



Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) POLICY AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE **PUBLIC MEETING** **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 will be held via Teams videoconference:

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Denise Tanata called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

Members in Attendance

- Julie Houchins
- Denise Tanata
- Marty Elquist
- Patti Oya
- Lela Arney
- Brianna Cambra
- Katarina Jackson

Guests Present:

- Rachel Stepina
- Dr. Tiffany Tyler Garner
- Lea Case
- Vanessa Dunn
- Matthew Hoffman
- Judy Ennis
- Lucy Hadley

2. Public Comment #1

No public comment was provided.

3. Approval of a Flexible Agenda

- Marty Elquist motioned to approve a flexible agenda
- Julie Houchins seconded motion
- All members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously



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4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2022

- Marty Elquist motioned to approve the minutes from August 11, 2022 as drafted
- Brianna Cambra seconded motion
- All members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously

5. Presentation – WestEd PreK Cost Modeling Project

- Patti Oya introduced Judy Ennis and Lucy Hadley from WestEd, who are working on the PreK Cost Modeling Project. Ms.
- Ms. Oya specified that this projects is indicated for cost estimation for high quality Pre K and provided an overview of the reasons for the project.
- Judy Ennis stated the WestEd study started in January introduced the team at WestEd.
- Ms. Ennis stated that there have been challenges and Nevada is changing-Shifts in state economy, in demographics, and in population.
- Ms. Ennis stated that there were significant changes due to the pandemic. They are looking at the impact on child care and preschools in the cost modeling analysis for Nevada Ready! Pre K by incorporating budget data and input from the site level to inform recommendations for OELD.
- Ms. Ennis gave a project overview and how they will engage and develop findings.
- Ms. Ennis specified there are some anchoring questions
 - What is the range of cost points above and below the \$8,410per child amount and what factors create the range?
 - What is the gap between how much Nevada spends on NR!PK and the cost of delivering Pre-K at the site level?
 - Who is served/ not served and why within the mixed delivery system based on the current \$8,410?
- Ms. Ennis stated that they have been doing case studies in these locations: Las Vegas Metro Area, Reno Metro Area, Elko, Lyon County and Nye County.
- Ms. Ennis specified the types of data collected by: Survey, Regional Focus Groups and Advisory Groups.
- Ms. Ennis stated that the data source used is census data, NDE/OELD data for NR!PK, as well as state plans, guidance and program websites.
- Ms. Ennis stated that the data and findings shared may change or be revised as the analysis continues.
- Lucy Hadley updated that they have done outreach to work more with NR!PK. Ms. Hadley stated that the leader for these groups are LEAs, schools overseen by Charter Authority, Great Basin Collage, and childcare sites that run NR!PK classroom through United Way.
- Ms. Hadley stated having these conversations has been helpful and provides more information to provide a sense of whether the current allocation (\$8,410) is sufficient to provide high quality care and education in these various settings.

6. Discuss Fiscal Mapping Project – Review List of Programs and Contacts

- Denise Tanata provided a very brief update on the Fiscal Mapping Project. The Children’s Funding Project has completed the review of federal funding streams and are currently working to connect with the identified budget holders to verify information. Additional details will be provided at our next meeting.

7. Discuss Policy Priorities

- Denise Tanata asked if there were any policy priorities that anyone would like to discuss. She mentioned that the next meeting would be cancelled so members could attend the PN3 Policy Impact Summit, which will include some policy recommendations. The subcommittee will discuss those issues at our next meeting.

8. Discuss Subcommittee Workplan

- Denise Tanata shared the workplan and opened the item up for discussion to go over the specific objectives, activities and metrics.



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- Marty Elquist stated she would like to discuss objective 4.1 and she would like to include synthesis around the different reports and bring all the information together to include efforts like the Guinn Center analysis.
- Ms. Tanata mentioned having the Guinn Center present to the subcommittee early next year to discuss the analysis and report.
- Ms. Elquist specified she would like to review all of the systems projects that Ms. Tanata mapped out for the Guinn Center to share with the group.
- Ms. Elquist stated she would like the group to be aware of the inter-dependency's and relationships of all the different projects and what we hope to bring together in some sort of synthesized report or recommendation for policy.
- Ms. Tanata agreed that the group should do that. Ms. Tanata mentioned the Workplan and as a part of the HRSA ECCS Grant, they are doing a system gap and analysis and what they will bring to the table by identifying gaps that are identified specific areas, policy priorities and things that the group might want to focus on.

9. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Systems Project List
- PDG B5 Grant
- HRSA System Asset and Gap Analysis (SAGA)

10. Public comment #2

- No public comment was provided

11. Adjournment at 2:02pm