

Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance - Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2009

Time: 9-4

Location: Red Rocks CC

Attendance: Cindy Bernal, Stacy Buchanan, Ashante Butcher, Lucinda Burns, Emily Bustos, Gretchen Davidson, Meg Franko, Jildi Gentry-Chacon, Joan Grant, Sandy Gregory, Elizabeth Groginsky, Stephanie Howle, Kris Ingram, Holly Jacobson, Cathy James, Joyce Johnson, Judy Kile, Sudy Opsahl, Pamela Piekarski, Janine Pryor, Scott Raun, Cathryn Reiber, Kathy Reinhardt, Stacy Ricker, Kris Robledo, Judy Rusher, Cheryl Sanchez, Tracy Sperry, Bev Thurber, Pam Walker, Sheila Watson, Wendy Watson, Barbara West

Guests: Diane Price-ECCAT, Paula Neth-Qualistar

Absent: Danielle Butler, Courtney Holt, Michele Solecki, Tamara Volz, Donna Wiese

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Qualistar Brief	<p>Paula Neth from Qualistar gave an overview of the Advisory Brief. She stated that the purpose of the brief is to share information and perspective around an issue or problem. It was a chance for group participants to share their thoughts on the system and where they want it to go. Where does the work of the councils intersect with the work of the resource & referrals? There were ECCLA members selected to go to the meetings to provide input. The meetings were facilitated by an outside facilitator. Qualistar wanted to start a dialogue. Qualistar vetted the document with Scott Raun and Rosemarie Allen.</p> <p>Scott Raun stated that CDHS supports the document as a guide for dialogue and hopes it will be an entrée to dialogue.</p> <p>Sharon Triolo-Moloney stated that CDE did not preview the document and does not have an official position yet.</p>		
ECCLA Response to Qualistar Brief	<p>Local Council Coordinators went into a private session to discuss the brief, with the result being that ECCLA would like more discussion on this at the June meeting. Pam Walker has the minutes of what was discussed and will put together next steps to go in the minutes.</p>		

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Subcommittee Time	See subcommittee minutes for reports. Oral report outs were not given due to agenda changes.		
Content Standards	<p>SB212 CAP4K standards & assessment revision-grade level standards by content area starting with preschool. This is a revision because being added is 21st Century skills as well as preschool standards. Sharon will send out the documents she talked about. They are still in DRAFT form. The CDE website has the standards documents (they are too large to send out). http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/DraftStandards.html. Meetings about the standards are going on right now.</p> <p>There was a great deal of conversation regarding the proposed standards; some of the concerns raised were:</p> <p>It doesn't take social/ emotional into account. It limits teacher's experiences.</p> <p>You can teach a 2 year old to tie his shoes but when is it easiest to teach a child to tie his shoes. When is the right time to teach each skill for them to be able to learn it more quickly?</p> <p>We're doing all of them anyway. Is this what we're doing and if so this puts the quantity around it. An opportunity to train our professionals to have quantitative value for what they are doing.</p> <p>What happens if the kids don't meet the standards?</p> <p>Talked about the what and the how-how does this play out</p> <p>How will the assessment piece align with results matter-we should be fitting this in with what we are already doing?</p> <p>What would it look like if we did a P-3 approach?</p> <p>Please provide feedback if you attend the meetings.</p> <p>Subcommittees will come back together in the fall to respond to the feedback.</p> <p>We talked about the whole social/emotional piece and that it is missing from this.</p> <p>Where does a child with special needs fit into this?</p> <p>Need for some kind of brief with common language that gives a unified voice on the social/emotional component missing from the standards.</p>		Pam will start a brief and will circulate for input.

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Updates from State Staff	<p>Meg Franko-Quarterly Reports are being posted to the web (Tracy- is this “get presentation” a note to yourself?) For the fourth quarter please make sure you go through and make sure you have answered the basic questions. It does roll over but you have to have answered it the first time. A new question may appear to allow you to tell us how involved the various partners are in your council. You are supposed to choose one but some communities have people who serve in more than one capacity. You can give some input into how the categories are worded. This is a work in progress and changes can be made. We need some criteria. What makes an expert? Is it the council as a whole? What areas do you need technical assistance? The categories are too broad.</p> <p>Wendy Watson-TA Framework (see comment above- get presentation) priority ranking make sure you fill out the priority worksheet and get it to Wendy you can send feedback tomorrow morning if you want You could select all of them. Having a hard time prioritizing; sometimes it varies by the day or by what the council is doing at that time We felt really positive that you put this together Heads of DHS are very EXCITED that we have someone working on this full time now. Level of appreciation we have of the sense of teamwork between state staff; very methodical in your processes and it is appreciated Use Wendy for technical assistance; she is very helpful Thank you for putting all this together. Also, we were thinking about the CO Trust Grant and immediate need for time to share examples</p> <p>Sharon-ARRA Head Start Funds handout</p> <p>Emily Bustos from Denver has information about the Race to the Top application; RFP will be available in June; water cooler meetings will be held; short timeline; contact Emily for more information; an attachment in Progress & Possibilities</p> <p>We are moving forward with the public engagement process with Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation. Sherri Valdez and Sandy Gregory are working on this with a committee including folks from Qualistar, and Buell.</p> <p>Tracy reminded everyone that the end of the fiscal year is coming and please request and spend your money as soon as possible.</p> <p>Joyce-calendar for next year is being developed. Scheduling ECCLA days for next year; we will be meeting every other month for a day and a half or day or a</p>		

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	<p>day & ¾ that will allow us to do different types of meetings; there will be a 2 day meeting in July that will be an event New Fiscal Year Kick Off; Schedule for ECCLA meetings will therefore be- July yes, August no, September yes, etc. . 3rd Thursday of the month and the next day. There will be 1 or 2 TA Days during the year but you will have at least a month's notice.</p> <p>Sudy-going for state sustainability funds for educational stipend for child care workers; need a letter of support from the whole ECCLA group by next Thursday or Friday</p> <p>Sheila brought the ABCD update report</p> <p>Email Elizabeth or Lucinda if you have something from NC to share in June.</p>		