

NEVADA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)
POLICY & FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2024
1:00pm-2:00pm

*“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 held via Zoom videoconference

Minute Summary

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Brenda Morales-Solorzano Started meeting at 1:04 pm
- Brenda Morales Solorzano introduced new member, Abbey Bernhardt
- Sabrina Jones conducted roll call

Members in Attendance (78):

- Elysa Arroyo, Co-Chair
- Abbey Bernhardt, NAMI
- Anna Binder, Parent Representative
- Brianna Cambra, Provider Support Director, The Children’s Cabinet
- Ashley Dines, Parent Leadership Coordinator, The Children’s Cabinet
- Marty Elquist, SEED Director, The Children’s Cabinet
- Lela Gonzales, ARP Project Manager, The Children’s Cabinet
- Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Co- Chair

Members Not in Attendance (3):

- Brian Cullen, CCDP Fiscal and Data Manager, Department of Welfare and Social Services
- Nicole Martin, CCDP Social Services Program Specialist III, Department of Welfare and Social Services
- Patti Oya, Education Programs Director, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

Public in Attendance:

- Brandi Hearst, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Administrative Coordinator, Office of Early Learning and Development
- Jerek Hough, District Manager, Source Academy
- Sabrina Jones, Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council Systems Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
- Janelle Nance- Early Childhood Policy Director, Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Tiffany Olivas, ECCS Manager 2, The Children’s Cabinet
- Kelissa Plett-Merritt
- LeAn Shelton, Public Policy Chair, Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children
- Rachel Stepina, Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 Grant Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education.
- Rosa Tamayo Rodriguez, Family Leadership Coordinator, The Children’s Cabinet
- Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Systems Advisor, The Children’s Cabinet
- Anna Villatoro, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Program Specialist, The Children’s Cabinet

2. Public Comment #1

Public Comment 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 Comments

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

The Subcommittee approved a flexible agenda.

Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Lela Gonzalez motioned for approval of Flexible Agenda
- Briann Cambra seconded motion
- Members voted unanimously, motion carries

4. Approval of August 8, 2024 Minutes (*Discussion for Possible Action*)

The Subcommittee approved the August 8, 2024 meeting minutes.

Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Brenda Morales-Solorzano noted Denise Tanata's last name to be corrected throughout minutes.
- Ana Binder motioned for approval of Flexible Agenda with above changes
- Brianna Cambra seconded motion
- Members voted unanimously, motion carries with noted changes

5. Workplan Progress Updates (*Discussion for Action*)

The Subcommittee reviewed workplan updates and current action being taken on workplan activities.

Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Denise offered to help with review
- Brenda 4.1, estimated completion date of 6/30/24
 - Child Care Subsidy (Fiscal Strategies)
 - Surveys sent to providers in Feb 2024
 - Do we have nay updates on this?
- Marty Elquist- This has been completed
 - Fiscal strategies working with Department of Welfare and Social Services to set State reimbursement rate.
 - Asked Karissa for public availability for Calculator
 - Compares Price of Care providers charge
 - Compares Actual Cost of care
 - Calculator complete, no date on availability for public yet
- Denise Tanata- Contract with Children's Funding Project contract preliminary for Fiscal analysis.
 - Fiscal Map completed in May 2024
 - Gap analysis identified additional finding for key programs and services still in progress, done Quarter 4
 - Developing revenue plan to identify funding sources for the above gaps done Quarter 4
 - Need advisory support for updating Fiscal Map on ECAC website in future

6. Discuss Agenda Items for Upcoming Policy and Finance Subcommittee Meeting

(Discussion for Possible Action)

The Subcommittee discussed agenda items for the next Subcommittee meeting.

Brenda Morales-Solorzano, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Brenda Morales-Solorzano- Workplan Progress updates
 - We will use suggestions to make sure align with our workplan
 - Add to report
- Brianna Cambra- Clarify-Agenda item is developing talking points or looking through Jamelle Nance’s language and us finessing that?
- Brenda- We are doing both, we can identify specific talking point and use Jamelle’s verbiage when it aligns with talking points.
- Rachel- Can use as Preschool Placeholder, make sure report flows
- Elysa Arroyo- Next meeting is 10/10/24
- Sabrina Jones to start adding” Next Meetings” to agenda

7. Public Comment #2 *(Discussion for Possible Action)*

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- No Comment

8. Adjournment

- Brenda Morales-Solorzano adjourned meeting at 1:53 pm

Selected Action Items

- Find out when the Calculator will be available to the public to compare actual costs versus provider charges
- Discuss

One Sentence Summary

- The Subcommittee discussed updates to Workplan in detail and added Talking Points for Workplan onto next months agenda.