



**Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
Data and Evaluation Subcommittee**

Public Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2025
1:00 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.”

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MINUTE SUMMARY

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Amanda Haboush-Deloye called meeting to order at 1:08pm
- Brandi Hearst conducted roll call

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chair
2. Matthew Hoffman, Data Analyst, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
3. Kate Pflughoeft, Assistant Grant Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
4. Donya Segoviano, Business Process Analyst III, Division of Welfare & Supportive Services
5. Matthew Silver, Data Analysts 2, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. Anna Binder, Parent Representative
2. Latisha Brown, Childcare Licensing, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
3. Ashley Dines, Parent Leadership Coordinator, The Children's Cabinet
4. Marty Elquist, Co-Chair

PUBLIC PRESENT

1. Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
2. Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
3. Dr. Jamelle Nance, Communication and Engagement Co-Chair
4. Smriti Neupane, NICRP Research Analyst
5. Candace Vaughn, Department of Child and Family Services
6. Anna Villatoro, Family Leadership Specialist, The Children's Cabinet

1. 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 Comment





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

The Subcommittee approved 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 ECAC Data and Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting Agenda at any time.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Donya Segoviano motions for a flexible agenda
- Kate Pflughoeft seconds
- Members vote unanimously, motion carries

3. Review and Approve Minutes from February 20, 2025 (*Discussion, for Possible Action*)

The Subcommittee approved the February 20, 2025 minutes.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Kate Pflughoeft asks for edits to be made to her name being misspelled
- Kate Pflughoeft motions to approve February 20, 2025 minutes with above correction
- Matthew Hoffman seconds
- Members vote unanimously, motion carries

4. Online Searchable Database Review (*Discussion and Review*)

Members viewed General ECAC/ OELD presentation, opening discussion regarding reactions to online searchable database for the vulnerable population data dictionary.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Matthew Hoffman, Education Program Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education.

- Matthew Hoffman shared his experience with General ECAC presentation of the Database Dictionary and shared with members that ECAC Council agreed, voted and approved the Data Base Dictionary online launch.
- Matthew Hoffman invited members to edit the scope of work as needed, to help with build out, verbiage, deliverables, feedback and the like.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye clarified with Matthew Hoffman that he wants our feedback and suggestions and suggested determining the top wants that people want to search by, pick the right features or key words or demographics and to find out what we are still allowed to include.
- Matthew Hoffman brought up where the Database will actually be hosted as personal information wont be within the Dictionary
- Kate Pflughoeft explained federally funded programs are needing the new verbiage
- Matthew Hoffman to go through the verbiage and make sure that nothing was tagged that could defund us.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye explained that the data is more than just race, we are needing some segregation in data as we know that there is differences within the demographics.
- Kate Pflughoeft asked how the data will be accessible to public
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye explained that the intent of the database was to share what sources are available and how to access.
- Matthew Hoffman confirmed that we are not hosting any actual data

5. Best Practices Statement for Final Edit / Vote / Approval (*Discussion for Possible Action*)

The Subcommittee reviewed final draft of Best Practices Statement, suggested edits and revised as applicable.

Subcommittee to vote on approval of statement in April..

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chair



- Amanda Haboush-Deloye asked if anyone had any revisions or edits
- Kate Pflughoeft suggested that the methods need to be clearly stated, "Use visualizations and explanatory text to communicate data methodologies and results clearly and effectively to all stakeholders - use: Partners or Participants with common interests
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye suggests not using stakeholders for historical reference, also asked if we are allowed to state genders as it has been clearly stated there are only "2" genders
- Kate Pflughoeft suggested taking sexual orientation and gender identity off
- Matthew Silver suggested to keep it self-reported demographic data and remove parenthesis, Dr. Nance and Kate Pflughoeft agreed.
- Dr. Nance- Asked to put language access for communicating in a language to the audience, adding to communication bullet
- Kate Pflughoeft suggested data be represented in multiple languages to reach all populations, suggested self reporting personal and geographical demographic data, to show we are providing services to rural
- Subcommittee to vote on the Best Practices statement at April meeting
- Brandi Hearst to make updates and email to Subcommittee members for review by end of week

6. Snapshot of the Early Childhood System *(For Discussion and Possible Action)*

The Subcommittee was updated on survey status for top data points to use as a snapshot of the "health" of the early childhood system. Action steps to be delegated as needed.

