

Nevada
EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

“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.”

Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th, 2013
10:30am – 3:00pm

Location
Nevada Department of Education
9890 S. Maryland Parkway, Suite 228 (KEY Realty Building at Maryland Parkway and Silverado Ranch)
Las Vegas, 89183

Teleconference #: 888 – 363 - 4735 Access Code: 8293971

Meeting MINUTES

The Council took a break for lunch from 12:15pm – 12:25pm.

1. Introductions and Housekeeping Items

Margot Chappel called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) members and guests introduced themselves and housekeeping items were discussed.

ECAC Members present:

Margot Chappel, Head Start Collaboration and Early Childhood Systems Office (HSC & ECS Office), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Sherry Halley, Part B 619 Office, Nevada Department of Education (NDE)

Anna Severens, State Pre-K, Nevada Department of Education

Karen Taycher, Nevada PEP (Parents Education Parents)

Jack Zenteno, Child Care Development Program, Department of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)

Angela Triche, Sunrise Foundation Early Head Start

Gary Vause, Lit’l Scholars

Laura Valentine, Part C Office, DHHS

Carrie Paldi, Creative Kids Learning Center

ECAC Members on the phone:

Catherine Lyons, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Rutu Ezhuthachan, United Health Care

ECAC Members absent:

Ann Polakowski, Early Childhood Mental Health, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)

Guests present:

Latisha Brown, Child Care Licensing, DHHS
Diane Hardy, Child Care Licensing, DHHS
Scott Burns, Lakeshore Learning
Patti Oya, Office of Early and Education, DWSS
Amanda Haboush, Southern Nevada ECAC, Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy
Sarah Marschall, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI)
Kari Earle, SEI
Kellyn Moran, Teaching Strategies Gold
Teresa Oster, Head Start T/TA STG International
Madeleine Sigmund-Grant, University of Nevada Co-operative Extension

Guests on the phone:

Kimberly Fahey, Nevada Health Division
Melissa Burnham, Washoe County ECAC, University of Nevada, Reno
Diane Farkus, Family to Family Connection
Dolores Hauck, United Way of Southern Nevada
Sherry Ely, Tribal ECAC, Children's Cabinet

Staff present:

Carol Gilman, HSC & ECS Office, DHHS

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. For possible action: Approval of April 3rd, 2013 Minutes**

No changes were noted.

- Laura Valentine motioned to approve the minutes as written.
- Catherine Lyons seconded the motion.
- All members were in favor.
- There were no oppositions or abstentions.

4. HSC & ECS Director Report – Margot Chappel

▪ ***ECAC Status:***

- **AB 79** is in statute.
- As of July 1st the bylaws will no longer be valid.
- The Governor will appoint new members.
- Karen Taycher asked about council membership, if the meeting schedule would change, and if the Council would provide recommendations to the Governor on membership. She also asked if the ECAC is receiving back-up or support during the transition.
- Ms. Chappel stated she will keep the Council members posted on updates since at this time she does not have any information on the timing for the transition, if the meeting schedule

will remain the same, and who will be appointed to the Council. The language in the bill states the Council would remain as is until further notice. Judy Osgood approached Ms. Chappel regarding membership and any additional positions. Larry Charlton and Joanne Everts have resigned. She recommended that Council members contact her or the Governor's Office if they have any recommendations for membership. She also stated to contact her if they were no longer able to be a member of the Council. In the mean time, the Council will remain intact until the Governor decides its' new structure.

- **Legislation update:** *(Copies of the bills were provided.)*

- **SB 486**

- Allocates \$1.5 million dollars to fund a pilot program for the assessment of school readiness.
 - Jack Zenteno asked if this is a one time allocation. Ms Chappel stated this would be a one time allocation that supports the pilot project. Funding is set aside for half of all kindergarten children during the first year and all children can be included during the second year. Training and technical assistance to trainers and teachers is included in the cost.
 - The Train the Trainer sessions will take place on July 29th and 30th. Remaining ECAC funds will be used to cover this cost.
 - The pilot will be evaluated and outcomes will be presented to the 2015 Legislature.
 - Karen Taycher asked if the funding includes allocation for new positions. Ms. Chappel stated there are no new positions as part of the funding. After presenting a report to the Legislature on the outcome of the pilot, the department may look at adding new positions.
 - **Other Legislative activities:**
 - The Legislature passed a proposal to create a hub where all public meetings of state councils and boards would post their agendas and minutes.

