comprehensive Statewide B-5 Strategic Plan
 - Can adopt the ECAC Strategic Plan.
 - Activity 3: Maximize parent and family engagement in B-5 System
 - Activity 4: Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices
 - Activity 5: Support Program Quality Improvement
 - Activity 6: Subgrants to enhance quality and expand access to existing and new programs + Subgranting (or Contracting) Strategies
 - Bonus Options:
 - #1: Coordinated application, eligibility, and enrollment for families
 - #2: Improving workforce compensation
 - #3: Increasing access to inclusive settings
- Further questions or comments? Email Rachel.Stepina@doe.nv.gov
- The completed application may/may not be available to read. This is to be determined.
- The bitly link contains the PowerPoint slides that Rachel Stepina presented.
- Note: A lot of the work for creating the ECAC Strategic Plan was part of first PDG-5 grant; A lot of these things are aligned and were done collaboratively to address this sector.
- Rachel Stepina would greatly appreciate any feedback so that we continue our alignment & not duplicate our efforts.
- At this time, Denise Tanata exercised the flexible agenda meeting item and moved to #11 to accommodate Karissa Loper Machado's schedule (Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program)

9. Subcommittee Reports and Updates

Denise Tanata noted that all subcommittees have been asked to submit reports in an effort to streamline the process for reporting/updating the ECAC and statewide meetings. The expectation is that people will look at/read through these reports. See the September [ECAC Subcommittees Update Summary](#) for more information.

- *Leadership Subcommittee – Denise Tanata and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
 - The full ECAC meeting scheduled for 11/16 conflicts with the NAEYC conference, so the leadership subcommittee would like to propose changing the meeting date to Wednesday, 11/30/22, at 9 am.
 - Dr. Diane Nicolet will be busy at this time on 11/30 prepping for the 12:30 pm Systems Alignment Subcommittee meeting scheduled for this same day. 11/30 is also questionable for Carri Paldi.
 - Denise Tanata will send out a quick virtual poll for ECAC members to see who can attend on 11/30 and who, in LV, can attend in person. Virtual options will still be available
 - The hope is to do the Manifesto for Race Equity and Parent Leadership in Early Childhood Systems Training at this November meeting.
- *System Alignment Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-Chairs*
 - Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward has no additions to what is already in the Nevada ECAC Subcommittees Update Summary.
 - The next meeting will be focused on what was presented for the PDG grant.
- *Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Dr. Linda Young and Denise Tanata, Co-Chairs*



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- Dr. Young noted there was a delay in the processing of her membership.
- The next meeting is October 18, 2022.
- Denise Tanata added that there was a meeting yesterday (9/20) and so the reports will be updated accordingly.
- *Finance and Policy Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Denise Tanata, Co-Chairs*
 - There was a meeting after the Nevada ECAC Subcommittees Update Summary was submitted. Between the time submitting the report and the most recent subcommittee meeting, they were able to get a presentation from WestEd on the Pre-K Cost-Modeling Project, which they hope to align with other fiscal mapping being done for the early childhood system as a whole. A final draft document should be available before the next meeting.
 - The 10/13 subcommittee meeting at 11 am is canceled because they are asking people to attend the [PN3Policy Summit](#) that is taking place at the same time.
 - The next meeting will be 11/10 at 1 pm.
- *Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist, Chair*
 - The next meeting is October 20, 2022 at 1 pm.

10. Local ECAC Updates

See the September [Local ECAC Update Summary](#) for more information.

