



**Early Childhood Leadership Commission Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 13, 2018**  
**9:30 am – 12:30 pm**  
**Health Care Policy & Financing Denver, CO**  
**Join the Conference Call: 515-739-1223**  
**Code: 690666**

Meeting Objectives:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from October 25, 2018 Meeting
- Hear Updates for Education Leadership Council
- Discuss ECLC Areas of Opportunities and Tracking through Data Indicators
- Discuss 2018 Annual Report and Presentation
- Learn About Updates from Departments
- Hear from the Early Childhood Community during Public Comment

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**Attendees:**

Anna Jo Haynes, Letty Bass, Elsa Holguín, Melissa Colman, Heather Craiglow, Charlotte Brantley, Tom Massey, Lydia Prado, Jai Scott, Mary Anne Snyder, Gerri Gomez Howard, Susan Steele, George Welsh, Jeanne McQueeney (phone), Jeff Kuhr, Lt. Governor Donna Lynne, Kristina Heyl, Amanda Pelletier

Welcome and Business Meeting

Anna Jo Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:31am.

Approval of October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Anna Jo Haynes called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2018 meeting. Charlotte Brantley moved to approve the minutes as distributed, Tom Massey seconded the motion; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Education Leadership Council Updates

David Padrino shared updates and progress on the Education Leadership Council (ELC). David shared that the ELC was created through an Executive Order in 2017 by Governor John Hickenlooper. The ELC is made up of leaders in government, business, and the non-profit community with experiences in early childhood, education and economic development. He shared the Council met for 18 months and put together a strategic plan looking at the state of Colorado's education system, early childhood, K-12 and higher education to workforce. Lastly he noted that the plan is meant to be a starting place to encourage community and family engagement in education. He shared that the Council unanimously approved the strategic plan and David encouraged the ECLC to continue to engage with the ELC to help move the strategies forward.

ECLC Areas of Opportunity + Transition in State Leadership

Updates:

Kristina Heyl reminded everyone how the Areas of Opportunity were created and how commission developed the two page document outlining the three priority areas. Kristina also introduced the two draft briefs created by Early Milestones Colorado and Colorado Children's Campaign.

#### Information Briefs on 3 Areas of Opportunity:

Jennifer Stedron and Bill Jaeger shared the two briefs based on the ECLC's identified Areas of Opportunity. Jennifer shared that the briefs contain Colorado context, recent progress and momentum of the first two areas of opportunity, and that the final sections are around recent initiatives, partnerships and promising strategies. Kristina asked to hear from the Commission on if they are on right track and asked for an endorsement from the ECLC. The Commissioners shared they approved of the content and format of the briefs. Anna Jo Haynes called for a motion to endorse the two Areas of Opportunity briefs. Tom Massey moved to endorse the briefs, Heather Craiglow seconded the motion; the briefs were approved for endorsement by unanimous voice vote.

#### Tracking through Data Indicators:

Charlotte Brantley shared an update on the Data Indicator Development Project the ECLC's Data Committee has started. She shared that the Data Subcommittee is in the process of identifying indicators to measure a baseline and future progress on the ECLC three priority areas. The Data Subcommittee hired Heather Matthews as a consultant to review and compile existing data sources and indicator 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 shared a handout with draft outcomes for each of the Areas of Opportunity. She divided the Commission into small groups to review and evaluate the outcomes for the three areas of opportunity. She. She asked the small groups to identify 3-5 outcomes that most reflected the goals identified by the Commission during the discussion where the three priority areas were identified. After the groups met, each group reported out on the 3-5 outcomes that most resonated. Heather will take the findings and share them with the Data Subcommittee to dive into the outcomes.

#### Department Updates

##### Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:

Mandy Bakulski shared updates for Erin Urlic who was not present. Mandy shared an update on the Early Childhood Screening & Referral Policy Council. The Council has a group working on a HIPAA/FERPA webinar series based off the results of a survey they conducted. The Council is doing interviews with other states highlighted in a report released in August from the Early Childhood Data Collaborative that have worked on integrating developmental health data. Mandy shared that the Department received grant funding for developing telehealth and teleconsultation systems in pediatric primary care settings throughout Colorado to improve access to mental and behavioral health services for children and youth, especially in rural & underserved areas. Mandy gave an update on the Essentials for Childhood Initiative and also stated the WIC have implemented a new online referral form. Lastly, Mandy noted that the US House of Representatives passed unanimously the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act to support states to create review committees tasked with identifying maternal deaths, analyzing the factors that contributed to those deaths and translating the lessons into policy changes, including identifying solutions to improve healthcare quality and health outcomes for mothers.

##### Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing:

Tom Massey shared that the Department is actively working with the Joint Budget Committee to address their questions in preparation for the 2019 legislative session. He shared the focus of the Department's budget and legislative priorities is continued alignment, controlling cost

in healthcare and enhancing the quality of health care for the state.

Colorado Department of Education:

Melissa Colman presented on the READ Act annual report. She presented on some of the findings from the annual report such as, status of third grade reading, the rate of Significant Reading Deficiency (SRD), and rate of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance on Colorado Measures of Academic Success for students with a Significant Reading Deficiency. Overall trends in the data indicate a small decrease in students identified with a Significant Reading Deficiency.

Colorado Department of Human Services- Office of Early Childhood:

Mary Anne Snyder shared that the Office is preparing for the potential funding of the Preschool Development Grant. She shared it is likely the state will be awarded and the Office will find out December 31, 2018. Mary Anne also shared the Risk, Reach and Resources An Analysis of Colorado's Early Childhood Mental Health Investments report with the Commission, stating that Piton Foundation underwrote the report. She shared the report is an analysis for mental health services for children throughout the state.

Julie Becker shared an update on the Working Together program which is a pilot in the San Luis Valley where families that are already participating in home visiting are also engaging in Two-Generation services. She shared both lessons learned and successes of the Working Together program.

#### Legislative Updates

Riley Kitts shared an update on results from the November 2018 elections. He stated that the legislative makeup will be friendly towards early childhood related legislation and that the Children's Campaign has sponsorship from both parties for several potential bills. Bill Jaeger shared the Children's Campaign legislative budget items handout with the Commission and reviewed the handout with the group.

#### Public Comment

No public comment

#### Framework Website Updates and Marketing

Letty Bass shared the Framework Working Group has been working with Peak Creative in developing marketing tools with the intention of getting organizations around the state to register on the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework* website. She shared that they have developed two flyers, newsletter content and Facebook content to be shared widely. Letty also shared they have incentives for organizations to enter their information into the website. They have been working closely with Early Childhood Councils and have had a successful first round with just over 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Councils registered and entered their programs into the website. The next drawing is on January 9, 2019.

#### 2018 Annual Report and Presentation

Kristina discussed the Annual Report and Presentation. She shared that she should have a draft of the 2018 Annual Report to send to the Commissioners early next week. Kristina shared the plan to co-host an evening reception at the end of January with Governor-elect Polis to present the 2018 Annual Report to legislators, funders, stakeholders and cabinet members.

#### ECLC Commissioner Updates

Susan Steele stated that the Buell Foundation along with Piton Foundation has been funding

workforce initiatives in the state. She shared that a second round of funding is available for workforce initiatives that work toward recruitment, retention and compensation.

Co-Chairs' Final Thoughts and Adjourn

Anna Jo thanked all for their work and for being at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm.

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