- **Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant:**

- Dr. Rutu Ezhuthachan is designated as the chair person of the workgroup.

5. Update of 2013 Early Childhood Bills, Legislative Priorities and Recommendations Through the Children's Advocacy Alliance - Denise Tanata-Ashby

Ms. Tanata-Ashby was not present. Bills were discussed during other agenda items. A handout compiled by the Children's Advocacy Alliance and the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy was provided outlining the final status of bills relating to children's topics.

6. Update: Silver State Kindergarten Inventory of Development Statewide (KIDS) Project– Margot Chappel

- **Pilot**

Participating counties: Churchill, Washoe, White Pine, Lincoln, Storey, and Mineral. (Have not received a response from Clark County who is engaged in own Request for Proposal process on a universal assessment.)

Train the Trainer – July 29th and 30th

- Limited to twenty five people. (Which includes seventeen pilot school district representatives and eight spaces available to others who would be able to train on the assessment. Teresa Oster and Cindy Johnson will attend.)
- Anna Severens asked who will be participating from the districts. Ms Chappel is keeping track of the responses. Spaces are set aside for two to three people from each district. In addition to Teresa Oster and Cindy Johnson, extra spaces are set aside for staff from higher educational institutions and agencies that provide professional development trainings such as the Children’s Cabinet and the Regional Professional Development Programs.
- Angela Triche asked if the private sector is invited to participate and if there is an incentive to use TSG. Ms. Chappel stated private providers were not invited but districts would have included them on their letter of interest to include as part of the pilot.

- **Public Awareness and Messaging**

- Ongoing conversation and SB 486 will help.

7. For possible action: Comprehensive Plan Project Presentation and Approval of Next Steps** - Sarah Marschall and Kari Earle from Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI)

A power point presentation was provided on the project and handouts were provided.

Project overview:

Project Vision: *A comprehensive strategic plan to provide high quality early childhood services to all children in Nevada, whether they reside in frontier, rural or urban communities.*

- **Project Planning Workgroup** is meeting monthly to provide leadership and guidance.
- **Opportunities:**
 - Develop a comprehensive plan that guides the next 3-5 years of the HSC/ECS Office and NECAC.
 - Align planning to assist with the development of the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RttT-ELC) grant application.
 - Application for states to apply for funding will be out again and the Governor’s Office has asked the ECAC to provide leadership during the process.
 - NECAC intended outcomes for all children in Nevada and vision are aligned with RttT priorities and the Comprehensive Plan will be essential to apply for this funding.
 - Ensure planning is reflective of and responsive to other statewide initiatives.
- **Project Activities:**
 - Outreach to stakeholders and communities and leverage existing information.
 - Plan a strategic planning summit to convene all stakeholders and create a plan.
 - Create issue briefs around Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems priority strategies. School readiness will be incorporated as part of each issue brief.
 - Meet monthly with workgroup to update status and provide recommendations.
- **Discussion:**

- Angela Triche asked if the ECAC was aware of the Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework and how this aligns with school readiness and RttT priorities and suggested this would be a helpful resource for this project.
 - Kari Earle stated that they were aware of this. Ms. Chappel asked Ms Triche to forward this to the ECAC members.
- Ms. Triche asked if local ECACs can assist with the outreach efforts such as suggestions for key informants.
 - Ms. Chappel stated local ECACs are an essential component of this plan and there are a number of initiatives where Local Council involvement is imperative and funding will be allocated. Funding opportunities to align and support Local ECACS with statewide initiatives are taking place. Silver State KIDS' proposal requires districts to partner with local ECACS, Amanda Haboush with the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy is the lead agency for a grant application to prevent child abuse and provide safe environments and partnering with local ECACs would be a component. Margot Chappel is connecting with the Wind Song Foundation to fund the BUILD initiative in Nevada and a portion of the funding would be allocated to local Council activities.

▪ **Next Steps:**

- SEI will work on briefs, develop outreach tools for review, develop outreach plan for review by Planning Workgroup.
- Planning Workgroup will send additional documents to review, identify opportunities to distribute surveys, assist with key informant interviews list.
- SEI will continue to meet with Planning Workgroup members.

