

Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council
June 3, 2020, 9:00-11:30
Meeting Minutes

Present (Virtual Meeting): Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Emilie Amundson, Erin Arango-Escalante, Sheila Briggs, John Ashley, Katie Roberts, Barbara Bales, Jose Martinez, Lana Nenide, Barbara Van Haren, Kia LaBracke, Kelly Matthews, Salvador Carranza, Ruth Schmidt, Lisa Hassenstab, Joan Beck, Peng Her, Daria Hall, Dea Wright, Deborah Rathermel, Quincey Daniels, Kathy Mullally, Cailin O'Connor, Morna Foy, Ann Terrell, Mark Tyler

Excused: Peter Kelly, Ray Cross, Suzette Rembert

Staff: Amanda Reeve, Sherry W. Kimball, LeeAnn Chambers

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:02. A quorum of 25 members was confirmed.

Secretary Amundson provided a welcoming statement and a brief update of the Department of Children and Families' response to COVID-19.

State Superintendent Stanford Taylor provided a welcoming statement and a brief update of the Department of Public Instruction's response to COVID-19.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Council members reviewed the meeting minutes from March 11, 2020. Updates to the attendance were noted. Jose Martinez motioned to approve the minutes. Salvador Carranza seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

OPEN MEETINGS TRAINING

Mary Burke, from the Department of Children and Families provided an overview of the Wisconsin open records and open meeting rules and regulations.

2020 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDATIONS-SMALL GROUP REVIEW

Each workgroup reviewed and discussed their proposed recommendations from the March full council meeting to determine if their recommendations should be modified due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Recommendations included the following focuses:

- Package of Support to Reduce Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion.
- Statewide Access to Family Support Services through Family Resource Centers.
- Investing in the workforce behind Wisconsin's workforce.
 - Connecting the Dots Across the Economic Support System.

2020 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDATIONS-FULL COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Recommendation workgroups reported out their discussions and proposed movement forward to the full council.

- Package of Support to Reduce Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion.
 - Workgroup recommended to move forward with a budget request for this recommendation and tweak it slightly to align with current trauma (COVID-19 and Racism).
 - Workgroup proposed new recommendations related to COVID-19
 - Consultation for families who remain at home
 - Green rooms in child care facilities for children and workers.
- Statewide Access to Family Support Services through Family Resource Centers.
 - Workgroup recommended to change the recommendation to a bully pulpit request and keep request for current funding to remain in place to support existing Family Resource Centers around the state.
 - If additional federal funding is awarded due to COVID-19, Family Resources Centers should be a priority.
 - Workgroup proposed new recommendations related to COVID-19.
 - Statewide opportunities for sharing best practices, success and lessons learned to continue to meet families' needs.
 - Create an internet infrastructure for families to access support (economic, demographic needs).
 - Paid family leave to support Wisconsin's child care crisis and accessibility.
- Investing in the workforce behind Wisconsin's workforce.
 - Workgroup recommended to modify the original budget request to keep child care (group and family) open and slots available, with additional focus on the cost of care in a pandemic world, family child care options, and flexibility to keep child care open and Wisconsinites at work.

NEXT STEPS and CLOSING

Erin Arango-Esclante informed the council that the ECAC steering committee will meet on June 23, 2020 to discuss next steps related to the proposed workgroup recommendations. Information will be shared with council members after the meeting.

John Ashley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lana Nenide seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:32

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2020 Schedule (Note until further notice, all meetings will be virtual).

September 2, 9:00-11:30

December 2, 9:00-11:30