



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

DATA & EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY 10/20/2022

1:00 PM - 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:

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MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Marty Elquist Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1 pm.

- The following subcommittee members were in attendance:
 - Marty Elquist
 - Latisha Brown
 - Denise Tanata
 - Matthew Hoffman
 - Jon-Thomas Champlin
 - Anna Marie Binder
 - Karissa Loper
 - Justin White
 - Amanda Haboush-Deloye
- The following members of the public were in attendance:
 - Brooke Conway-Kleven
 - Kimberly Cullen



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2. Public Comment #1

- No public comment was provided.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from January 24

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Marty Elquist Chair

- Denise Tanata made a motion to approve the January Minutes. Matthew Hoffman seconded this motion.
- The January 24th minutes were approved as presented.

4. Review and Approve Minutes from August 18, 2022

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Marty Elquist Chair

- Karissa Loper made a motion to approve the August Minutes. Anna Maria Binder seconded this motion.
- The August 18th minutes were approved as presented.

5. Review Workplan for Group

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Marty Elquist Chair

- Marty Elquist noted that she had thought the plan was to take a phased approach and prioritize the subcommittee's work by first tackling the KPIs, moving onto workgroups of the ECAC, looking at systems evaluation and the question of "how will we know if we are building a comprehensive early childhood system," and lastly to looking at integrated data systems and SLDS.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye noted that the Workplan is now available on the ECAC website under the [October 20, 2022 header](#).

6. Recap Phased Approach for Work and start on Phase 1: Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Marty Elquist Chair/Denise Tanata

- Marty Elquist asked if everyone was okay with not going back through the workplan and just focusing on KPIs. All members agreed this is fine.
- Denise Tanata indicated that the first part of [the NV ECCS Agency, Program, and Funding list](#) deals with systems alignment and funding streams. The page starting with "NV ECCS Agency/Program Vision and KPI List" is where this group should focus their efforts. A working version of this file where you can see divided sheets can also be accessed [here](#) via Google Sheets. For your information, areas highlighted in green have been identified as priorities for starting the conversation. Every program has a huge amount of data to report and thus all of the information cannot always be included in the Google Sheets/Excel file.
- The goal in looking at KPIs today is to identify the relevance of doing the analysis of this as an ECAC and to determine if the programs in green are correct and how to narrow our selections down to best collect and monitor the data. If the goal is to pull out data from KPIs and monitor this information on a dashboard, we need to determine priorities and decide how we want to begin. Today, the priority is to decide if the programs in green are correct and then figure out how to start narrowing this list down to collect, monitor, and bring the data together.
- Again, the Data & Evaluation subcommittee must answer the following: What data points do we want to collect? Who is already having to collect what and how can we align that with the work we are doing with the ECAC to coordinate and align efforts?