8. For possible action: Child Care and Development Program State Plan – Discussion and Recommendations - Jack Zenteno, CCDP Chief**

Mr. Zenteno provided a brief overview of the plan. Copies of the plan were provided.

Plan overview:

- Plan needs to be created and approved every two years per the Federal guidelines.
- Currently out for public review and comment for interested parties to have a better understanding of spending, to provide feedback, and improve activities. (The ECAC meeting was an opportunity for feedback.) A public hearing was held but no one from the public attended.
- There are proposals to change some activities out on the federal registry and the certification period will be for twelve months.
- 35 million dollars in funding with the majority allocated to subsidy.
- Opportunities for improvement: Increase the reimbursement rate for a child with disabilities. Currently set at the market rate.
- Three main sections:
 - 1. Administration – Describes what activities are funded. There are opportunities to adjust depending on the needs in the community. Stakeholders and other agencies provide feedback on the plan.

- 2. Child Care Development Funds Subsidy Program Administration – Focuses on the child care assistance program. New goals for the next biennium include parent eligibility guidelines and requiring background checks for unlicensed providers.
- 3. Health and Safety and Quality Improvement Activities – Four areas of quality include ensuring the health and safety of children through licensing and health and safety standards, establishing early learning guidelines, program quality improvement activities that create a pathway to excellence for providers, and support for professional development and workforce systems and initiatives.

▪ **Discussion:**

- Karen Taycher stated she appreciated the opportunity for public comment and the opportunity to seek a higher reimbursement rate for children with disabilities. She asked if Mr. Zenteno was aware of the resources and information from the Expanding Opportunities workgroup. Mr. Zenteno stated he is aware of the workgroup as a resource but Cindy Johnson and Patti Oya would provide more expertise in the field of early care and education.
- Ms. Taycher asked if the plan addresses mental health. Mr. Zenteno stated he did not know and was not sure if this is the direction to go for the plan. Margot Chappel stated quality funding does support a number of programs including the Technical Assistance for Social Emotional Intervention and Child Care Health Consultation. Ms. Taycher stated financial considerations are a barrier for families to access mental health services and Nevada PEP is also a resource for parents to find support from other parents and information on trainings and resources. Ms. Chappel stated the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant includes mental health components.
- Carrie Paldi asked when the document has to be finalized noting the plan impacts many people. Mr. Zenteno stated the plan needs to be finalized by October 1st. The Child Care Advisory Council is providing leadership around these issues and recommends providing feedback to this group.
- Catherine Lyons stated the Child Care Advisory Council will meet on Friday, June 7th from 9:00am – Noon to discuss the plan.

9. Council of Chief State School Officers project to Enhance State Kindergarten Entry Assessment Initiatives Grant Update and Next Steps - Anna Severens

- Ongoing support for the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) pilot project and Local Councils are helping to develop a crosswalk and identify gaps.
- **Enhanced Assessment Grants – Consortium:** – Due later in June
 - Opportunity for Nevada to be a part of a consortium of states to apply for funding.
 - Focus is on kindergarten and k-3rd assessments and identify common standards.
 - Only two awards available.
 - Benefits of participating in consortium: North Carolina is a Race to the Top state, has strong research and evaluation components, and would be part of a larger national movement with common standards.
 - Benefits with staying with TSG: Funding is allocated, a lot of work and commitment to this tool, beginning pilot project this fall.

- Ms. Chappel spoke with Jonah Stewart from TSG and they are not certain if TSG will participate in the consortium. States would need to indicate that TSG is the selected tool.

Question posed to Council: Would the Council recommend to participate as part of the consortium with North Carolina, stay with Teaching Strategies Gold, or pursue both?

Discussion:

Margot Chappel stated to possibly stay with TSG during the pilot's first year and then participate as part of the consortium the second year?

Sherry Halley stated it would be important to continue with TSG because of all of the work that has been completed and that more information is needed to make a decision.

Angela Triche agreed that the Council should continue with TSG.

Karen Taycher stated it would depend on what will be the best direction to make our state look good for the next round of Race to the Top funding. She asked if our state would be in better standing participating as part of a consortium. She recommended contacting federal representatives and Office of Special Education Programs for guidance.

