

Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance - Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2009

Time: 9-4

Location: Red Rocks Community College

Attendance: Cindy Bernal, Pat Bolton, Emily Bustos, Ashante Butcher, Danielle Butler, Gretchen Davidson, Anne Fitzpatrick, Meg Franko, Jildi Gentry-Chacon, Joan Grant, Sandy Gregory, Elizabeth Groginsky, Stephanie Howle, Kris Ingram, Holly Jacobson, Cathy James, Joyce Johnson, Judy Kile, Vangi McCoy, Pamela Piekarski, Janine Pryor, Scott Raun, Cathryn Reiber, Kathy Reinhardt, Stacy Ricker, Judy Rusher, Cheryl Sanchez, Sheryl Shushan, Michele Solecki, Tracy Sperry, Bev Thurber, Sharon Triolo-Moloney, Sherri Valdez, Tamara Volz, Pam Walker, Sheila Watson, Wendy Watson, Barbara West, Donna Wiese, Maro Zagoras (facilitator in the AM), Wendy Zieker

Guests:

Absent:

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Role, successes and challenges of Colorado's Early Childhood Council System	Maro will do the write up of what was discussed. The document she produces will not be widely distributed. It will only go to the coordinators and state staff from CDE and CDHS because it was determined that more discussion is needed.	More discussion is needed	Add more discussion time to upcoming agendas.
Smart Start North Carolina Conference Learning Groups	Elizabeth: Professional Development Lucinda & Bev: Economic Development Kathy: Kindergarten Transition Joyce: Federal Agenda Sandy: Public Engagement		Contact the listed presenter if you are interested in more information about these topics.

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Early Literacy Presentation	Priscilla Queen from Douglas County Library and Megan Wilson from Reach Out and Read gave a presentation on Early Literacy. There is a handout. This proposal was developed for ECCAT. The next step was to come to ECCLA and gather input and ideas. This is being proposed as a systems building effort and not as a new program you would be asked to add. They are asking for ECCLA's support. Megan Wilson 303-623-3800 megan@reachoutandreadco.org Priscilla Queen 303-688-7626 pqueen@dclibraries.org Megan and Priscilla will email out a 5 minute survey monkey survey.	ECCLA voted in favor of supporting the proposal.	Be looking for the survey and be sure to complete it.
ECCLA's Operating Principles & Strategic Plan	<p>The latest versions of the documents were handed out.</p> <p>Operating Principles It was thought that number 3 was supposed to be removed. Number 4 needs to be removed.</p> <p>Strategic Plan It is time to revisit the strategic plan. The most recent version is dated January 2008. We need to build on our learning from this morning while working on the new plan. The steering committee will look at the strategic plan and determine how to proceed.</p>	A motion was made to approve the operating principles. Amendment to the motion to make the proposed changes.	<p>The operating principles were adopted.</p> <p>The steering committee will determine how to proceed with the strategic plan.</p>
External Committee Involvement Reports	<p>ECCAT-met in May and had a visit from Karen Bye; report outs from the state agencies; information presented on the new TA model and the 2nd quarterly report; common priorities in the grant process; 3 presentations from councils, Weld, Morgan, ? They discussed planning the joint ECCAT/ECCLA meeting and what that would be about; they talked about waivers and what they are supposed to do; ECCLA should revisit waivers and have a report on who has written them, about what, and how to do it; there is an application; you need to state what is it about changing this policy that can impact not only my community but the whole state; Waivers are used for systems building; waivers help bring about policy change</p> <p>ABCD-Sheila Watson presented the latest from this initiative; see attachment for further information</p> <p>EC Summit-retreat May 27; they reflected over the year at the retreat; collaboration of statewide organizations and the purpose is to promote policy on early care and education; recommendations were made on where the ARRA dollars could best be spent; expanding preschool programs; professional development; what does ECCLA think the role of the summit and what are the 2 most important things that should be discussed in the upcoming year; CCAP</p>	The steering committee will review the information about waivers and determine when more information can be presented.	

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	<p>subsidies can not be used for quality and that should be looked at; lobby for more funds for EC Councils; 75% CCAP rate; what is our greatest hope for this group-that they are successful</p>		
<p>Updates from State Staff</p>	<p>Grant Awards and ARRA Funds-funding maps were handed out and a handout of potential uses of ARRA funds; this list is not being provided as a requirement that you must use it for your ARRA funds; it is only being provided as a guide for what you can do based on a request from ECCLA to state staff; the work that you do with the ARRA funding should be connected to your strategic plan; this list is provided as a starting point for discussion in your council; renovation can be done but not major construction projects; this needs to be a showcase of what early childhood councils can do-Scott would prefer that you stick to your priorities when determining how to spend this money as much as possible when the one year funding won't hinder you from doing so</p> <p>Will we get feedback based on our particular application-yes Joyce is working on that and should get that out to you around the end of the month</p> <p>September 1 is the deadline for submitting plans for spending ARRA funds; you must submit it before you can draw down any of those funds; you don't have to wait until September 1; you can submit it as soon as you are ready; discussion with state staff will be very helpful for you</p>		