



Nevada Early Childhood
Advisory Council

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

DATA & EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, June 20, 2024

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:

This meeting will be held via Zoom:

Minutes Summary

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Marty Elquist called the meeting to order at 1:03pm
- Sabrina Jones conducted roll call.

Members in Attendance:

- Marty Elquist, Data and Evaluation Co-chair
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Executive Director, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research & Policy
- Anna Marie Binder, Council Member, Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Justin White, Founding Partners, Data Insight Partners
- Latisha Brown, Childcare Manager, Nevada Department of Welfare and Social Services
- Matthew Hoffman, Education Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Ashley Dines, Parent Leadership Coordinator (South), The Children’s Cabinet

Members not in Attendance:

- Elvira Weintraub, Provider Representative
- Karissa Loper Machado, Manager, Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Childcare and Development

Public in Attendance:

- Rosa Tamayo, Family Leadership Coordinator, The Children’s Cabinet
- Smriti Neupane, Research Analyst, Nevada Institute for Children Research and Policy
- Anna Villatoro, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Program Specialist, The Children's Cabinet
- Stephanie Wong, Director and Program & Warehouse, Spread the Word Nevada
- Bernard Sands, Social Service Specialist DCFS
- Dominique Carter LFMT, Division of Child and Family Services
- Elyse Monroy, Belz and Case Governments Affairs
- Jamelle Nance, Policy Director, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Sabrina Jones, Early Childhood Systems Specialist, Nevada Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
- Nayesdi Badillo, Parent Engagement Specialist, Nevada Office of Early Learning and Development,

- Nevada Department of Education,
- Matthew Silver, Nevada Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Edith Farmer, Childcare Facilitator Supervisor, Department of Welfare and Social Services

2. Public Comment #1

- No Public Comment

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda (*Discussion for Possible Action*)

The Subcommittee approved a flexible agenda.

- Ashley Dines motioned to approve a flexible agenda.
- The motion was seconded by Anna Marie Binder.
- All members voted in favor of the motion- motion passed.

4. Review and Approved Minutes from April 18th, 2024 (*Discussion for Possible Action*)

The subcommittee motioned to approve the April 18th, 2024, minutes.

Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Latisha Brown motioned to approve April 18th minutes as presented.
- Justin White seconded the motion.
- All members voted in favor of the motion- motion passed

5. Identify Gaps Between the Data Dictionary and Research Questions (*Discussion for Possible Action*)

The Subcommittee compared what has been collected in the “Data Dictionary” to the data points.

Amanda Haboush Deloye, Executive Director, Nevada Institute for Children’s Research and Policy

Justin White, Founding Partner, Data Insight Partners

- Marty Elquist opened the discussion on data gaps. She emphasized good dialogue at the last meeting and invited Smriti Neupane to share updates.
- Smriti Neupane shared the document of indicators categorized by color to identify progress in findings and supporting data. She reported the progress for research of data continues to be made in updates in the excel sheet, and the limitations to data revolve around public available information.

Early Learning:

- Smriti Neupane reported that she was unable to find some data in early learning and updated what she found.

Home Visiting:

- Marty mentioned contacting Nevada Home Visiting and Parents is Teachers for public information
- Latisha Brown mentioned to reach out to her contact with the Department of Public and Behavior Services for home visiting data and share with Smriti Neupane.
- Tiffany Olivas, shared info information in the chat regarding a home visiting contact.
- Smriti Neupane and Amanda Haboush Deloye will connect to further confirm data findings and fill gaps for each other.

Early Intervention/Special Education:

- Smriti Neupane has no updates currently

Food & Nutrition:

- Smriti Neupane reported updates for this indicator.

Parental Engagement:

- Matthew Hoffman will help to reach out to NDE contact Anna.
- Tiffany Olivas will assist with parental engagement data as requested.
- Marty Elquist confirming ongoing data record for initial two parental engagement data indicators.
- Tiffany Olivia shared that the PDG-5 Parent Engagement Specialist may be able to provide a good source of information in parental engagement.
- Smriti Neupane mentioned that she will reach out to Rachel Stepina for parental engagement data

Prenatal and Post Partum Care:

- Smriti Neupane reported data on mid wives are updated.

- Smriti Neupane discussed gaps in prenatal care data (4th indicator) and unavailable data.
- Marty Elquist inquired about possible state contacts for pregnancy health data and Medicaid access
- Latisha Brown mentioned follow up with health pregnancy information.
- Elyse Monroy recommended Nevada Office of Analytics for data dashboards and assisting with contact for organization.

