Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Policy & Finance Ad Hoc Committee

Public Meeting

Friday, August 22nd, 2025

9:00am-11:00am

"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: Meeting is held via TEAMS. Join us **HERE**

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder-Bass, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs

- Denise Tanata started the meeting at 9:07AM
- Sabrina Jones conducted roll call

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Tiffany Olivas, Systems Alignment Co-Chair
2. Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Co-Chair
3. Kathy Yoder Bass, Child Care Provider
4. Anna Villatoro, Family Engagement Specialist, The Children's Cabinet

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. -

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

1. Sabrina Jones, ECAC Systems Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
2. Jamie Mendez, Early Childhood Workforce, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

2. Public Comment #1

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- No Comment

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

The Subcommittee approved a flexible agenda.

Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder-Bass, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs

- Kathy Yoder-Bass motioned to approve a flexible agenda
- Tiffany Olivas seconded the motion
- Members voted unanimously, motion carries

4. Introduction to Ad Hoc *(Discussion for Possible Action)*

Committee discussed the Ad Hoc Committee's mission, delegated action from the Policy and Finance Subcommittee of completing the funding matrix, timeline for completion, meeting schedule for the Ad Hoc, and agreed to dissolve the Ad Hoc once the Matrix is complete, target end date of November 2025.

Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder-Bass, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs

- Denise Tanata opened with the Purpose of the Ad hoc and suggested this committee go for up to three months.
- Denise Tanata discussed schedule planning and suggested once a month for 3 months
- Kathy Yoder Bass suggested adding additional meetings

- Lela Gonzalez shared the schedule information adding 3 meetings will work.
- Meeting dates were decided as a group:
  - September 24, 2025 from 10am-11am
  - October 29, 2025 from 10am-11am
  - November 12, 2025 from 10am-11am

5. Ad Hoc Member Invites *(Discussion for Possible Action)*

Committee discussed the Ad Hoc Committee's interest list to become a member of the Ad Hoc.

Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder-Bass, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs

- Denise Tanata asked Jamie Mendez if she would possibly be joining this committee
- Jamie Mendez answered possibly.
- Tiffany Olivas proposed asking Dr. Nance from Children Advocacy Alliance (CAA) to join the Ad Hoc
- Denise Tanata- to reach out to CAA to extend the invite, suggests inviting state agencies, suggested continuing to discuss how they should invite or continue to invite others
- Jamie Mendez suggested extending an invitation to Division of Social Services (DSS)
- Denise Tanata to send an invitation to Rachel Stepina, Kate Pflughoeft, Brooke Yarborough with DSS, Dr. Nance
- Lela Gonzelez suggested that Julie Houchins from United Way

6. Funding Matrix *(Discussion for Possible Action)*

Committee reviewed progress of Funding Matrix, continued working on the document, actions can be delegated as needed.

Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder-Bass, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs

- Denise Tanata discussed Priority 1, to update the information and make it clear. Recommendation programs have been cut or losses funding, where programs have also had reductions.
- Tiffany Olivas discussed FY2024 Funding
- Denise Tanata asks how they should "make it clear what this Committee is asking?"
- Lela Gonzales is wondering if DSS changed to Federal Fiscal year
- Denise Tanata responded yes and describes what different columns and sections on document were relating to:
  - Programs that have had their funds eliminated OR lost funding in FY2025 7/1/24 to 6/30/25
- Tiffany Olivas includes when programs have an ending date
- Denise Tanata added list of losses and potential losses of Federal Funding
- Kathy Yoder Bass suggests color code the Matrix of what funding that is going first
- Lela Gonzalez adds funding sources might have duplicates.
  - Include multiple funding sources
  - what is continuing and what is not.
  - Find other sources
  - Moving funding as needed.
  - Track what was lost and what was put in.
  - Fill in the gaps
  - Look at long term effects
- Denise Tanata discussed Fiscal Year 2024 Funding, asks if they should keep the fiscal year funding and continue or not?
- Kathy Yoder Bass noted she thinks we should continue to find FY2024 funding information
- Denise Tanata asked these questions to the Committee:
  - What service that programs provide to families and providers?
  - What is the impact of what is being cut?
  - Show key decision makers this funding matrix
    - Discuss- If these gaps are not met - then what?
- Lela Gonzalez wants to keep Fiscal year 2024- shows what has been invested
- Kathy Yoder Bass suggested adding fiscal year 2023, and take out 2026

- Denise Tanata explained that the 2026 fiscal year budget should remain, could be grants that come in, then described:
  - New summary document created
    - Intent: summarize the information included
    - Members of this Committee can edit/add
    - Everyone can take part, actions delegated
    - Named leads for projects and as Co=Chair will be contacting them
- Lela Gonzalez and Jamie Mendez to follow-up on NevAEYC Stipend
- Jamie Mendez delegated to:
  - ECILP Literacy Grant,
  - UNR workforce development program
- Tiffany Olivas delegated to:
  - Discuss and do a review of the funding matrix at October System Alignment meeting
- Denise Tanata suggested all data be completed by October 31st.
- Lela Gonzalez suggested that others and Kathy Yoder-Bass join the CAA Strong start meeting
- Denise Tanata to ask Vicky Ives to join
  - request to set up an online form for people to add data or information then Come provide details at meetings
- Kathy Yoder Bass suggested to use a data code on the funding matrix so people can input data
- Denise Tanata delegated to:
  - Will show the impact language for ECIDS Loss
- Kathy Yoder Bass said Priority 2 funding for Nevada Ready! Pre-K, losing seats with current funding levels.
- Denise Tanata shared the idea of Key Action Steps for making requests.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting on September 24, 2025 *(Discussion, Informational)*
The Subcommittee added to September 24, 2025 agenda
Denise Tanata and Kathy Yoder-Bass, Ad Hoc Committee Co-Chairs
- Review programs for inclusions
- Funding Matrix Standing Item

8. Public Comment #2 *(Discussion for Possible Action)*
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- Denise Tanata received notice from Children Funding Project for a fiscal funding course, contact Denise Tanata if interested

9. Adjournment
- Denise Tanata adjourned meeting at 10:35am

- **One Sentence Summary:** The Committee was able to identify a schedule, members to invite and got working on the Funding Matrix to meet their November deadline.

- **3 Action Steps:**
  - Denise Tanata to invite new members discussed during meeting to have them join this Ad Hoc
  - Jamie Mendez to look into funding sources
  - Ad Hoc to create the Data Collection Form for ECAC use.