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Minnesota Early Learning Council

Meeting Notes

Monday March 13th 2017 from 12:00 pm to 3:00pm

Urban Research and Outreach Center

Early Learning Council Minutes

Date: 3/13/17

Council member present in person: Anna Ross, Anne Hoff, Ayolanda Evans, Daniel Yang, Dianne Haulcy, JoAnn Birkholz, Kelly Wolfe, Kimberly Antonsen, Lynn Haglin, Maureen Seiwert, Nikole Logan, Pamela Rees, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Maureen Seiwert, Nathan Chomilo, Charlene Briner, Jim Koppel, Amber Lampron

Public members: Jim Nicholie, Lynne Burke, Katie Williams

Staff: Melvin Carter, Kelly Monson

Via Telephone: Susan Hoeft, Arthur Rolnick, Ann McCully, Jeanne Dickhausen, Kathleen Cooney, Senator Wiklund, Megan Gunnar

Absent: Lynn Haglin

Meeting called to order: By Nancy Jost, Chair. A short round of introductions of council members, staff and public attendees.

Motion to approve the February minutes by Pam Rees, Seconded by JoAnn Birkholz. Minutes were approved.

- Discussion-Change spelling Of Marilyn Deling's name. Motion approved. She was removed from the January minutes.

Discussion: Bylaws and Guiding Principles



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- The workgroup met to revise the by-laws, but discovered there was a lot that the full council needed to discuss.
- Council provided edits/updates
- Email Nancy Jost if you are interested in becoming Co-chair of the council
- Kelly will develop a council member list and the “role” they are serving and will bring to the next meeting.

Conclusion: committee will gather again to make additional edits to the bylaws and guiding principles and will send out to the council when completed for comment.

Presentation/Discussion: Department of Human Services- Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

- Cindy Yang, Director of Child Development Services presented updates on the CCDBG plan. Specifically, on the CCAP rates survey and other federal requirements for the plan.
- The council members requested a “CCDBG and CCAP 101” in order to understand the plan.
- The council members requested a presentation on the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPS) at a future meeting.

Conclusion: ELC staff and chair will work to schedule above requested presentations. The council stated a common language so we have an understanding of what we are talking about. We are all coming from different levels of knowledge.

Presentation/Discussion: Voices and Choices Coalition

- Daniel Yang and Diane Haulcy shared information on the history, their legislative agenda, the report issued by the coalition and information regarding the steering committee.



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- The coalition trained 200 parents last summer on advocacy, specifically parents of color. They are working with DHS on cultural responsiveness in Parent Aware.
- Being in its second year of their legislative work, the agenda of the coalition is representative of the full coalition (scholarships, Parent Aware, EC workforce issues, CCAP). However, through focus groups, the coalition developed a bill regarding a Community Solutions Fund. This bill has had a positive response, despite not having a hearing.

Conclusion: It was noted that the council should look at building capacity in the education field to increase diversity as well as get systems to work together so change is embedded in the system. Work in systems to be an inclusive place.

Public Comment:

- Jim Nicholie/Katie Williams discussed the Elders for Infants work. They shared information regarding the quarterly prenatal to three forums. This group is looking for ways to raise up the importance of prenatal to three year olds.
- Lynne Burke discussed Minnesota's Reach Out and Read program and the upcoming breakfast they will be hosting. Lynne passed out invitations to everyone to attend the breakfast.

Next Meeting: April 10th, 2017 12:00pm-3:00 pm