



## Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

### NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC) LEADERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 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:**

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## AGENDA

### **1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair*

### **2. Public Comment #1**

*Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Co-Chairs may impose a time limit of three minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Subcommittee’s jurisdiction, control or advisory power.*

### **3. Approval of Flexible Agenda**

*(For Possible Action) The Subcommittee will approve a flexible agenda. The Subcommittee may take agenda items out of order;*



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*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.*

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair*

#### **4. Minutes from January 8, 2024**

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

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair*

#### **5. Overview**

*(Discussion) A brief clarification of the purpose of the Leadership Subcommittee and the meeting will be given for new members and guests.*

*Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Leadership Subcommittee Co-Chairs*

#### **6. Scheduling for 2024**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) The leadership subcommittee will consider and determine a 2024 schedule for general ECAC and ECAC subcommittee meetings.*

*John Giammona Wilber, ECAC Administrative Assistant*

#### **7. Follow-up Regarding Previous Public Comment**

*(Information/ Discussion) The Leadership subcommittee will discuss protocol for public comment follow-ups (i.e. Discuss and assign who of the subcommittee chairs are best to address items brought up during to specific comment(s) given at previous ECAC general meeting and/or previous Leadership subcommittee meeting).*

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair*

- *January 8, 2024 Leadership subcommittee meeting public comment #1: “Public commenter asked how language development assessments functioned in partnership with the city and child care programs. She explained that she had been at a community center and witnessed a young child there (who was under the age of three) with no language skills. She added that this child was enrolled at the childcare program at the community center, and she reiterated her question: how do childcare programs in partnership with the city [Henderson, NV] assess for language development?”*
- *January 17, 2024 General ECAC meeting public comment #2: “Public commenter expressed concern regarding the lack of knowledge the public has about partnered preschool programs in the city of Henderson, NV. The public commenter expressed that there was no assessment data demonstrating the adequacy and effectiveness of those programs. The public commenter added that the State held the position that some children were not prepared to enter early start programs and asked with the State was doing to address that problem (which the commenter noted disproportionately affected children of color.*

#### **8. NECFLC (NV Early Childhood Family Leadership Council) Updates**

*(Information/Discussion For Possible Action) The subcommittee will hear updates regarding the work of the NECFLC (such as but not limited to the mentorship program, events, and meeting recaps).*

*Rosa Tamayo and Ashley Dines, Family Leadership Coordinators, The Children’s Cabinet*

*-Parents Perspective: Families in attendance opportunity to give NECFLC meeting recaps, ask questions, give comments, and feedback on or about areas of concern or needing support for the upcoming Leadership meeting.*

*-Ideas for consideration to strengthen ECAC engagement with NECFLC members (Mentorship Program,*



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*Rubric, and Ongoing Parent Trainings) from Tiffany Alston, ECAC Chair*

### **9. Subcommittee Workplan Review and Future Agenda Items**

*(Discussion, For Possible Action) The subcommittee will discuss updates, progress and needs related to the Combined Subcommittee Workplan document, covering Goal 1 specifically of the ECAC Strategic Plan, in addition to any other Goal the committee sees fit. The subcommittee will use this discussion to inform agenda items for the next Leadership subcommittee meeting and/or the next General ECAC Meeting.*

- *Leadership Subcommittee – Tiffany Alston and Patrice Gardner, Co-Chairs*
- *System Alignment Subcommittee – Chair Vacant (Appointed as of January 17, 2024, Co-chairs Abbey Bernhardt and, pending Bylaws approval, Tiffany Olivas)*
- *Communications and Engagement Subcommittee – Jennifer Butler and Dr. Linda Young, Co-Chairs*
- *Finance and Policy Subcommittee – Elysa Arroyo, Chair (Appointed as of January 17, 2024, Co-chair Brenda Morales-Solorzano)*
- *Data and Evaluation Subcommittee – Marty Elquist and Karissa Loper Machado, Co-Chairs*

### **10. Discuss Strategic Planning for 2025-2027 and Review of Draft Scope of Work**

*(Information/Discussion) Council will discuss the upcoming ECAC strategic planning process and review a draft scope of work for potential vendors.*

*Rachel Stepina, Preschool Development Grant Birth – Five Grant Manager*

### **11. Review of ECAC Bylaws**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) The subcommittee will discuss to potentially amend one proposed bylaw related to subcommittee leadership structure to address co-chair current and future vacancies to be reviewed, discussed, and voted on at the March 20th general ECAC meeting. In addition, the subcommittee will discuss putting together an ad hoc subcommittee and identify members to review and draft amendments to the ECAC bylaws to be reviewed, discussed, and voted on at the May 15th 2024 ECAC meeting.*

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair*

### **12. Subcommittee Leadership Updates**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) The leadership subcommittee will revisit the current vacancies among subcommittee co-chair assignments and clarify how those vacancies have been filled.*

*Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair*

### **13. Targeted Recruitment Discussion**

*(Information/Discussion/For Possible Action) The leadership subcommittee will discuss ECAC membership vacancies to develop strategies for targeted membership recruitment more broadly.*

*Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist*

### **14. Open Meeting Law Updates**

*(Information/Discussion) The subcommittee will hear recent updates to Nevada open meeting law and*



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*discuss those updates' effect of how ECAC general and subcommittee meetings are held.*

*John Giammona Wilber, ECAC Administrative Assistant*

### **15. Public Comment #2**

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### **16. Adjournment**