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- Smriti Neupane shared the summary of the Early Childhood System data collected, she explained they had 68 variables and only had room for 64 variables. They contacted NV Home Visiting Team to obtain some missing data that was not publicly available. Gaps were found which limits our understanding. Some missing data and gaps found that had used Proxy data were percentages of infant/child serviced / children needing / and parents or caregivers looking for mental and health services for their child.
- Smriti Neupane noted that proxy data represents similar information:
 - For only half for 32 variables data could be further desegregated, for example, by age, location, race, ethnicity, disability, poverty, homelessness, foster care.
 - Data segregation within these 32 variables consisted of: age, race, ethnicity, location, poverty, health insurance, language spoken, children who have been reported as abused or neglected, disability.
- Smriti Neupane opened up the item to discussion within the Subcommittee.
- Matthew Hoffman want to use this information to take to his vendor to show the need for the database
- Kate Pflughoeft suggested looking into Medicaid providers, received referrals and perhaps geography with location
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye expressed her hope for this item to bring the data base full circle, having the database, a summary of the data and what it is and then the gaps in our data.. leading to top data points contributing to economic well-being, mental and behavioral health. The variables for outcomes for child categories are:
 - Safety, Health, Thriving Children and Families
- Dr. Nance added the breakdown by county level and perhaps include the links and not host that data us
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye explained that the request was to show our top 4 data points out of all the 64 variables, how can we show how children are doing in Nevada with only 4 of the 64 variables?
- Matthew Hoffman described what was missing for him is that this isn't tested for us to know that this working or accurate
 - Amanada Haboush-Deloye asks members if they think these variables are the best ones to include
- Dr. Nance asked if we know that these are the reliable or a way to show that these are accurate using data outcomes that are already reliable.



- Amanda Haboush-Deloye explained that we are needing to pick the indicators that we want to use because some of these are already a part of ACE data and there is no "Top 4" data outcome variables
- Matthew Hoffman asked about the Childhood Opportunity Index, as they break it down Education, Health and Environment, Social and Economic Domains, we are already using some of these indicators, now we tie into something that is existing.
 - Childhood Opportunity Index Link and description was shared in chat:
 - The [Child Opportunity Index](#) (COI) measures and maps the quality of resources and conditions like these that matter for children's healthy development in the neighborhoods where they live.
The COI is a composite index of children's neighborhood opportunity that contains data for every neighborhood (census tract) in the United States from every year for 2012 through 2021. It is comprised of 44 indicators in three domains (education, health and environment, and social and economic) and 14 subdomains.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye explained that the type of outcome categories to shift to match something like the Child Opportunity Index and their main domains may be the best way to go with looking at how to provide a main snapshot.
- Next Steps:
 - Compare our domains to the COI
 - Look at early childhood public and private Pre-K enrollment, and then health.
- Matthew Hoffman added he can swap our domains and put them in the order that makes sense, then move the items live in our April meeting, then present in May at General ECAC
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye invited Anna Villatoro and Dr. Nance to take this to their parent engagement groups

7. Review Work Plan (*Discussion, For Possible Action*)

The Subcommittee will review the Work Plan and update the plan with completed action steps, and delegate new action steps as needed.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Amanda Haboush-Deloye went over the Workplan with the members and quickly reviewed where they were at, defining the goals and the activities completed with Sabrina Jones making changes on the live document as they discussed.
- No input or questions from members moved on to next item quickly

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on 4/17/25 (*Discussion, Informational*)

The Subcommittee requested topics to add to 4.17.25 agenda.

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Matthew Hoffman to update on line searchable database item
- Vote on Best Practices Statement after revision from today
- Snapshot- compare data lists
- Keep review of workplan as standing item

9. Upcoming Meetings (*Informational*)

- **Systems Alignment:** 3.26.25, 1:00pm
- **Executive Leadership** 4.01.25, 11:00am
- **Communication and Engagement:** 4.08.25, 9am
- **Policy and Finance :** 4.10.25, 1:00pm
- **Communication and Engagement Ad Hoc:** 4.15.25, 1:30pm
- **Data and Evaluation:** 4.17.25, 1:00pm
- **New Member Orientation:** 4/29/25 11:00am-12:30pm via Zoom.
 - Email to register: brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov and sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov



10. Public Comment #2

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- **No comment**

11. Adjournment

Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Amanda Haboush-Deloye adjourned meeting at 2:38pm

- **3 Action Items:**

- Brandi Hearst to complete revisions to Best Practices Statement and email to Subcommittee for review, vote in April to approve
- Subcommittee members to review BOTH Best Practices Statement emailed to them and the Database Project scope shared by Matthew Hoffman.
- Brandi Hearst and/or Sabrina Jones to clarify with Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye if they are still looking at creating a survey identifying research questions across the state agencies, by sector of the EC System to get a grasp on priorities and universal verbiage across the state.

- **One Sentence Summary:**

- The Subcommittee listened to Matthew Hoffman's experience at the General ECAC meeting receiving approval of the Data Dictionary launch, leading to conversation of where to store the actual Data and comparing the domains to other reliable sources for a trusted format the works, while also making final revisions to the Best Practice Statement to prepare for April vote.