Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
Executive Leadership Subcommittee
Public Meeting
Tuesday, March 04, 2025
11:00am-12:30pm

"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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MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call 7 min.
Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
- Patrice Gardner starts meeting at 11:05am
- Sabrina Jones conducts roll call

Members Present
1. Abbey Bernhardt, Systems Alignment Co-Chair
2. Ashley Dines, Parent Representative
3. Marty Elquist, Data and Evaluation Co-Chair
4. Patrice Gardner, ECAC Vice Chair
5. Amanda Haboush Deloye, Data and Evaluation Co-Chair
6. Jerek Hough, District Manager Source Academy
7. Tiffany Olivas, Systems Alignment Co- Chair
8. Kathy Yoder Bass, Provider Representative

Members Absent:
1. Tiffany Alston, ECAC Chair
2. Elysa Arroyo, Policy and Finance Co-Chair
3. Dr. Jamelle Nance, Communication and Engagement Co- Chair
4. Donya Segoviano, Business Process Analyst III, Division of Welfare & Supportive Services

Public In Attendance
1. Nayesdi Badillo, Family Engagement Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
2. Autumn Blattmann
3. Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
4. Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Alignment Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
5. Anna Villatoro, Family Leadership, The Children's Cabinet
6. Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Advisor, The Children's Cabinet

2. Public Comment #1 5 min.
Public Comment taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on the 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 two minutes. Public Comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power.
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye reminds members of Children's Week at the Legislature is next week.

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min.**
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 Executive Leadership Subcommittee Meeting Agenda at any time.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
- Abbey Bernhardt motions to approve Flexible Agenda
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye seconds motion
- Members vote unanimously, motion carries

4. Minutes from February 04, 2025 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **3 min.**
The Subcommittee approved February 04, 2025, Minutes.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
- Marty Elquist motions to approve Minutes as presented
- Abbey Bernhardt seconds motion
- Members vote unanimously, motion carries

5. Family Engagement and Leadership Referrals from Organizations *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **10 min.**
The Subcommittee discussed referral processes to identify grassroots parent and family engagement and/or leadership groups to support networking and mentorship opportunities.
Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager
- Nayesdi Badillo presented in Rachel Stepina's absence and explained that Family Engagement is wanting to network with agencies/groups who may not consider themselves "engaging with families". Keeping it organic and "grassroots" to make sure we are inclusive, PDG B-5 is giving out $2,000 worth of incentives. A survey was shared for members to complete if they know of any groups that align with families that may be interested.

6. UPDATE Re: Topics for Early Childhood Research Briefs Newsletter *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **10 min.**
The Subcommittee updated on suggested topics from ECAC being accepted for the Early Childhood Research Briefs Newsletter.
Tiffany Alston. Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Data and Evaluation Co-Chair
- Amanda Haboush-Deloye let the members know the topics looked great and if they have questions they will reach out.

7. First 5 Leadership Academy and 2025 Co-Hort *(Informational, Discussion)* **10 min.**
The Subcommittee heard of the upcoming First 5 Leadership Academy and Co-Hort, including the purpose, updates and changes taking place.
Tiffany Alston. Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
Tiffany Olivas, Systems Alignment Co-Chair
- Tiffany Olivas explained the application process will start this summer and the Leadership Co-Hort will start in August 2025 for 6 months, all online except first and last meetings, runs through Spring of 2026.
- Denise Tanata shared an interest form in the chat for anyone who is interested

8. First Five Nevada Family Leadership Council *(Informational, Discussion)* **10 min**.
The Subcommittee updated regarding the work of the Nevada Early Childhood Family Leadership Council
Ashley Dines, Anna Villatora and Tiffany Olivas, The Children's Cabinet
- Ashley Dines discusses First 5 activities:
  - Doing more out-reach to early childhood settings like Head Start

- April is first time they host a Parent Summit
- Bringing families to Children's Week, including a dad from Dads Inc. to represent male perspective.
- April-First Five Screening event at College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Charleston campus
- Focused in 2025 to allow parents to use their voice as they have been working on doing within the leadership program,

9. First Five Nevada Program Inclusion Requests *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **5 min.**
The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the new monthly Inclusion Request report and review any requests, as needed.
Denise Tanata, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Advisor, The Children's Cabinet

- Denise Tanata let members know that the report was sent to Executive Leaders and again shared the First 5 Nevada website is a resource hub, helping families with finding what they are qualified for any of the programs such as subsidy and government programs such as TANF.
- Kathy Yoder Bass asked where to send parents in regard to child care subsidy since Las Vegas Urban League is not helping and families are frustrated.
- Denise Tanata described that First Five helps find the resources but doesn't help with applications as of now.

