



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) DATA AND EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 3:00 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.

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE DATA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

- Marty Elquist and Cathleen Rexing, Data and Evaluation Subcommittee Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 3:04pm. Marty Elquist asked Denise Tanata who the official members of the subcommittee were at this time. Denise Tanata replied that only the three ECAC appointed members (Marty Elquist, Cathleen Rexing and Denise Tanata) were officially members and that the other potential members of the subcommittee needed to be selected and turn in their commitment forms.
- 100% quorum achieved with all members present:
 - Marty Elquist, Co-Chair
 - Cathleen Rexing, Co-Chair
 - Denise Tanata
- Others in attendance included:
 - Matthew Hoffman, NV Department of Education
 - Amanda Haboush-Deloye, NV Institute for Children’s Research and Policy
 - John Bell, Lakeshore
- Matthew Hoffman and Amanda Haboush-Deloye expressed interest in becoming official members of the data and evaluation subcommittee. Denise Tanata indicated that she would send them the commitment forms to become members.

2. Public Comment #1

- No public comment

3. Discuss Subcommittee Membership

- Cathleen Rexing, Co-Chair, opened up the conversation regarding subcommittee membership. Marty Elquist suggested the group should review the charge of this subcommittee in the strategic plan framework.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye suggested having someone from DWSS, Child Care Subsidy program to participate in the subcommittee since that data collection will be a critical piece of this work.



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- Amanda Haboush-Deloye also suggested Vickie Ives or someone else from their division to join for the MCH data piece. Denise Tanata said that she had spoken with Vickie Ives and Kagan Griffin. Kagan has taken on a new role, but offered to serve on this subcommittee until her replacement is hired.
- Marty Elquist also recommended that we appoint Matthew Hoffman from NDE. She also suggested that we consider other state agencies.
- Marty Elquist referenced a meeting with Utah where they had brought all of the agencies together, beginning with vital statistics to align with early childhood data. Denise Tanata mentioned that Utah started by setting up a unique identifier through Medicaid.
- Denise Tanata also suggested having Utah provide a demonstration to the subcommittee to review their system.
- Denise Tanata noted that for this subcommittee, through the HRSA grant, they will receive additional support from the NV Institute for Children's Research and Policy and can also coordinate activities with existing groups outside of the ECAC.
- Marty provided an overview of the objectives for this subcommittee:
 - Objective 1: Improve data collection by fostering understanding and collaboration with providers, families, policy makers and other stakeholders.
 - Objective 2: Increase availability of, access to, and use of data that can be disaggregated to drive informed decision making.
 - Objective 3: Implement an Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) to improve service delivery.
- Marty suggested that we keep the group smaller for now and bring in others as needed based on the work of the group, with the support of the NV Institute for Children's Research and Policy.
- Marty also asked about how we might be able to incorporate parent voice in this subcommittee.
- Amanda asked if the group that Ashley Dines convened provided any recommendations on how parents might be able and/or willing to participate.
- Denise provided an overview of the current efforts under the Parent Leadership program, which is still in development. Denise recommended that Ashley Dines could attend the subcommittee meetings to represent parent voice in the interim.
- Denise will reach out to Ashley Dines to see if she could participate in future meetings and possibly serve as a member.
- Amanda also recommended sending out a request to current and former Parent Ambassadors who might want to participate, which could be applicable to any of the ECAC subcommittees.
- Marty also brought up needing to include provider voice. Marty referenced Kimberly Regan as an option given her background with the P20 work.
- Marty provided a summary of additional members to recruit, based on the conversation:
 - NV Maternal and Child Health Representative – Denise to reach out to Vickie Ives and Kagan Griffin
 - Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Development Program
 - NV Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development – Matthew Hoffman – present and agreed to serve.
 - Medicaid – Denise can reach out to Suzanne Biermann, but suggested waiting until after the workplan is developed to see level of engagement needed.
 - Parent Representative – reach out to existing groups to have members self-select in and Denise
 - Provider Representative – Kimberly Regan – Marty will reach out.
 - Anna Binder joined the call and expressed interest in serving on the Data and Evaluation Subcommittee. Denise will forward the commitment form.
- Denise will reach out to NV Maternal and Child Health, Medicaid and Ashley Dines as a Parent Representative.
- Marty will reach out to Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Kimberly Regan as a Provider Representative.

4. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting



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- Denise Tanata suggested including an item to begin developing the Workplan document.
- Denise Tanata and Amanda Haboush-Deloye will develop a draft to share with the subcommittee at the next meeting.
- Marty and Cathleen agreed. Marty suggested that the workplan should be the bulk of the agenda for the next meeting.
- Amanda suggested having Utah present to the group, but maybe at a later meeting and inviting them to present at the Research Symposium.
- Marty said that researching and sharing work from other states should be part of the workplan. Utah and Georgia were brought up as examples.
- Meeting schedule for 2022, based on feedback from additional members.

5. Discuss Meeting Schedule for 2022

- Marty confirmed that the expectation was to meet during off months of the ECAC meeting.
- Denise suggested that meeting every month might make sense for now, as the subcommittee works to establish the work plan.
- The subcommittee agreed to monthly meetings.
- Amanda suggested picking a date for February now and waiting on additional meeting dates until after the other members are brought on.
- The next meeting was scheduled for February 15th from 2pm to 4pm. *[This meeting was subsequently cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th at 12pm]*

6. Public comment #2

- No public comment related to ECAC or Data and Evaluation Subcommittee.

7. Adjournment

- Marty Elquist adjourned the meeting, which achieved 100% quorum, at 3:43pm.