Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
Data and Evaluation Subcommittee
Public Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 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."

Meeting Location: This meeting is virtual, on Zoom.com, click **HERE** to join us
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Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Marty Elquist and Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Subcommittee Co-Chairs

- Amanda Haboush-Deloye called meeting to order at 1:05pm
- Brandi Hearst conducted roll call

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Ashley Dines, Parent Leadership Coordinator, The Children's Cabinet
2. Marty Elquist, Co-Chair
3. Matthew Hoffman, Data Analyst, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education p
4. Kate Pflughoeft, PDG B-5 Associate Grant Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
5. Matthew Silver, Data Analyst 2, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. Anna Binder, Parent Representative
2. Latisha Brown, Child Care Licensing, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services
3. Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Co-Chair
4. Donya Segoviano, Resigned position

PUBLIC PRESENT

1. Ivan Alis
2. Colleen Barrett
3. Elizbeth Gilligan
4. Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
5. Dr Nance, Co-Chair Communications and Engagement Subcommittee
6. Smriti Neupane, NICRP Research Analyst
7. Tiffany Olivas, Systems Alignment Co-Chair
8. Sabrina Schnur
9. Sarah Smith
10. Rachel Stepina, PDG B-5 Grant Manager, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education
11. Denise Tanata, Co-Chair Policy and Finance Subcommittee
12. Anna Villatoro, Parent Leadership Coordinator, The Children's Cabinet
13. De Yates

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.
Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair
- No comment

3. Approval of Flexible Agenda *(Discussion, for Possible Action)*
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 Data and Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting Agenda at any time.
Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Matthew Silver motions to have a flexible agenda
- Ashley Dines seconded the motion
- Members voted, motion carries, Flexible Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2025 *(Discussion, for Possible Action)*
Subcommittee approved the July 17,2025 minutes.
Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Matthew Hoffman motions to approve minutes from July 17, 2025
- Matthew Silver seconded the motion
- Members voted, motion carries, July minutes are approved.

5. Early Childhood Surveys and Review *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **7 min**
The Subcommittee was surveyed in regard to Strategic Planning Retreat and their own placement in the Early Childhood Sectors dependent on member experiences.
Brandi Hearst, ECAC Administrative Coordinator and Tiffany Olivas, Systems Alignment Co-Chair
- The Subcommittee took the time to take the Strategic Planning Retreat survey, results will be shared to the ECAC at the Executive Leadership meeting in Sept so the council can decide when to plan the retreat and how many participants are planning on going.

6. Annual Report Plan & Policy Priority Discussion *(Discussion for Possible Action)* **10 min**
The Subcommittee discussed forward thinking with the Annual Plan, review past policy priorities and decide what this Subcommittee considers important for the Nevada ECAC to include as priority policy considerations to include in the Annual Report for the NV Legislature and Governor during the 2026 Interim.
Denise Tanata, Policy and Finance Co-Chair, Patrice Gardner, Nevada ECAC Vice Chair
ECIDS - Early Childhood Integrated Data System
- Densie Tanta explained to the Subcommittee members that the ECAC is required to submit an Annual Report every December 01. She described the report this year will have the policy recommendations that the ECAC decides on and that she is looking for input from anyone in the Early Childhood System as an educator, a parent, a community member, anyone, so that we can meet the needs of the families.
- September 10 survey closed
- September 11th policy and finance subcommittee meeting that we invited all of the chairs to join us and go over the recommendations to narrow those down and putting forward a list to submit to the ECAC Executive Leadership team.
- Matthew Hoffman asked about the governor and special sessions
- Denise Tanata answered that she doesn't know yet about the special session's dates.
    - The survey has had 21 responses so far and only 1 of them is from ECAC

7. Online Searchable Database and Data Lab Readiness Cohort Review *(Discussion and Review)*
Subcommittee received updates regarding the EC Data Lab Readiness Cohort as well as the Online Database progress, members able to have open discussion, ask questions, share ideas or bring concerns to the table.
Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair
Matthew Hoffman, Education Programs Specialist, Office of Early Learning and Development, Nevada Department of Education.

