

Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance - Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2009

Time: 9-4

Location: The Curtis Hotel

Attendance: Cindy Bernal, Pat Bolton, Stacy Buchanan, Lucinda Burns, Danielle Butler, Jeanine Coleman, Gretchen Davidson, Anne Fitzpatrick, Meg Franko, Jildi Gentry-Chacon, Sandy Gregory, Elizabeth Groginsky, Kris Ingram, Holly Jacobson, Joyce Johnson, Judy Kile, Sudy Opsahl, Janine Pryor, Scott Raun, Ashante Butcher, Cathryn Reiber, Kathy Reinhardt, Kris Robledo, Judy Rusher, Cheryl Sanchez, Michele Solecki, Tracy Sperry, Bev Thurber, Sharon Triolo-Moloney, Sherri Valdez, Tamara Volz, Pam Walker, Sheila Watson, Wendy Watson, Barbara West, Donna Wiese

Guests: Bruce Atchison-Lieutenant Governor's Office

Absent: Pamela Piekarski, Cathy James

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Updates	<p>Presentation of the Comprehensive Early Childhood System Framework Event in Boulder April 23rd contact Danielle for information; hard copies of the Boulder 2007 Annual Report handed out</p> <p>Legislative Update-HB-1343 sent out this morning by Paula Neth Early Childhood Caucus worked to prevent programs for children from being cut from the long bill; recreating an early childhood/school readiness commission-10 members 5 each chosen by the president of the senate and speaker of the house-seems like an extension of HB1062-Jon Paul will get back to us about this; contact Jon Paul if you have questions</p> <p>Licensing Advisory Committee-recommendations for rules and regs being looked at by the governor's appointed committee; rules and regs for family child care homes are being reviewed; want coordinators to stay involved in this process; governor's licensing advisory committee-any time changes are made there must be an opportunity for public comment but they are not at that point yet; we will connect with Dana about process and how we can keep informed-a section on Human Services website that tells you when the board meetings are-Joyce will follow up with Dana to get a document that describes the process and it would be helpful if she includes what has already occurred.</p> <p>Colorado Trust Grants-how is the process going? Any challenges or exciting things. A planning guide is coming out this week to help guide you in writing your grant. Connie and or Deidre will be at next month's meeting</p> <p>External Committee Involvement Reports:</p> <p>ECCAT-discussion about how funds may be used from the stimulus bill for the councils; no council presentations; what was being said nationally and brainstorming session on how the funds can help the councils; pulling ideas together for recommendations to human services to address issues such as</p>		

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	<p>infant/toddler capacity and provider reimbursement rates; next meeting April 28 with 3 council presentations-Elbert, Gunnison/Hinsdale, Chaffee ABCD-have not met; Sheila has information; orientations coming-see Sheila for the list; she will get you connected if you are interested; the program was published in Parent Magazine; Joyce will send out the handouts EC Summit-long bill had just been introduced; talked about the stimulus funding and what role the Summit should play; brainstormed ideas-CCAP-increase access for infant/toddler care; providers are concerned about what is going to happen in the summer-drops in enrollment; head start and early head start dollars-blending dollars; outreach with councils if you have head start need to have conversations with head start association-sponsoring grant writing workshop-Elizabeth will send out information; R&R system needs to be shored up with funding CCR&R-have not met; Joyce sent out the chart of roles and responsibilities of councils and resource & referral agencies and where there is overlap, gaps, and opportunities to work together-the summary of the meetings; publication of the white paper by the end of this month Evaluation Task Force-make headway on data definitions; draft is being handed out; what we see as going into the different categories; mental health data was the #1 issue identified; get the task force information if you have great mental health data; Jon Paul and Jeanine Coleman have national data to share and think that it would be good to start with the big picture and then narrow the focus to the local level-Meg will send out the full draft definitions</p>		
Subcommittee Report Out	<p>Subcommittee Report Out: Organizational Structure-the org structure committee has met its charge and they propose to put this committee on hiatus until it is needed; they also would like to create a strategic plan committee-this will not just be an extension of the org structure committee-members from other committees might like to join and are welcome to do so; creating orientation materials for new members maybe a charge for the communications committee; orientation is something state staff is working on; need for having somebody or somebodies who new members can work with to help new members navigate the system (ECCLA Buddy Program) Policy-content standards-would like to have conversation-conference call to talk to Sharon to stay informed about that; talked about limited resources and different ways to use resources better; hoping to develop talking points Communications-meeting at Temple Hoyne Buell tomorrow to talk about common materials to use in local councils; information to use when engaging local school districts; will report back after that meeting; internal communications-website-toolkit will be getting its own site-it is still live; talked about listserv and how we are all overwhelmed with emails; Tracy will investigate options for</p>		

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	<p>delivery of listserv messages to look like it comes from an individual rather than the listserv; Sandy compiled the results of the survey and it will be sent out.</p> <p>Local Program Issues-how to collect & distribute information to avoid duplication</p>		
	<p>EC Colorado Website Presentation-www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org</p> <p>You can become a member and add information. Please do that because this site is only as good as the information that local communities provide.</p> <p>Systems Building tab has many valuable resources.</p> <p>Video Library-let Ginger know if you know of video resources available; they will do all the work of tracking it down and obtaining permission but please let them know of anything you are aware of.</p> <p>There is a link to the toolkit on this website. The toolkit has a page for every council where you can upload information.</p>		
	<p>EC Governance Structure-Presented by Bruce Atchison</p> <p>Race to the Top-For more information visit: http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/LeftLtGov/LLG/Page/1240228831801/1187340344163 </p>		

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	<p>Updates from state staff-quarterly reports due April 30 as are budget to actuals reports; additional requests for end of year funds-Joyce intends to get information out tomorrow (April 17); grant funding for the upcoming cycle will be announced by May 15 contingent on funding</p> <p>Improvements have been made to the quarterly reporting tool. Budget allocation should be listed as Federal so that it is consistent across councils. School readiness? Use the TAMP? For the 3rd and 4th quarter and send to Ashante.</p>		