Ms. Chappel stated that TSG will help with RttT.

Next Steps:

Ms. Severens and Ms. Chappel will find out more at the National Association for Early Childhood Specialists in State Departments of Education and Professional Development Institute meetings.

Ms. Chappel summarized from the Council's discussion that more information is needed and that the Council recommends staying with TSG but remaining connected to the consortium process.

- Birth through 3rd Summit of Districts will take place this fall and is modeled after the National Governor's Association Institute. A planning meeting will take place at the end of the month and to let Ms. Severens know if you would like to participate.

10. Nevada Breast Feeding Initiative Presentation – Madeleine Sigman-Grant, PhD, RD

Dr. Sigman-Grant provided a power point presentation and handouts were provided.

Presentation overview:

- Breast feeding is now a priority in Nevada and is a public health issue. There are significant health benefits for both mother and child.
- Laws regarding breast feeding: It is legal for mothers to breast feed in public and by law insurance companies and Medicaid need to cover cost of a lactation consultant. Women have the right to take time to pump breasts at work or school. Some businesses such as casinos are proving challenging to follow those policies.
- 2011 Study in Nevada found that many mothers want to breastfeed but do not do this exclusively and or stopped earlier than recommended. This was possibly due to the fact that there are currently no hospitals accredited as Baby Friendly Hospitals in Nevada to provide information on the benefits of breastfeeding. Two hospitals are moving towards accreditation.
- Nevada Breast Feeding Initiative – Study conducted in 2011-2012 at all birthing hospitals in Nevada and found that more policies are needed and more information needs to be provided to health care professionals and parents.

- Nevada Maternity Center Breastfeeding-Friendly Designation Initiative – Agency collaboration to support hospitals to be breast friendly. Star rating will designate where hospitals are in the process. Five stars is the top designation.
- Health Division provides training, support, and information.
- Provided training at Sunrise Foundation Early Head Start. Staff created a breast feeding rap that was shown to the Council. The video will be edited and Dr. Sigman-Grant will forward the final version to the Council.

Discussion:

- Jack Zenteno asked since hospitals have so much else that they have to do to provide information to parents is outreach and information provided with child care centers and providers? Dr. Sigman-Grant stated that there is outreach to providers and that hospitals are also required to track breast feeding rates. Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) provides peer educational opportunities. Challenge is working with obstetricians. They are providing support for child care centers to be breast feeding friendly.
- Carrie Paldi asked if there is a brochure or resource card that is provided to parents at child care centers. Dr. Sigman-Grant stated the UNCE website provides research based information and child care centers can order or print out information from the publication list.
- Angela Triche stated there is peer counseling and lactaid specialists available through WIC. Could these specialists provide information to parents at hospitals? Dr. Sigman-Grant stated some nurses are lactaid specialists which requires a certification. She has found that volunteers at hospitals can be challenging and since mothers are in the hospital for such a short time it may be difficult to establish a relationship. Hospitals provide resources to mothers before they go home where they have a better chance of participating.

11. Expanding Opportunities (EO) Update – Sherry Halley

- **Public Awareness Activities:** – Participated in the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children Conference by providing information at the ECAC exhibit table. Sherry Halley and Robin Kincaid provided a session on including parents.
- **Meetings:** - Next week's meeting will be rescheduled.

Technical Assistance for Social Emotional Intervention (TACSEI)

- End of Year Celebration will take place on June 20th. The event will include a luncheon, data presentation, and program highlights. Please contact Diane Branson if you would like to participate.
- Leadership Team will meet this Thursday. Diane Branson is leaving.

12. Child Care Licensing Update – Latisha Brown and Diane Hardy, Child Care Licensing

Latisha Brown is the acting Child Care Licensing Program Manager and the department is looking for a replacement.

Legislative Bill Update:

- **AB 93** - passed
 - Child care licensing is producing information for providers on the policy requirements and how to implement the changes.