- Matthew Hoffman shared the survey created to get the families and early childhood system to be creative and submit a name for the survey, it will be in both English and Spanish. Matthew Hoffmas asks the Subcommittee if he has the green light to move forward with the survey going out.
- With silence, Matthew Hoffman will be updating the survey to put out to the public, Ashley Dines and Anna Villatoro would like to share it their Family Leaders. Matthew Hoffman mentioned the possibility of announcing winner of the survey name at the General ECAC meeting
- Brandi Hearst brought up the meeting being 9/17/25 virtually only 5:30pm start and that she will tentatively add him to the agenda to save the spot for him and he can let her know if the agenda item needs to be edited or changed as the time comes closer.
- Matthew Hoffman agreed and requested to have the General ECAC agenda be where he will plan to announce phase 2, have everyone vote and pick the winner at the meeting.
- Matthew Hoffman announced he is looking for someone to volunteer to come to Kansas City in October, je wants representation from more than just NDE, PDG B-5 will be paying for travel costs
- Mathhew Hoffman moved onto describe the Ekata Works leaping to build this info graphic/map draft with the rainbow
- Marty Elquist understood Matthew Hoffmans perspective and clarifies the ask is to send the rainbow data graphic to everyone in this meeting and get their input if they know where to find the data that is missing, or have a contact for Matthew Hoffman

8. Data Playbook Status Update and Review *(Discussion for Possible Action)*
The Subcommittee received a status update and review the Data Playbook.
Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- Amanda Haboudh-Deloye not in meeting, table to September meeting

9. Update Work Plan *(Discussion, For Possible Action)*
The Subcommittee reviewed and update the Work Plan, delegating action steps as needed.
Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair

- 5.2 data list-research questions for data committee on top of data website page
- Marty Elquist asks members if they have ideas on where to keep their research questions
- Matthew Hoffman suggested having data stored by action, reason, question, on an excel sheet
- Marty Elquist wants the list on the Data and Evaluation Research Question List on the description of the Subcommittee
- Brandi Hearst offered to do the Research Questions as well as the Data Dictionary, Marty Elquist agreed.
- Marty Elquist moving on to ECIDS as the subcommittee was to have this on the agenda since July, Marty Elquist was asking Matthew Hoffman if this aligns within date are search.
- Marty Elquist explains we need to see what features we are looking for and get the Policies from other states if there's anything out there like this.
- Matthew Hoffman already in discussions with other states and offers to get information and put together in a packet to show the subcommittee members.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting on 9.18.25 *(Discussion, Informational)*

The Subcommittee members added topics to add to the September 18, 2025 agenda.

- *Marty Elquist, Subcommittee Co-Chair*
- Family Engagement Results from Matthew Hoffman
- Item #7 stay what does Matthew need from Data Subcommittee, rainbow infographic update
- ECE Data Lab and Elders addition to that item

11. Upcoming Meetings *(Informational)*

- Systems Alignment: 8.27.25, 1:00pm
- Executive Leadership 9.02.25, 11:00am
- Communication and Engagement: 9.09.25, 9:00am
- Policy and Finance: 9.11.25, 1:00pm
- Communication and Engagement Ad-Hoc: 9.16.25, 1:30pm
- General ECAC: 9.17.25, 5:30-7:30pm Virtual Only
- Data and Evaluation: 9.18.25, 1:00PM

12. Member Updates and Share-Outs *(Discussion, Informational),* **5 min**

Members of this Subcommittee shared any information that is beneficial to the ECAC its members .

- Kate Pflughoeft announced Program Performance and Evaluation Plan for PDG B-5 Grant may reach out and interview ECAC members

13. Public Comment #2

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- No Comment

13. Adjournment

- Marty Elquist adjourned meeting at 2:15pm

- **3 Action Steps**
  - Matthew Hoffam to gather Family Engagement results for next meeting
  - Brandi Hearst to post Research Questions and Data Dictionary on top of Data and Evaluation Subcommittee webpage
  - Matthew Hoffman to gather information from other states and presents to subcommittee in regard to ELDRS

- **One Sentence Summary**
  - The Subcommittee reviewed the workplan and made some adjustments, discussed finding the Research questions from beginning of this work plan and posting them on the webpage along with the data dictionary and heard updates on the online database, further clarifying the needs and purpose to the members.