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- The need to determine the gap between our actual population and who is getting services was pointed out.
- A suggestion was made to identify measures that are less programmatic and individual in nature and that instead show we are moving forward at a systems level. The denominator will be needed for each of these values to truly provide a good comparison across counties and populations. To help do this in the future, Anna Marie Binder noted that the Demographic Zoning Department (DZD) maps residential growth for future developments & thus would likely have great data projections.
- The subcommittee began by looking at programs, rather than individual KPIs. In the future, the need to distinguish between child, family, program, and system-level data needs to be made. Also, disaggregated data needs to be included, whenever and wherever possible.
- Karissa Loper stated that including something like McKinney Vento, which looks at students experiencing homelessness, would be useful to highlight. The program, McKinney Vento, was added to the working file.
- Marty Elquist asked Amanda Haboush-Deloye to clarify if there is any work being done on mapping or collecting information on the capacity of other out-of-school-time programs across the entire state. The fact that this will provide one snapshot of those attending CCLCs out-of-school-time programs was indicated, but the concern about the rest of the programs was brought up, as there is no central registry around this.
- Anna Marie Binder noted that ABA therapy centers should be included because a lot of parents are choosing to enroll children here, rather than in the early childhood setting.
- Because the paperwork for free and reduced lunches has been bypassed, there will be a lack of data on this.
- Matthew Hoffman runs the NV Ready Pre-K survey and this is where most of the data comes from. He can ask Alberto what other surveys are going on and what is being measured in said surveys. Measure for state pre-k might be a proxy for demand or a proxy for how beneficial it is for parents in the workforce to have their kids enrolled in Pre-k.
- Anne Marie Binder asked that a note be made under foster care that DHHS is about to receive a little over \$18 million to replace their comprehensive child welfare information system (UNITY) and so this could be an opportunity to ask for the tracking of certain information.
- Marty Elquist requested that a note be made to add Washoe Licensing to the “Child Care and Development Fund – State Licensing” to have a more complete picture of what is going on in the state of Nevada. A note was made on the Google Sheets.
- If a dashboard was in front of you and you wanted a report card on how NV’s early childhood system is serving access to services, what would that dashboard look like? The green areas of the Google Sheets will help inform this dashboard.
- The Office of Vital Statistics was not highlighted because even though it has denominator information and will be important to use in creating the dashboard, it is not looking at KPIs.
- Karissa Loper suggested that “Employment & Support Services” be highlighted. Denise Tanata noted that this area can be highlighted but added that the question of if the data pertaining to the KPIs for that program can be disaggregated by age to get data applicable to the ECAC, would be important to consider.
- Karissa Loper suggested adding Behavioral Health Services & Dental Services. Both programs were added. A better place for KPIs in this area needs to be identified.
- Anna Marie Binder added that DCFS data pertaining to parents murdering their children can be looked at to get an idea of the mental health of parents. She can probably get a future agenda item to discuss with the Governor’s Behavioral Health Advisory Council. Amanda Haboush-Deloye noted that past records of these occurrences can be found in the Child Death Review.
- Denise Tanata clarified that the way the Google Sheets is organized means that state divisions are listed and then the programs under these divisions are listed below.
- Anna Marie Binder noted that there is supposed to be a great database from 988 regarding call service data. Perhaps this data can be used to track KPIs pertaining to mental health.



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- Karissa Loper suggested adding the Summer Food Service Program under the Department of Agriculture state division. This program was added to the Google Sheets.
- Regarding the NV System of Higher Education, Matthew Hoffman asked how many early childhood teachers do we produce in state per year and what are the retention rates? Workforce data from the NV Registry needs to be added to this list.
- Now that we have gone through the state lists, the next step will be to do a scan and assess what else we are missing from the lens of the dashboard context.
- Marty Elquist noted that the question of, “What are state agencies and programs already looking at?” must be asked. This helps us see what is being collected. Then, we can fill in the blanks with data pieces and utilize this matrix – this is how this agency is collecting this data, plug that in, have a few options under each, and bring this back to the subcommittee to see what makes the most sense. We can do this by looking at the Workplans for the other subcommittees to best align our systems.
- Karissa Loper suggested that the request to obtain data on all childhood immunizations, not just those administered with the VFC program, can be made.

7. Workplan Status Updates for Other Subcommittees

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Marty Elquist Chair Denise Tanata

- The subcommittees are working on their workplans at the moment and really trying to take this year to shift focus and figure things out.
- The focus will be less on metrics for year one and more on a strong transition and development period.
- Denise Tanata is hoping to have the Data and Evaluation subcommittee review workplans for the other subcommittees before the end of January to provide input on KPIs. She will work with each of the subcommittees to solidify workplans by the end of the year and get them back to the Data & Evaluation Subcommittee before their next meeting on November 17, 2022.

8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting November 17, 2022 1-3pm

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Marty Elquist Chair

- Reformat KPI spreadsheet so that this information is organized by the level of data and the areas so as to further assess any missing data. At the next meeting, we need to be able to assess:
 - Are the data comprehensive?
 - Can the data be disaggregated?
 - Can the data be connected?
 - Do we actually care about data when we have them?
 - Will it demonstrate success, access, and progress in the future in the community?
 - What do we need to know to measure progress for our comprehensive system?

9. Public comment #2

- No public comment was provided.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.