- *Carson/Douglas ECAC*
 - Tiffany Olivas did not have anything to add but asked for support in sharing information and getting the word out about Fall Mini Conference being hosted for ECE professionals on 10/22/22 (More information [here](#)).
- *Elko County ECAC*
 - No representatives present.
- *Southern Nevada ECAC*
 - Rebecca Dunne reminded interested individuals to register to attend or table at the 10/8/22 Step Up for Kids
- *Tribal ECAC*
 - Ashleigh Baker provided the following update: They are preparing to gear up for the funding they recently received from the ECAC – will be focusing on a Health and Wellness Program for Early Childcare Educators and creating more outreach and knowledge on the NECAC and Tribal ECAC.
- *Washoe County ECAC*
 - Anna Severens noted they are having a Washoe ECAC membership and social gathering on 9/30 at the Child Care Services Center (CCSC) as a follow-up to their Pre-K to K collaborative that they held last

Denise Tanata opened up the floor for questions.

Regarding a question in the chat concerning an update on the Rural EC Conference that was hosted on Saturday, 9/17/21 by CCI (Community Chest, Inc. participates in the Carson Douglas ECAC), Rachel Stepina asked if anyone had an update. No one provided an update. Rachel Stepina has reached out to CCI and will share with the group any updates that she finds.

A meeting was just scheduled for all of local ECACs to come together. This meeting will take place on 10/5/22. The goal is to try to do this quarterly to get more coordination/alignment with the local and state updates.

11. State Agency and Partner Updates

Denise Tanata thanked everyone for their participation in submitting the [Nevada ECAC Partner Update Summary](#).

- *Department of Education*
 - *Office of Early Learning & Development (written summary in report)*
 - Mia Pace provided an update on behalf of Patti Oya regarding the Early Educator of the Year (EEOY) with the intention of edifying those in our field. The team recently awarded and honored this year's recipients, Carl Esteban & Bonnie Toth ([here](#)).



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- *Early Childhood Special Education*
 - No additional information provided.
- *Office of Student & School Supports*
 - No additional information provided.
- *Department of Health and Human Services*
 - *Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program*
 - Karissa Loper Machado noted that during the 2023 Legislative Session, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program is submitting a proposal to add 2 new position types to the Early Childhood Advisory Committee: 1 specific to a childcare licensing program position (Membership A would go to Division of Welfare & Supportive Services Childcare Development Program); and 1 position that is tribal specific.
 - Denise Tanata asked if the ECAC-specific section BDR language can be reviewed by the ECAC so as to provide comment/insight into any changes that could be happening to the ECAC. Denise recommended this be put on next Leadership Subcommittee meeting agenda to then make a recommendation to the full ECAC at the November meeting.
 - Regarding the Child Care Capital Expansion Grants, Karissa thanked everyone who has been a part of the committee reviewing the 93 applications. At this point, they are moving forward with notifying a first group of pre-applicants to request additional information particular to construction costs and the particular ways this funding can be spent. The timeline is to get additional information in from applicants by October 5, and then review final budget information. At this point, names/organizations cannot be listed but the goal is to have agreements in place and being established by the end of October or beginning of November.
 - The Division is excited to continue moving forward with funding for startup grants, stabilization grants, etc., for fiscal year 2023. Crystal Johnson did not have any additional comments.
 - The approximate time frame for when childcare providers can expect to receive ARP Stabilization Stipends (money going to providers) & deadline to use ARP stipends for providers/extensions are as follows: extension to use the funds through December then a deadline of February for reporting purposes. Marty Elquist noted at, as in the past with the SRSA stipends, flexibility in the budgets that the providers submitted was provided and that the grants team will work with providers, as was done in the past. They are willing to work with Karissa & her team to extend deadlines.
 - Regarding this delay, the following have been sent out to providers: one right after the fiscal year explaining the process to providers; and another notification went out a week or so ago explaining the fiscal year and the delay in dispersal of funds.
 - At this time, the focus was turned back to agenda item #9
 - *Division of Child and Family Services, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health*
 - No representatives present.
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Care Licensing (written summary in report)*
 - Latisha Brown did not want to add anything, but asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked of Latisha.
 - *Department of Public and Behavioral Health, Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health (written summary in report)*
 - No representatives present.
 - *Director's Office, Aging and Disability Services, Part C and NEIS (written summary in report)*
 - No representatives present.
 - Brenda Morales-Solorzano, from NV Early Intervention, noted that they are experiencing a critical staffing shortage for developmental specialists and are in the process of recruiting, but there is a delay in services for specialized instruction. Dr. Danielle Stage and Sarah Horseman have been meeting with the NICU of Renowned Regional Medical Center to improve relations and continuity of care for NICU graduates. Looking to start this same relationship-building with St. Mary's NICU.
 - Denise Tanata asked if they are looking at staffing shortages across the board? Are there efforts