Children Health Care

- Smriti Neupane reported updated.

Mental Health/Behavior Health:

- Smriti Neupane addressed the unavailability of bullet points two and three for Mental Health.
- She reached out to the Infant and Mental Health Association for more information.
- Marty Elquist mentioned reaching out to Early Childhood Mental Health and added contact info in the chat.
- Smriti Neupane addressed unavailability of data around percentage of families with paid family leave benefits.

Economic/Social Support:

- Marty Elquist suggested follow-up with the Governor Workforce Innovation group
- Elyse Monroy suggested the Office of Analytics and Behavioral Health Commission for required reports that may assist with remainder of Economic and Social Support data (see helpful link).
- Marty Elquist suggested focusing on the indicators in seafoam green indicators and later the red indicators as needed.

Outcomes:

Safety: regarding child victimization and child death rate are missing data.

- Anna Binder recommended Clark County DCFS website for county data. (see links).

Health data: regarding child chronic and infectious disease rates are missing.

- Anna Marie Binder recommended the health department and CDC for information on data surrounding infectious and chronic diseases.
- Latisha Brown recommended the Office of Epidemiology.
- Marty Elquist provided follow up contact with representative from Chronic Disease Prevention.

Thriving children/families' data gaps regarding poverty rate of families with children ages 0-8, as well as third grade reading comprehension of children.

- Anna Binder mentioned providing follow up contact with reading comprehension and references annual survey sent to high schoolers for reflection of poverty rate.
- Marty Elquist recommended research into connected categories of child outcomes that can identify more information about poverty rates and reading comprehension.
- Amanda Haboush Deloye discussed *youth risk behavioral survey* in reference to Anna Binder, mentions of use of the Kindergarten Health Survey as an option.

PN3 Outcomes Measures:

- Marty Elquist defined the PN3 prenatal to three groups to try to track data across the state, contact PN3 group to see what their data is regarding these measures (see helpful link).
- Marty Elquist recommended revisiting the PN3 roadmap. <https://pn3policy.org/>
- Smriti Neupane shared that she will follow up and update for the next report.

6. Creation of Playbook (Discussion for Possible Action)

Integrate key messages regarding data collection and utilization into training with providers, families and key stakeholders.

Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Marty Elquist suggested tabling Creation of the Playbook agenda item and circling back to the next meeting with updates from Amanda Haboush Deloye /Smriti Neupane due to end-of-year scheduling.
- The Subcommittee members agreed.

7. EJ Screen Presentation (Information Discussion)

The Subcommittee discussed a presentation on how to utilize EJ Screen mapping tool.

Amanda Haboush Deloye, Executive Director, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy

- Matthew Hoffman, Justin White, and Amanda Haboush participated in the EPA Mapping tool presentation.

- Matthew Hoffman found the information and training to be useful in pulling up data that he may need.
- Justin White shared that this is a good tool for resources and information. He explained that he learned the tool is not used as a designation tool.
- Smriti Neupane mentioned that she will share the recorded EJ Screen Mapping tool training session with the subcommittee.

8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Discussion for Possible Action)

The Subcommittee discussed items to be added to the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Marty Elquist requested that item number six creation of the play book and identifying Gaps between the data dictionary and data points research questions be added to the upcoming July

9. Public comment #2 (Discussion for Possible Action)

- Matthew Hoffman commented on the labor of theory and discusses human energy that goes into collecting data and being mindful with the topics that we express concern in, so the committee is efficient with using information.

10. Adjournment

- Marty Elquist adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm

Action Items:

- Discuss the creation of the playbook and add agendized items to the July meeting agenda.
- Share EPA mapping tool training video with members.
- Follow up on the contacts and links provided.

Relevant Links Provided:

[Welcome to Nevada's Network of Care for Public Health Web site , Nevada](#)

[OFFICE OF ANALYTICS - DATA & REPORTS \(nv.gov\)](#)

[Annual Reports \(nv.gov\)](#)

https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/OPHIE/Public_Health_Informatics_and_Epidemiology_-_Home/

<https://pn3policy.org/>

[Welcome to Nevada Accountability Portal \(nv.gov\)](#)

One Sentence Summary:

The Subcommittee compared what has been collected in the “Data Dictionary” to the data points and discussed how to address missing data gaps.