

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

LEADERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022
9:00 AM

“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

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Patrice Gardner and Denise Tanata, Leadership Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Present

- Denise Tanata, ECAC Chair
- Patrice Gardner, ECAC Vice Chair
- Julie Houchins, System Alignment & Policy/Finance Co-Chair
- Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, System Alignment Co-Chair
- Dr. Linda Young, Communication/Engagement Co-Chair
- Jennifer Butler, Communication/Engagement Co-Chair
- Marty Elquist, Data/Evaluation Co-Chair
- Ashley Dines, Parent Representative

Not Present

- Kathy Yoder Bass, Provider Representative

Guests Present

- Vanessa Dunn – Belz & Case
- Elizabeth Posada – Program Support
- Annette Dawson Owens – Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Mary Regan – Las Vegas Urban League

2. Public Comment #1

- No public comment provided

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda

(For Possible Action) The Subcommittee will approve a flexible agenda. The Subcommittee may take agenda items out of order; combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Patrice Gardner and Denise Tanata, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Motion to approve a flexible agenda: Marty Elquist
- Second motion to approve: Dr. Linda Young
- No discussion for the motion.
- All members were in favor of the motion.

4. Minutes from September 13, 2022

(Discussion, For Possible Action) The Council will discuss and approve the minutes.

Patrice Gardner and Denise Tanata, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Materials: September 13, 2022 Minutes

- Motion: Dr. Linda Young approve as presented
- Second: Marty Elquist seconded
- No discussion for the motion.
- All members were in favor of the motion.

5. Updates from Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Discuss Workplans

(Discussion, For Possible Action)

Reporting

- Denise Tanata stated that rather than submitting the update summary for the ECAC meeting on the 30th, she would like to combine all of the Workplan documents into one file to share as the update. As such, Ms. Tanata would like to request each Subcommittee to provide an updated Workplan document, including status updates for all activities and add a section under each objective to outline areas for alignment and/or resources/supports needed to carry out key activities. Ms. Tanata showed the Leadership Subcommittee Workplan as example.
- Ms. Tanata suggested that moving forward, the Committee use the Workplans as the reporting template instead of the Survey Monkey form. The Committee members agreed with the Workplan reporting process moving forward.

Meeting Dates for Subcommittees

- Ms. Tanata verified the meeting schedule for remainder of year, as well as provided a reminder of due dates and process for submitting materials for posting. Ms. Tanata reminded the Committee to also start setting meeting dates for 2023 so the subcommittee meetings can be calendared. Ms. Tanata requested that both she and Patrice be added to any meeting invites for tracking purposes.

Data and Evaluation – Marty Elquist, Chair

- Marty Elquist stated that the data committee has divided the work into four phases by identifying key performance indicators and went through a list as well as came to the consensus that we have different types of data; family level data, child data, site level data like a license child care center and work force data. Ms. Elquist questioned are the key performance indicators are across those data types?
- Ms. Elquist stated think about a matrix system like health, early learning, family engagement and quality of care what they envisioned as a committee this like a matrix by using data like a big bingo card across all data types and data areas and use this data for identifying for its workbook. Ms. Elquist mentioned that is should give the committee a map of each area. Ms. Elquist questioned do we have the KPI's for the workgroups identified and is it moving forward and impacting early childhood systems?
- Ms. Tanata suggested when putting the matrix together to identifying when we look at this matrix which type of date points are available disaggregated by age, population, race, ethnicity, geography, etc. Ms. Tanata suggested to think about the overall outcome or impact from the work and goal form the subcommittees.
- Ms. Elquist suggested doing some sort of quoting in the matrix what matrix data points are available to be disaggregated.