- **AB 109** – passed – Increased child care provider training hours and center director qualifications.
- Researching data on current director experience and education and researching how to implement the new policies. A number of directors were grandfathered in when the state began to manage county and state licensing facilities. Research will need to be completed to determine director status.
 - *Questions and discussion:*
 - Carrie Paldi asked what the barriers are to this bill and was this the same bill where the new policy on director qualifications was proposed to be removed from this bill. Will other related degrees be recognized? (Child development, elementary education.) Information from the annual reports could provide information on director qualifications.
 - Ms. Brown stated director qualifications and requirements are already in policy, but a number of directors only have experience, not the educational background. The director qualifications were still a part of this bill. There could be a waiver. Related degrees would be recognized as meeting the educational requirements.
 - Karen Taycher asked for clarification on whom the increased child care training requirements were for and if physicians will be required to complete additional work.
 - Ms. Brown stated the increased training hours are for anyone who works directly with children. – Teachers and substitute teachers. Aides who assist teachers would not be required to take the additional trainings as well as cooks, etc. No, physicians will not do additional work.
- **AB 93** – passed – Background checks need to be initiated within twenty four hours.
 - Health Division is taking a more punitive role and is now issuing notices of violation. Third notice would suspend license and suspensions may increase. They do not want to disrupt services for children. Looking in to providing a secure fax option and need to determine if twenty four hours is for business days or clock hours.
 - *Questions and discussion:*
 - Carrie Paldi asked if emailing information would work.
 - Ms. Brown stated there would need to be secure way to transmit information. They would like providers to fax over the information but are also looking in to email transmission.

13. Home Visiting Update – Deborah Aquino, MCH Program Manager, Health Division

Deborah Aquino was not present to provide an update.

14. Fathers and Families Coalition Conference Update – Angela Triche

- James Rodriguez from the National Fathers and Families Coalition is recruiting agencies to form an ongoing group, Nevada Fatherhood Initiative to continue efforts.

- Held meeting in May and next meeting will take place in July at the Urban League. Please let Michael Maxwell know if you would like to participate. Conference planning and Nevada Fatherhood Initiative activities will be discussed.

15. Updates from ECAC members

Sunrise Children's Foundation Early Head Start – Angela Triche

- Agency is conducting a needs assessment. (Copies were provided.)
- Gathering information on birth through three years of age as required through the Office of Head Start.
- Please forward information to contacts in Clark County or if you have information that would be useful, please contact Ms. Triche.
- Need to have information by July.
- Laura Valentine can provide data to Ms. Triche.

Part C Office and Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) – Laura Valentine

- Transition Update:
 - Developmental services and NEIS will move to the Aging and Disabilities Division of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
 - Part C Office will move to the Director's Office in DHHS.
 - Part C Office received a five percent budget reduction plus adjustments since urban areas did not grow as expected. Less \$129,000.00 and an additional \$9,000.00.
- Information and Resources:
 - DHHS webpage has information at the bottom of the page. Newsletters, updates, and the public can send questions to Jane Gruner or Richard Whitley.
- Part C grant application has been submitted and waiting for approval. Includes information on policies and MOUs. Will have a public comment period on application.
 - Any leftover funds will be allocated towards direct services and will balance budget to maintain Part C unit and direct services.
- Aging and Disabilities Conference: September 25th and 26th at the Tuscan in Las Vegas
 - Intent is to discuss issues around aging and information for providers on resources. A broader range of topics across the lifespan this year will incorporate information on aging, disabilities, and early intervention services. Focus on healthy living, partnerships and collaboration.
 - Conference website: www.nevadaadrc.com/2013-adsd-conference. Ms Valentine will reply to all on the ECAC meeting reminder email and provide the link to the conference.
 - Accepting proposals for sessions.
 - Audience: - Community, service providers, government leaders.
- Data systems: Regarding the autism bill, the information system does not capture all of the elements and the internet technology programmer is assisting. Ms. Valentine participated in a webinar on an eight state initiative to look at data systems. TSG was mentioned. Sherry Halley asked if this was part of the DASY Center. Ms. Valentine did not know but Cornelia Thomas from the new Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center is involved.
- **Discussion:**

- Margot Chappel asked if moving the Part C to the Director's Office was part of a bill or just new policy. Ms. Valentine stated it was not part of a bill and was not aware of new policy. Ms Chappel stated she would look this up.
- Karen Taycher stated she is happy with the separation of NEIS and the Part C Office. Disability advocates recommended this to happen before. Part C oversees compliance. Ms. Valentine stated it would be a challenge that offices would not be located in the same building since historically everyone was together.
- Ms. Taycher asked if there would be an opportunity to provide feedback on policies and public comment and asked if there be a task force to help write policies. Nevada PEP would like to be involved. Ms. Valentine stated there would be an opportunity to provide feedback and when work was being completed on state specific procedures partners would be included to participate.
- Ms Taycher asked why the conference was geared only towards providers and consumers were not included. Ms. Valentine agreed that consumers should be included but did not know why they were not.