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to do recruiting differently? What strategies are in place to address this? Brenda noted they are looking at the HR department – making sure that there is a continuously flowing process of getting applicants through and coming in, working on keeping staff (endorsement can be expensive/barrier), and helping staff meet these requirements.

- The continuum will be closing down by end of next month, so there is a hope to work with some of these developmental specialists and absorb this loss over the next few months.
- Karissa Loper Machado added that on top of key positions, the state across the board is struggling with administrative overhead and support, which straps our ability to do successful programming in a timely manner. Karissa noted that if you hear proposals or budget proposals that come up in regard to improving state employment recruitment processes, salary changes, etc., I would hope you would advocate for this. State employees also need to be adequately addressed if we are to help humans.
- *Pyramid Model Update – Janice Lee (written summary in report)*
 - Janice Lee noted she did not have anything to add.
- *Research and Needs Assessments – Amanda Haboush-Deloye*
 - Rebecca Dunne noted she did not have anything to add.
- *NevAEYC Update – Carrie Paldi (written summary in report)*
 - Carri Paldi noted that the reporting link would not allow for submission under her primary email address. Denise Tanata will get this fixed before the next set of reports are due.
- *Nevada Child Care Provider Action Committee – Carrie Paldi (written summary in report)*
 - Carrie Paldi did not have anything to add.
 - Lela Arney noted that the material that was to be presented at the last meeting will be presented at the next meeting to ensure everyone is able to partake in and receive the presentation information.
- *Pritzker PN3 Initiative and Early Childhood Policy Update – Jamelle Nance*
 - There will be an Equity Workshop on 9/27 from 11 am-12:30 pm. Jamelle will send out the information again this week – if you can attend, we would love for you to share this experience with us.
 - The Pritzker PN3 Initiative was awarded their 6-month increment activity – Jamelle gave a special thank you to everyone who shared data/
 - On 9/8, there was a Legislative Roundtable and there was excellent turnout. They would like to continue this process – shaping priorities as more information is provided via partners. When additional information becomes available, she'll share this.
 - They attended a NCIT conference in Baltimore and are looking forward to sharing this information to enhance the alignment with our work.
 - Dr. Linda Young asked for Jamelle to share the 9/27 meeting information with her, as she is on the Diversity/Equity Board for the NV Association of School Administrators. Denise Tanata will make sure that Jamelle Nance and Linda Young get connected.
- *Strong Start Update – Annette Dawson-Owens*
 - Denise Tanata apologized that the report she submitted was not included in the report summary, as it was received after the report was posted.
 - At the National Association for School Administrators Conference on 11/5, Annette and Tiffany Gardner will be presenting and will take Dr. Linda Young's Message about early learning to those administrators.
 - The first round of parent ambassador's cohort is wrapping up. Please share wonderful parents with us for the second cohort.
 - They recently taped a podcast regarding universal Pre-K care with Claire Thomas & Patti Oya
 - They were recently invited to participate in an out-of-time fellowship – attending in DC next week to advocate for differences in out-of-school time
 - March 13-16, 2023 – They will be working with NAN and Amaris and Amanda from NICRP at the Children's Week at the NV Legislature.