Communications and Engagement – Dr. Linda Young and Jennifer Butler, Co-Chairs

- Jennifer Butler and Dr. Linda Young have begun working on objectives for 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 while preparing a master list of Early Preventing Groups, Family and Parent Group, and Maternal Child Health Group, making a deadline on November 4th to submit entries to the master list for these groups and turned in.
- Ms. Butler stated they will be discussing the definition of underrepresented and underserved populations in the strategic plan by using ideas on how the definition can be strengthened and trying to finalize the recommendations on the next NECAC group by November 15th.
- Ms. Elquist asked Ms. Butler about a bullet point on develop maps are list of underrepresented and underservice populations? Ms. Elquist mentioned discussing this with our partners at DWSS and developing a GIS mapping to show promise zones, do we know what the date is for those mapping are? Ms. Elquist mentioned that she will be speaking with Crystal to get an update, so we are not duplicating efforts.
- Ms. Tanata mentioned that we need to narrow the definition of underrepresented and underserved populations and identify what data is available. This will allow us to identify those populations as well as to map them. Ms. Tanata mentioned to Ms. Elquist to check in with Crystal to ask what factors they are using to identify those populations and to map it out. Ms. Tanata stated that definition is from the previous NECAC strategic plan with some revisions recommended by the subcommittee.

Finance and Policy – Julie Houchins and Denise Tanata, Co-Chairs

- Ms. Tanata stated that October meeting was cancelled due to PN3 Policy Summit, which outlined some key policies and strategies for states. These are being discussed in the Pritzker initiative, but we will also delve into some of these policy considerations at the next meeting on the 10th. There is a link in the update document to the roadmap document if anyone would like to review in more detail.
- Update: the MCHAB meeting was postponed until December 16th – Ms. Tanata will be providing a presentation on ECAC/ECCS priorities at that meeting.

System Alignment Subcommittee – Julie Houchins and Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward, Co-Chairs

- Dr. Jenna Weglarz-Ward reported that the subcommittee has compiled a list of early childhood system programs in Nevada.
- Dr. Weglarz-Ward stated that as a team they need to think about what information is missing, including if they want to add subcommittees to make sure that all the systems are covered. Dr. Weglarz-Ward stated that we are likely missing key representatives on these committees to ensure collaboration and alignment across systems. The development of the systems map will help to identify who else needs to be at the table to discuss next steps for cross sector alignment.

Ms. Tanata stated that Workplans are due by November 18th so they can be compiled and shared with the materials for the November 30th ECAC meeting.

6. Discuss and Update Leadership Subcommittee Workplan

The Committee discussed potential additions for ECAC appointment to include in NRS432A. Next steps would be to present these potential additions to the full council:

- Parent Representative – parent/family member of a child between ages 0-8 who has experience with one or more early childhood programs or services (subsidy, PreK, home-visiting, Head Start, Early Head Start, etc.) Alignment with existing parent/family leader group.
- MCAH Representative
- DWSS, CCDP Representative
- Tribal Representative

7. Discuss Nevada ECAC Outreach, Communications & Engagement Strategies

- Ms. Tanata discussed the new ECAC newsletter and reviewed the schedule & topics

8. Discuss NECAC Meeting Agenda for November 30, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Tanata discussed the following:

- Manifesto Training scheduled for November 30th -one hour (9:30 to 10:30)
- 2023 Meeting Schedule
- Workplans Update (combined document) – discussion of progress & priorities for 2023
- Annual Report (due on 12/1)
- Kindergarten DAP Policy Statement Approval
- ECAC Membership Recommendations

9. Discuss 2023 Meeting Schedule – NECAC and Leadership Subcommittee

Ms. Tanata discussed the proposed 2023 ECAC Schedule: Third Wednesday, every other month:

- 1/18; 3/8; 5/17; 7/19; 9/20; 11/15

Proposed 2023 Leadership Subcommittee Schedule: Monthly, first Tuesday at 9am, except for January and July:

- 1/10
- 2/7
- 3/7
- 4/4
- 5/2
- 6/6
- 7/11
- 8/1
- 9/5
- 10/3
- 11/7

10. Public comment #2

- No public comment was provided.

11. Adjournment

- Denise Tanata adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM