

**Open Meeting Notice**  
**Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council**  
**Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 9 am to 12 pm**

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Meeting ID: 895 5896 3295 Passcode: 423661

**Members Present:** Jeff Pertl, Dr. Jill Underly, Priya Bhatia, Barbara Bales, Jillian Clemens, Jamie Goodlet-King, Andrea Gugel, Peng Her, Bianca Hill, Angi Kruger, Heidi Luft, Jennie Mauer, Suzette Mayotte, Ivy Meierotto, Charlene Mouille, Rebecca Murray, Lana Nenide, Dan Rossmiller, Dea Wright, Ruth Schmidt, Dr. Katie Roberts

**Welcome, Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Priya Bhatia. The agenda for the day's meeting was reviewed.
- Priya Bhatia requested approval from the previous meeting's minutes from December 4, 2024 meeting.
  - Suzette Mayotte motioned to approve the minutes. Rebecca Murray seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

**Co-Chair Comments**

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) State Superintendent and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary provided department updates.

**Federal Update**

The Council will receive federal updates from department representatives.

DCF Secretary Pertl highlighted the current policy changes from the executive branch and the executive orders to significantly reduce the federal workforce. He informed the Council of the recently approved "continuing resolution" for the federal budget that prevented a federal government shutdown and would continue federal spending until the end of September at its current level.

DPI State Superintendent Underly also emphasized the profound impact that staffing cuts at the federal level will have on states to receive technical assistance and grant opportunities.

The Head Start Collaboration Officer Director for Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Head Start Association (WHSA) Executive Director provided updates on Head Start as it relates to federal funding. With the continuing resolution, there is funding until September 30 for Wisconsin Head Start programs.

DPI Office of the State Superintendent's Policy Initiatives Advisor informed the Council of a new webpage to track federal funding for the 4K to 12 system that can also separate information

per each school district. The webpage can be found here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/federal-funding>.

Department of Health (DHS) Office of the Secretary's Policy Director highlighted the impact of potential cuts to large programs within the department. There will be continuous monitoring of the situation and information will be shared when available.

Council members asked questions and provided feedback on the federal budget update.

### **Governor's Budget Review**

The Council will hear and discuss agency budget overviews from DCF, DPI and DHS. Please refer to the 3/19/2025 slide deck for detailed information.

Additional Information for Governor's Budget 2025-2027:

- Governor's Budget 2025-2027, Department of Children and Families: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/budget>
- Governor's Budget 2025-2027, Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/policy-budget/2025-27-biennial-budget>
- Governor's Budget 2025-2027, Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget/index.htm>

Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) Listening Sessions:

- Joint Committee on Finance Public Comment Website: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments>

### **Council Questions / Comments re: Budget Proposals and Process**

Members informed the Council of advocacy efforts during the Wisconsin state budget process for the 2025-2027 biennial budget.

### **Public Comment**

The Council will hear comments and updates from members of the public. There were no public comments.

### **Next Steps**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting concluded at 11:54 AM.