



Data Subcommittee Minutes
November 26, 2018 ~ 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Clayton Early Learning – Meera Mani Room,
3975 Martin Luther King Blvd Denver CO 80205
ECLC Conference Call Number: 515-739-1223
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Meeting Objectives:

- Review Minutes from October 22, 2018 meeting
- Review Reports Submitted for *Framework Website*
- Hear updates from Heather Matthews on data indicator project
- Evaluate proposed data indicators
- Discuss next steps for proposed data indicators

Attendees: Charlotte Brantley, Susan Steele, Nick Ortiz, Jennifer O'Brien, Stacy Buchanan (phone), Brett Reeder, Kristina Heyl, Giorgianna Venetis (phone), Ian Kleats (phone), Keller Anne Ruble, Heather Craiglow Rick Winter, Carsten Baumann, Jennifer O'Brien, Nick Ortiz, Zarah Levy, Marrisa Mora (phone), Christina Gotfredson, Mark Kling, Phil Perrin, Shannon Hagerman, Heather Matthews, Laura Knudtson, Maegan Lokteff (phone), Michael Taylor, Amanda Pelletier

Welcome and Approve Minutes from October 22, 2018

Susan Steele called the meeting to order at 1:04PM. She asked members to review the minutes. She motioned for approval with amendment to Market Updates Section; Charlotte Brantley seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Framework Website

Kristina Heyl reminded the group that the submitted reports to the *Framework Website* are reviewed by two members of the Subcommittee. Three reports were submitted to the *Framework Website* for review; 2017 Return on Investment Early Learning Ventures, Colorado Family Resource Center Association Annual Report and Early Learning Ventures Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Model. The first report from Early Learning Ventures (ELV) was not yet reviewed, at the next meeting they will share their recommendation on the report. The members reviewing The Colorado Family Resource Association and the ELV Partnership Model reports recommended the Subcommittee approve them. The members based the approval of the two reports on the quality of data, that the reports are comprehensive and from a reliable source. The Subcommittee approved to add both reports to the *Framework website*.

Overview of indicator selection process to date

Susan Steele stated to the group that the Data Subcommittee is getting started on the process of identifying indicators to measure a baseline and future progress on the ECLC three Areas of Opportunity. The Data Subcommittee hired Heather Matthews as a consultant to review and compile existing data sources and indicators and develop a set of indicators that can be used to measure progress across the ECLC Areas of Opportunity, as well as identify gaps that exist in current data measurements related to the three Areas of Opportunity.

Heather Matthews introduced herself to the group. Heather explained the overall goals of the project are to identify indicators to measure baseline and future progress on ECLC three Areas of Opportunity, document gaps in existing data, and develop a report that captures methods, final indicators, and baseline data. Heather then discussed her process to date that she has reviewed ECCP indicators, consulted with subject matter experts, identified and sorted indicators by area and reviewed additional data sets. Heather

connected to the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework* to the ECLC Areas of Opportunity by relating the three priority areas to the *Framework* outcomes of access, quality and equity. Heather reminded the group “don’t let the perfect be the enemy of the good” stating that this is a starting point in the process.

Review and selection of criteria

Heather discussed the importance of developing criteria for the selection of indicators for the ECLC Areas of Opportunity. She ask the group to consider the criteria of results based accountability (RBA) which has three main components of proxy power, data power and communication power. The second consideration she asked the group is the criteria used by ECCP when they developed their data indicators: aligned with the *Framework* and data available at the local level. She then asked for the members to have a small group discussion around if these criteria are acceptable and are a good process for the indicators to be selected. From the small group discussion the group agreed to use the RBA criteria. Charlotte Brantley noted moving forward to keep in mind that the ECLC would like to track the data on each area, to identify indicators that are going to put into motion change and where you can see the change. Susan Steele noted reminded the group that the Areas of Opportunity were developed as aspirations the ECLC would like to see for Colorado.

Evaluate indicators in three groups

Heather asked the Subcommittee members to divide into three groups, one group for each of the three Areas of Opportunity. She asked the members in the three groups to look through the indicators she identified for each Area of Opportunity and answer the following:

1. Are there any missing indicators or glaring gaps.
2. Evaluate each indicator by criteria
3. Keep notes on conversation including broad observation, existing data, desired data
4. If you have time make recommendation on 3-5 indicators

The results of the small group work are found attached. Overall all three groups agreed they would like more time to evaluate the indicators and have more discussion. The group evaluating the list of indicators for the first Area of Opportunity (Improve access to high quality early care and education for all families), was able to start narrowing down the data indicators and make recommendations. The group evaluating the second Area of Opportunity (Elevate the early childhood workforce to ensure coordinated career pathways and appropriate compensation) indicators list was able to create recommendations on desired data indicators and started to select data indicators. The third group working on the area to Support improved family health and economic security through a two-generation approach, thought of more indicators to add to the current list.

Public Comment and Next Steps

There was no public comment.

Next step with the data indicator project is to work with Heather Matthews in a small Expert Advisory Group consisting of data gurus and subject matter experts. Seven members volunteered to be part of the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

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