



NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
FINANCE & POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 2024, 1pm

“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.”

This meeting was held via Zoom video conference.

Minutes Summary

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Elysa Arroyo and Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Meeting called to order at 1:06 pm by Brenda Morales-Solorzano

Members in Attendance:

- Elysa Arroyo, OSSS Education Programs Professional, NDE
- Brenda Morales-Solorzano, NEIS Developmental Specialist 4, ADSD
- Marty Elquist, SEED Director, The Children’s Cabinet
- Patti Oya, OELD Director, NDE
- Brianna Cambra, Provider Support Director, The Children’s Cabinet
- Ashley Dines, Parent Leadership Coordinator, The Children's Cabinet

Members Not in Attendance:

- Lela Gonzales, ARP Project Manager, The Children's Cabinet
- Katrina Jackson, Director, Lullaby Nursey
- Brian Cullen, CCDP Fiscal and Data Manager, DWSS
- Nicole Martin, CCDP Social Services Program Specialist III, DWSS
- Anna Marie Binder, Parent Representative

Members of the Public in Attendance:

- Sabrina Jones, NECAC Systems Specialist, OELD
- Tiffany Olivas, ECCS Manager 2, The Children’s Cabinet
- Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager, OELD

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.

- No public comment

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

- The subcommittee motioned to approve a flexible agenda.
- Ashley Dines motioned to approve a flexible agenda
- Brianna Cambra seconded the motion
- All members voted in favor of the motion – motion passed

4. Approval of the May 9, 2024, Minutes (Discussion for Possible Action)

The subcommittee motioned to approve the May 9, 2024, minutes with the following edits:

- Member Brianna Cambria, title change to *Provider Support Director*
- Member of Public Tiffany Olivas, title change to *ECCS Manager 2*
- Member Marty Elquist – Item 5, second to last bullet point, change to: *Marty Elquist highlighted it is important to focus on the efficiencies gained through coordination.*
- Patti Oya motioned to approve May 9, 2024, minutes with corrections
- Ashley Dines seconded the motion
- All members voted in favor of the motion – motion passed

5. In-Depth Examination of Fiscal Map (Discussion for Possible Action)

- Presentation by Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Systems Consultant, The Children’s Cabinet Rescheduled *for the upcoming July 9 meeting*

6. Discuss Agenda Items for Upcoming Finance and Policy Subcommittee Meeting (Discussion for Possible Action)

- In-depth Examination of Nevada’s Fiscal Map: *Denise Tanata, The Children’s Cabinet*
- NECAC Policy and Finance Subcommittee top three policy priorities survey results

7. Public Comment #2

- Member Marty Elquist, Children’s Cabinet: ARP Discretionary Dollars were used to update Nevada’s self-sufficiency calculator. There were great updates made to the 2021 calculator including different ways to look at the data – county by county, family size, age group of children. She recommended reviewing the self-sufficiency standard for each county compared to other benchmarks like minimum wage, federal poverty guidelines, area median income in comparison to the wages of the early childhood workforce. There could be valuable talking points to help in advocacy efforts for a meaningful wage.
- <https://nvecac.com/nevada-self-sufficiency-data/>

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm by Brenda Morales-Solorzano