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Minnesota Early Learning Council

Meeting Agenda

Monday February 13th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Office of Higher Education

Present: Ann McCully, Anna Ross, Ayolanda Evans, Daniel Yang, Dianne Haulcy, JoAnn Birkholz, Kathleen Cooney, Kelly Wolfe, Kimberly Antonsen, Lynn Haglin, Maureen Seiwert, Megan Gunnar, Nikole Logan, Pamela Rees, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Nathan Chomilo, Charlene Briner, Jeanne Ayers, Jim Koppel, Marilyn Deling, Jeanne Dickhausen and Representative Dave Pinto

Public members: Maggie Diebel and Jim Nicholie

Staff: Melvin Carter, Kelly Monson, Jasmine Carey

Via Telephone: Susan Hoeft and Arthur Rolnick

1. Welcome and Introductions

- *Melvin Carter called the meeting to order*
- *Representative Dave Pinto was welcomed as a new member*

2. Review of January's meeting minutes

Jeanne Dickhausen made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathleen Cooney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Discussion: Early Childhood Advisory Council Bylaws and the Guiding Principles from the previous Council

The Council discussed having a small group look at both the bylaws and guiding principles that the last council created. The small group will make edits and bring the final draft back to the larger group for approval.

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- *It was noted that a statement on equity should be included in the Guiding Principles.*
- *Chair Nancy Jost, Anne McCully and Jeanne Dickhausen to be members of this workgroup*

4. Update on Governor Dayton's Budget- Melvin Carter III (Executive Director- MN Children's Cabinet), Charlene Briner (Chief of Staff- Department of Education) and Cindi Yang (Division Director- Department of Human services)

Charlene Briner- Shared that the administration is focused on targeting the highest need children (housing stability). She also shared that the Governor released his Fact Sheet on Race and Equity and has ordered a statewide equity audit.

Cindi Yang- shared the Pre-authorization of Childcare Block grant will assist in supporting more family friendly policies.

Comments from the council

- Several council members discussed the importance of leading with an equity lens and assuring it is a part of all discussions regarding policy.
- Ann McCully shared the Child Care Aware website's bill tracker as a resource in regards to staying updated on early childhood policy moving through the legislature this session

***The Governor's Fact Sheet on Early Childhood Access and Choice was handed out**

5. Presentation: Prenatal to Three Presentations –

- **Dawn Reckinger, Family Home Visiting Manager**
 - **Presented on the Minnesota Department of Health's Family Home Visiting programs**
- **Lisa Backer, Early Childhood Special Education Supervisor**



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- **Presented on the Minnesota Department of Education's Part C, Birth to Three Special Education Programs**
- **Laura LaCroix Dulluhn, Coordinator, Home Visiting Coalition**
- **Presented the coalition's 2017 legislative policy agenda**

Discussion:

Council members discussed how the state can best provide services to families in an equitable and culturally appropriate manner.

Recommendations:

- It was recommended and noted that the council should no longer use the term "at-risk." The council should be putting family first and respect every family.
- It was recommended to have a presentation from the Voices and Choices Coalition

No Public Comment

Next Meeting: March 13th, 2017 12:00pm-3:00 pm