

August 25, 2021 Meeting Notes

Welcome

ECLC Co-Chair Pamela Harris opened the meeting and introduced Lorena Garcia, executive director of the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition. Lorena offered an introduction of Cesiah Hernandez who shared her experience as an early childhood educator.

Logistics

Jessica Baghian, the meeting facilitator, offered an overview of upcoming TAG meetings and reviewed meeting norms. A definition of [equity](#) was given based on resources provided by the Black Child Development Institute. TAG members reviewed their charge as well as the role of the Transition Working Group and TAG subgroups.

Review of Stakeholder Engagement

Suzanne Delap from Early Milestone offered a summary of both the provider listening session which occurred on August 3 and the family listening session which occurred on August 24. Suzanne also offered a summary of the topics that each of the TAG subgroups have discussed in their past four meetings.

Discussion of Program Movement

ECLC Co-Chairs Tom Massey and Susan Steele reintroduced the discussion of program movement and framed the conversation in light of the mission, vision, and values of the new department of early childhood. Jessica Baghian offered additional context from TAG's previous discussion around program movement, as well as a draft proposal, informed by stakeholder feedback, for what programs should initially move to the new department. TAG members were invited to respond to the proposal and offer feedback based on the perspectives they represent. After a rich discussion, a brief break was taken.

Preview of Local Structures and Partnerships

In preparation for next meeting's work, Jessica Baghian led TAG members through an overview of existing partnerships at the local level and feedback that stakeholders have offered about coordination between the state and localities.

Public Comment

Eileen Auer Bennett, Kathy Howell, Kristie Kauerz, and Scott Groginsky offered comments at this time.

Next Steps

- A preview was given of upcoming TAG meetings.
- The next round of subgroup meetings will occur the week of August 30 and September 6.
- A follow-up form was sent out to TAG members to capture any additional thoughts.