Dr. Rutu Ezhuthachan

- Dr. Ezhuthachan has accepted a position with United Health Care.

16. Updates from Local Early Childhood Advisory Councils

Margot Chappel stated the HSC & ECS Office has received four MOUs from Local Councils.

Southern Nevada ECAC – Amanda Haboush

- Monthly Meetings:
 - April - No meeting due to supporting and organizing the Children's Week at the Legislature activities. The events were successful.
 - May – A number of agencies were represented and there was much discussion and feedback.
 - June, July – The group will review the strategic plan.
- National Day to Support Early Education June 5th - Holding a press conference at Family to Family Connection. Other Local ECACS were invited to attend and Margot shared information with Local Councils.
- Karen Taycher asked if the new legislation will change what the Council is working on. Ms. Haboush stated the Council would discuss this topic at the next meeting and there were no plans to change the focus of the Council.

Washoe County ECAC – Melissa Burnham

- Finished second year of P-3 pilot and will plan for the next year over the summer.
- Teachers are enthusiastic about continuing the project. The school has a new principal.
- Melissa Burnham and Sharon Ritchie will provide a presentation of this project at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Development Institute later this month.

Nye County ECAC – Linda Fitzgibbons

- Twenty five members.

- Goal – Promote parent involvement and participation in Family Storyteller program through the Co-operative Extension. Members are helping with these trainings.
- Public Awareness Activities:
 - Provided information at the May School Health Fair and during other events.
 - Created a brochure that includes information for parents on early childhood programs in the county and what questions to ask when looking for a provider. State ECAC logo is included.

Discussion:

Sherry Halley asked if there is information provided on special education and who is providing the information. Ms. Fitzgibbons stated Allison Eadie is the early care and education special education specialist and Ms. Fitzgibbons is also an early care and education specialist who also works with families who are experiencing homelessness.

Tribal ECAC – Sherry Ely

- Native American Indian Education Summit – Four presentations were provided on early childhood. (Washoe Tribe Head Start’s presentation on native language immersion program, NEIS presentation, and diversity training.
- May meeting: Finalized survey which gathered information on what trainings and services are needed. Jack Zenteno updated child care administrators on the child care development fund plan. Tribes have some child care development fund programs on a smaller scale. Mr. Zenteno also updated the group on the Quality Rating and Improvement System. The Reno Sparks Indian Colony and Washoe Tribe Head Start are interested in participating. It was helpful for the group to connect with Mr. Zenteno’s office and to provide opportunities for collaboration.
- Early Childhood Day at the Legislature – Ms. Ely provided an update of the Tribal ECAC activities.
- Meeting with NEIS and Family Connection – Tribal ECAC members met with Lori Shoen on how to access services for Tribal families and discussed challenges for rural tribes
- Intertribal Council Board Meeting will take place on June 13th and will discuss early intervention services. Milestones Moments brochure is helpful.
- Will review and follow-up on strategic plan activities.

Discussion:

- Carrie Paldi asked if another ECAC Summit will be planned. Margot Chappel stated at this time it is unknown. The HSC and ECS Office should know by August 1st if we receive the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems funding which could support a Summit.

17. For possible action: Agenda Items for Next Meeting August 6th**

- Look in to alternative location that would have a better phone connection. Sherry Halley will keep the reservation at the Nevada Department of Education until further notice.
- Agenda items:
 - Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework Discussion – Angela Triche
 - Quality Rating and Improvement System Update – Patti Oya
 - Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant update – Margot Chappel
 - Race to the Top application – Margot Chappel

18. Public Comment

There was not public comment.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and would like to participate. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact Carol Gilman or Margot Chappel at (775) 688-7453 in advance to make arrangements.

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Elko County Public Library, 720 Court Street, Elko, NV 89801, Little People's Head Start, 435 S, 13th Street, Ely, NV 89301

Department Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89706

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