10. Work Plan Updates *(Discussion, for Possible Action)* **20 min.**
The Subcommittees shared updates, progress and their needs, moving forward to succeed in completing Workplan goals.

Executive Leadership – Patrice Gardner, ECAC Vice-Chair

- **ECAC Updates and Seat Vacancies**- Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist
  - Sabrina Jones let members know how to apply for membership and what seats were open.
  - Patrice Gardner explained the language on Seat C and what the NRS Statutes actually mean, which is a government agency seat that is a part of the Child Care Grant Programs
  - Marty Elquist announced she is not renewing her ECAC membership
  - Amanda Haboush-Deloye was advised to apply for the membership by Marty Elquist
  - Sabrina Jones to email Amanda Haboush-Deloye the membership application
    - Denise Tanata to email Sabrina Jones updated language for member seat with NRS and have Government Agency required seats recommend their employees who are to be appointed directly to the Governor.

Systems Alignment – Tiffany Olivas and Abbey Bernhardt, Co-Chairs

- Tiffany Olivas described the ECAC membership project she worked on within her Subcommittee showing members sector placement, They will soon be able to self identify, Tiffany will be working on creating a survey with Brandi Hearst updating the verbiage to be clear on the definitions. The projected outcome is for ECAC to be represented equally by all of Nevada's voices.

Communications and Engagement – Dr. Nance and (Vacancy), Co-Chair

- Dr. Nance announced March meeting rescheduled to April 8, 2025, and wants to see Communication and Engagement Subcommittee as the face of ECAC as they are the "voice" and gave credit to the Ad-Hoc as they are doing most of the work.

Policy and Finance – Elysa Arroyo and (Vacancy), Co-Chair

Data and Evaluation – Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chairs

- Marty Elquist described the Data Dictionary and all of the work and time that went into that project, explaining that the NICRP and team are a key factor in keeping the Data Subcommittee up and running, then discussed the task of trying to narrow down from over 60 to 5-10 Top Data Points, to capture the big picture over all of Children's Health in Nevada.

11. Agenda Items for April 1, 2025 Executive Leadership Meeting *(Discussion and Possible Action)* **5 min.**
Subcommittee members requested additional items to add to the April 1, 2025 Executive Leadership Agenda.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair.
- Marty Elquist add Data Best Practices Statement for approval, if approved move to the General ECAC May meeting agenda
- Add legislative updates as standing item

12. Agenda Items for March 19, 2025 General ECAC Meeting *(Discussion and Possible Action)* **5 min**.
Subcommittee members had no additional items to add to the March 19, 2025 General ECAC agenda.
Tiffany Alston, Nevada ECAC Chair and Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
- No comments

13. Upcoming Meetings *(Informational)*
- Policy and Finance: 3.13.25, 1:00pm
- Communication Ad-Hoc: 3.18.25, 1:30pm
- General ECAC: 3.19.25, 9:00am
- Data and Evaluation: 3.20.25, 1:00pm
- Systems Alignment: 3.26.25. 1:00pm
- Executive Leadership: 4.01.25, 11:00am
- New Member Orientation: 4. 29.25, 11:00am
    - To register, email Brandi.hearst@doe.nv.gov and Sabrina.jones@doe.nv.gov

14. Public Comment #2 *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **6 min**
Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item on any matter within the Council's control or advisory power. No action may be taken on the matter raised under this item until the matter is included on the agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Council Chair will impose a time limit of three minutes.
- No Comment

15. Adjournment
- Patrice Gardner adjourned meeting at 11:18am

- **3 Action Steps**
    1. Sabrina Jones to email Amanda Haboush-Deloye the ECAC membership information
    2. Denise Tanata to email Sabrina Jones her suggestions for NRS verbiage regarding ECAC Seats to present to Adina (BOC)
    3. Brandi Hearst to add as standing item on Agenda "Updates on Legislation" with Dr. Nance.

- **One Sentence Summary**:
This Subcommittee discussed the membership process and reminded members coming up with an expiration to contact Sabrina Jones with their decision to renew or resign, discussed upcoming legislation to keep an eye on and heard a brief introduction to the Leadership Cohort application process and start date.