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## Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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### Minnesota Early Learning Council

#### Meeting Notes

**November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC)**

**2001 Plymouth Ave North, Minneapolis, MN 55411**

**Room 105**

**Council Members Present:** Nancy Jost, Ayolanda Evans, Lynn Haglin, Ann McCully, Dianne Haulcy, Maureen Seiwert, Nathan Chomilo, Kathleen Cooney, Arthur Rolnick, JoAnn Birkholz, Marilyn Deling, Senator Melissa Wiklund, Daniel Yang, Nikole Logan, Sharon Henry-Blythe, Pamela Rees, Megan Gunnar, Anna Hoff, Amber Lampron.

**Via Telephone:** Sue Hoeft & Representative Dave pinto

**Absent:** Kimberly Antonsen, Kelly Wolfe, Jeanne Ayers, Jeanne Dickhausen and Anna Ross

**Staff:** Kelly Monson & Jasmine Carey

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

#### **2. Review of November's Meeting Notes**

*Minutes were approved with no edits*

#### **3. Children's Cabinet Update/ Discussion: Richard Chase**

Richard Chase gave an update on the Risk and Reach report. He asked for questions and feedback about what is currently included in the report as well as additional information that should be considered.

#### New additions to the report

- Risk map – Mapping to see if they are reaching families who are most at risk
- Updating the 12 risk factors and service categories



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- Adding Emerging Indicators—what people would like to see included but the research is not yet available
- Incarcerated parents, mental health, school readiness, scholarships and ECFE
- Look at a local level for Hennepin County

### Questions from the Council

- ***Do we have data on children impacted by evictions?***  
Olmsted County is using that data
- ***How well and how often is the report utilized? Who utilizes the report?***  
Used in regional planning and reports, by Minnesota Initiative Leaders, and counties use it for planning purposes.

### Items the Council suggested to include:

- What types of healthcare programs are being used
- Data for the counties that didn't have any last year— Traverse county (white on the map)
- Access to quality childcare
- Capture dental health
- Family stability risk
- How does this intersect with the Kids Count report
- Data on specific cities in Hennepin county
- Track other preschool enrollment and access that families have
- Data that focuses on families impacted by homelessness who utilize scholarships and School Readiness plus

#### **4. Guiding Principles Activity-**

The Council broke into small groups to review the guiding principles document. Members then picked the top principles that resonated with each group. After a discussion with the full Council, they decided to focus on 4 overarching themes. The 4 themes are listed below.

- Healthy Development begins prenatally
- Racial Equity –equitable representation
- Thriving families and communities/relationships/empower parents/environments
- Policy shaped by research and authentic community input
- Embedding the 2-generational approach into more early childhood practices

#### **5. Small Group Priority Activity**



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Each Council member picked his or her top 3 recommendations. The votes were collected and the top 5 are listed below:

- Community Solutions fund for healthy childhood development
- KEP-Implement statewide, full funding to those implementing, with community input
- ECLDS- Sustaining funding- with community input on interpretation
- Maintain all current funding for early childhood services (CCAP, Scholarships, VPK etc....)
- Funding for home visiting for prenatal to 3, including developing culturally relevant home visiting practices
- Expand Help Me Grow

### **6. Development of a Policy Recommendation Sub-committee**

Council members volunteered to write the draft Policy Recommendation letter to the Governor. They will send out the draft, get feedback and submit the letter by mid-January.

#### Sub-committee Members

- Nancy Jost
- Nikole Logan
- Ann McCully
- Maureen Seiwert
- Megan R. Gunnar
- Dianne Haulcy & Kelly Wolfe were added at a later date.

### **7. No Public Comment**

### **8. Adjourn**