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Denise paused to check quorum

- *HRSA Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Update – Denise Tanata (written summary in report)*
 - The work of the ECAC is integrated with HRSA work
 - In process of doing the HRSA System Assets and Gap Analysis – trying to gather input from everywhere across the early childhood sector
 - HRSA SAGA Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVSAGA>
 - They are in process of developing a parent survey – Denise noted this should be ready by end of this week and she will share it.
 - They are still hiring for an Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Manager II Position to assist with a lot of HRSA grant activities. Please sent
- *ECE Workforce Plan – Marty Elquist*
 - Nothing to add except that we are in the process of bringing the Data Facilitator Coordinator hire to continue our work. Updates were sent to everyone involved. If you aren't involved and didn't get the update, but would like to get involved, please reach out to Denise or Marty.
- *NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council – Ashley Dines (written summary in report)*
 - Ashley Dines is looking for a few additional members, so if you know of any parent leaders with lived experience in Southern NV, please send them to Ashley.
 - The next meeting will take place on 10/26 at 11 am
 - This started in Southern NV but we are looking to expand throughout the state.
- *New or Potential Grants and Funding – All*
 - Lori Ann Malina-Lovell noted that a proposal was submitted to the Department of Health & Human Services for additional AARP funding. They were notified that the proposal has moved on to next level of legislative approval (IFC, Interim Finance Committee, at the governor's cabinet review on 10/20). They are requesting funds to build a virtual professional development center – the first set of curriculum is geared towards the specialist position to provide coursework that will be comparative and consistent with endorsement in early childhood and development delay.
 - Denise Tanata thanked Lori Ann and congratulated her on approval.
 - Brianna Cambra asked if this additional endorsement will be awarded. Lori Ann clarified that this will be a no-cost endorsement in which they will enroll learners through some sort of application process. It would be ideal for learners experiencing barriers (cannot afford tuition, non-degree seeking, etc.). They want to address critical staff shortages but are not yet sure if this can be applicable for folks beyond early intervention.
 - Jenna Weglarz-Ward received a small grant at the university (UNLV) to do a deep needs assessment of university students who have children and what their needs are; received research approval and are starting data collection next week.
- *Training & Professional Development Opportunities – All*
 - Through the Communications & Engagement Subcommittee, they have identified a list of training and professional development opportunities that Denise will send out to the group.
 - If there are any professional development opportunities (conferences, events, etc.), send these to Denise and she will make sure to distribute this information.

12. NV ECAC Communication and Outreach Strategies

- Denise Tanata noted that a Gmail account for the NECAC has been created. A MailChimp account has also been created to send out newsletters and information. This ties back into the need for written reports, as we want to be able to send out a newsletter on a monthly basis. The hope is that the first ECAC newsletter will go out by Friday (9/23/22) or soon thereafter.
- If you are on this call right now and did not receive emails (newsletter, correction, correction), let Denise know.
- Another intent is to start doing additional work around Social media.
- Anna Severens noted that she can post to the ECAC Facebook page and can add additional administrators.
- Facebook is the only social media avenue that the ECAC has.



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13. Future Agenda Items and 2023 Meeting Schedule

- Agenda Items
 - Denise would like to request an in-person meeting for the Manifesto training in Las Vegas
 - Kindergarten Policy Statement Approval
 - Technical items, since this is the last meeting of the year – Schedule calendar year '23 meetings; Want to have all of the subcommittee work plans completed for that meeting, so Denise will follow up with chairs of the subcommittees.
 - There will not be as many member updates – Denise would like to push to do this in writing to streamline member updates as much as possible because the training is long.
- Dr. Linda Young discussed a senior program that has provided nurturing support for seniors through childcare. She asked if there is anything along the lines of working in partnership with local/national senior program to help seniors who may be displaced from own families but can offer a connecting link to younger children. Denise Tanata noted that we can add this to a future agenda item. She recommends that the Community & Engagement subcommittee explore this idea initially and then bring back recommendations and ideas to the full committee meeting. Dr. Linda Young noted this works for her and she will do research on her own.

14. Public Comment #2

- Rachel Stepina shared a celebration story she heard in the community on her way to work. She shared the story of how NEIS had really helped his son when he was younger and noted his son is now excelling in high school.

15. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.