



Governor's Early Childhood Commission Meeting

July 9, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Commission: Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, Jon Pierpont, Dr. Joe Miner, Ann Williamson

Excused: Sydnee Dickson

Commission Staff: Karen Peterson, Tracy Gruber, Montana Meyers

Interested Parties and Guests: Teri Henke, Bill Cosgrove, Katie Ricord, Natalie Brush, Kellie Kohler, Barbara Leavitt, Steve Matherly, Patty Norman, Jennifer Mitchell, Jamie Robinson, Carrie Martinez, Jessica Smith, Kali Ottesen, Katie Ricord, Kim Blackburn, Nicole Bissonette, Allison Nicholson, Sheila Walsh-McDonald, Nune Phillips, and Kory Holdaway

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Action
Welcome and Introductions	Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox welcomed the group and did a roll call of members.	
Approval of Minutes	a. Approval of the 05/21/2020 Meeting Minutes	Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox called for a motion to approve the 5/21/2020 minutes. Dr. Miner motioned. Ann Williamson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Prior minutes approved.
Strategic Plan and the Work Going Forward	<p>a. Strategic Plan: https://jobs.utah.gov/occ/pdgb5.pdf</p> <p>Karen Peterson provided an overview of the Strategic plan and the Work Going Forward. This strategic plan was adopted by Early Childhood Utah. The mission is to create and sustain a coordinated and aligned early childhood system of care and was broken into 4 groups;</p> <p>Early Learning- Presentation from Natalie Brush on what the work group that has been working on regarding professional development. The proposal is to focus on the work this group is doing.</p> <p>Health & Development- Presentation on the strategy of a statewide universal developmental screening and the proposal the second area of focus is the universal screeners.</p> <p>Economic Stability- The proposal is to take inventory of boards and commissions appointed by the governor and other agencies to see if someone within Early Childhood with expertise to serve on these boards and commissions to help move the expertise into those groups and meetings.</p> <p>Family Support- The proposal of focus is to enable and empower families to access available services and reduce stigmatization experienced by families accessing the services.</p> <p>The board discussed best practices to get information shared, accessible to those who will benefit from it, and in a format they can clearly understand. The board encouraged energy and resources not</p>	Ms. Peterson to complete an inventory of boards and commissions appointed directly by the Governor's office and current openings and will reach out to Board Members to see

	to be strictly on communication materials, but also enabling and empowering families to the resources. Ms. Williamson to get a list together of the organizations that are doing a great job to inform and teach agencies and get that list to Ms. Peterson.	what boards or openings they may be interested in joining.
Update on Professional Development	<p>a. Natalie Brush presented on Professional Development, discussed their goals, and what the next steps are. Currently there are Child Development Associate Credential (CDA), Early EdU Alliance, T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships, and collaborative partnerships that increase training opportunities, align curriculum standards and assessments, and provide opportunities for professional recognition</p> <p>Recommendations for the Commission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage decision-makers to agree on definitions, competencies, and career pathways across agencies. 2. Align state resources to support the above initiatives instead of building inequalities into the early education system. 3. Create a task force or professional development board to align certification, licensure, compensation, competencies, and assessments of early educators with national standards. <p>Currently in OCC and in Child Care, basic competency is CDA. CDA does help for those without a college degree and build the professionalism in the field, but it doesn't account for the majority coming out of colleges already with a bachelor's degree.</p>	Ms. Peterson suggested the next step be to have the task force Professional Development board in place, then to create definitions and competencies. Ms. Brush to determine who should be on the task force, what the decision authority and responsibilities are, and get those recommendations to Ms. Peterson.
Developmental Screening	<p>a. Kellie Kohler & Barbara Leavitt presented on Developmental Screenings. After analyzing data, found 3 recommendations for the Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standardize developmental screening tools across Birth-5 Early Childhood Systems. 2. Use a statewide professional development Registry System to provide consistent training to all Early Childhood Provider Types. 3. Identify an Existing Central Repository System that can upload and share data across systems. <p>They will be losing funding in August 2021, so they asked the Commission to continue to support efforts. Ms. Leavitt explained the developmental screening is the practice of systematically looking for and monitoring signs that a child may be delayed in one or more areas of development. Screening is meant to help professionals determine whether more in-depth assessment is the next step.</p> <p>Ms. Leavitt explained the importance of having a central repository system to ensure children are not lost between systems, promotes data sharing with Primary Care Provider, allows for Early Intervention and follow up to occur when needed, meets future Medicaid Standards, aligns data across system to reduce duplication, and builds a coordinated system for Utah.</p> <p>Ms. Kohler stated that they can repurpose funding for screeners, to move their funding to ASQ3 & ASQSE and she indicated it is possible to get a statewide contract/rate, if adopted as universal screener to make it more affordable. Washington and California have already done this.</p>	Ms. Kohler and Ms. Leavitt to come back with a final project plan, proposals, and funding asks to support this system at the September meeting.
Other Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting - 9/24/2020 from 9:00am – 10:30am b. Early Childhood Utah required by law to create a rule that codified membership, rules, and procedures. This work has been completed by ECU group. 	

	c. Next Early Childhood of Utah meeting is Thursday, July 30 from 1-4pm.	
Adjournment		No quorum to call for a motion. Ms. Peterson adjourned the meeting.