

Meeting Objectives:

- Approve the March 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Discuss the Department of Early Childhood and Universal Preschool Updates
- Plan for Future ECLC Opportunities and Priorities
- Learn about Subcommittee Updates and Priorities
- Hear comments from the Early Childhood Community

Attendees: Lisa Roy, Tom Massey, Susan Steele, Pamela Harris, Heather Craiglow, Anna Jo Haynes, Michael Cooke, Tova Cohen, Kendra Dunn, Adella Arredondo, Kristina Heyl

Welcome, Introductions & Approve Minutes

Pamela Harris called the meeting to order at 1:15pm and asked for a motion to approve the March 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Heather Craiglow motioned to approve the minutes as drafted, Susan Steele seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Department of Early Childhood and Universal Preschool Updates

Michael Cooke and Tova Cohen shared several transition updates, including the Local Coordinating Organization application progress and the application process for the Rules Advisory Council. They also welcomed Tova Cohen in her new role as the Marketing and Communications Director for the new Department.

Pamela welcomed Lisa Roy, the new Executive Director of the Department of Early Childhood. Lisa shared that she has been working hard to meet with a variety of stakeholders both internal and external. The group discussed priorities for the first six months of the new department, including how the ECLC can continue to support and lead alignment and collaboration across public and private entities, the opportunity around promulgating and revising rules, and the urgency around determining the funding allocation and processes related to universal preschool.

Subcommittee Updates

- **Communications Subcommittee:** Tom Massey shared that the Communications Subcommittee will take a support role for the new agency and will determine how it can best align and enhance the communication efforts of CDEC in the future.
- **Program Quality & Alignment Subcommittee:**
 - Home Visiting Investment Task Force: Kendra Dunn, Director for the Division of Community and Family Supports, provided updates on the funding opportunities related to the Home Visiting Investment Task Force. She shared that the task force has identified several opportunities for funding with philanthropic organizations; the group discussed how the grant writing and fiscal management processes could work if/when the task force is ready to apply for the opportunities. Kendra also shared some of the accomplishments of the task force, including stronger coordination with Health Care Policy & Financing, research on pay-for-success modeling related to home visiting, and overall increased access to home visiting services for families.
 - Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Working Group: The facilitators are working to identify members to serve on the working group; Heather noted that there is a lot of interest from the ECLC members to participate. She also shared the importance of the ECLC continuing to think about coordination and collaboration with health systems.

- **Data Subcommittee:** The Data Subcommittee has been working closely with the IT and Data staff for the new department, thinking about how we support the data and technology needs of the CDEC.
- **Early Childhood Workforce Development Subcommittee:** There has been a lot of interest in the ECWD subcommittee, from a variety of sectors wanting to support the early childhood workforce. The group is beginning to think about an update to the 2020 Early Childhood Workforce Plan, as well as more urgent needs related to workforce to support UPK beginning in Fall 2023.

Future ECLC Opportunities and Priorities

Susan Steele reminded everyone that the ECLC is planning to hold a retreat to begin planning for the Commission's future work. The group talked about the elevated role of the ECLC and how to work to continue to ensure the Commission remains focused on guiding alignment and collaboration across state agencies and across public and private entities into the future. This could include updating the areas of opportunity which may help focus the Commission and the state's work; coordinating and aligning data across the sectors; new opportunities to partner across state entities; and supporting the development of the department and universal preschool program.

Commissioner Updates and Public Comment

There were no public comments or Commissioner updates.

Next Steps, Final Thoughts and Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

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