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Early Childhood Leadership Commission

April 23, 2020

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Welcome from Michelle Barnes
Executive Director of Colorado Department of
Human Services (CDHS)



Old Business

Business Meeting

- Review Meeting Objectives
- Approval of February 27, 2020 and March 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes



ECLC Organizational Structure Update

Kristina Heyl



Co-Chairs:
Susan Steele
Tom Massey
Elsa Holguin

Executive
Subcommittee
ECLC + Subcommittee
Co-Chairs

Program Quality and
Alignment Subcommittee
Anna Jo Haynes
Melissa Colsman
Letty Bass

Data
Subcommittee
Charlotte Brantley
Susan Steele

Communication
Subcommittee
Gerri Gomez Howard
Tom Massey

EC Professional Development
Advisory Working Group
Heather Craiglow
Pamela Harris
Rebecca Kantor
Jennifer O'Brien

Framework Working Group
Letty Bass

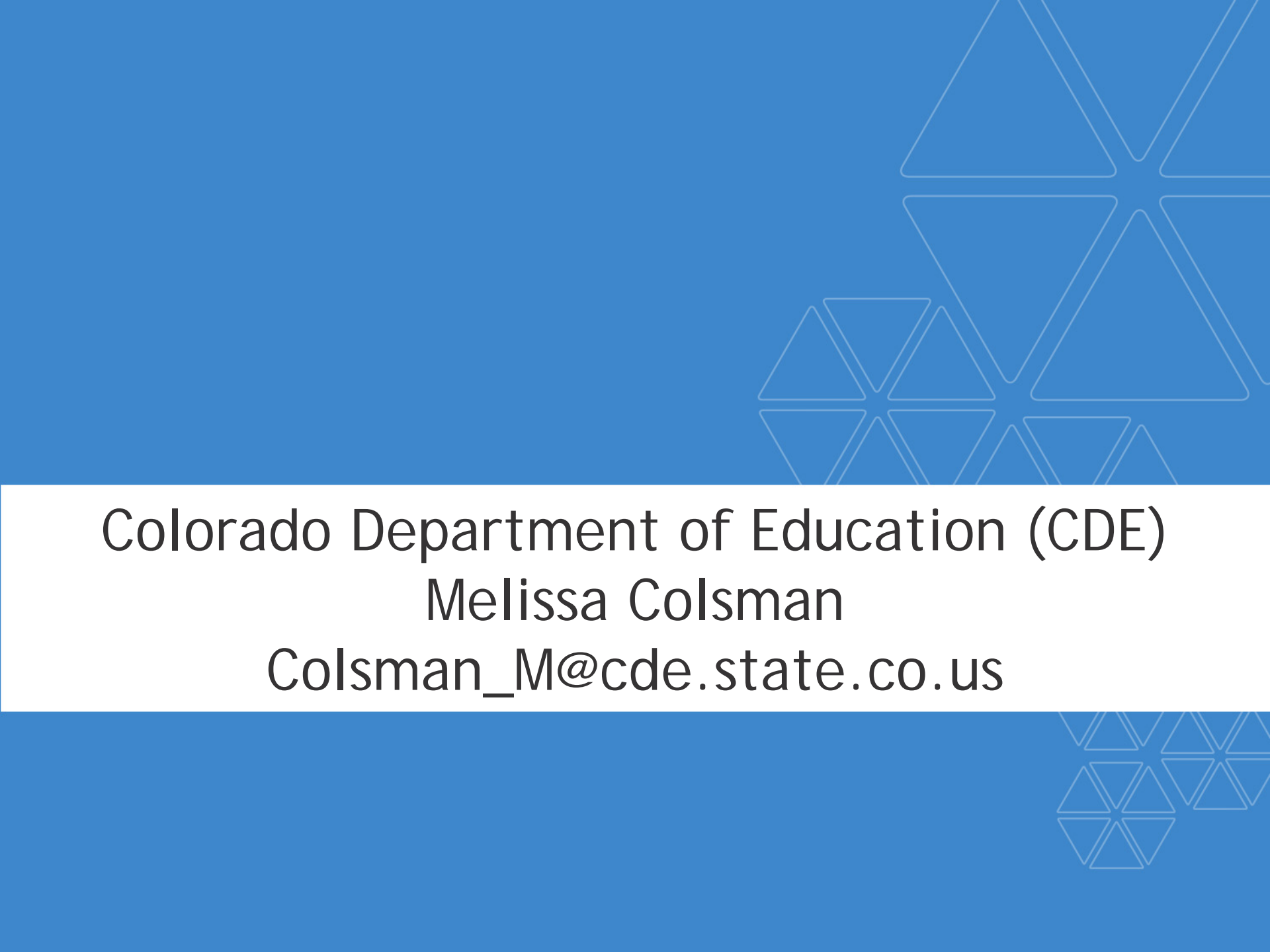
Waiver Review
Subcommittee
Heather Craiglow
Susan Steele
Jeanne McQueeney

Vote on changes to Working Group Structure:


- Home Visiting Investment Strategy Working Group
- Colorado Shines Brighter Strategic Plan Working Group
- Early Childhood Professional Development Advisory (ECPD) - RECLASSIFICATION as Subcommittee (rather than Working Group)



COVID-19 Response to Support Early Childhood



Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
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The logo of the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) is a stylized, light blue geometric design. It consists of several overlapping triangles that form a larger, complex shape resembling a snowflake or a molecular structure. The triangles are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement.

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
(CDPHE)

Tracy Miller

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A smaller version of the CDPHE logo is located in the bottom right corner of the slide. It is a light blue geometric design consisting of overlapping triangles forming a complex shape.

A young child in a red shirt is sitting at a table, smiling and eating. The table is set with a plate of food, a bowl of green salad, and a glass of orange juice. A woman is partially visible on the left side of the frame, looking towards the child. The background is a simple indoor setting with a window.

CDPHE Maternal and Early Childhood COVID-19 Support

Presented to the Early Childhood Leadership Commission
April 23, 2020

Tracy Miller, MSPH, RD
Chief, Nutrition Services Branch
Prevention Services Division
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Today's

CDPHE

Update

- Safe & equitable childbirth care during the pandemic
- Support for children & youth with special health care needs
- WIC support for families
- CACFP support for child care
- Farm to child care
- Health & safety in child care
- Child maltreatment prevention

Child birth during COVID-19

CDPHE convened maternity care providers and community partners to:

- Understand new barriers
- Achieve equitable, safe, patient-centered care practices, including breastfeeding support
- Guide hospitals, community delivery settings, and the public

Support for children & youth with special health care needs

COVID-19 resources:

- For families
- For organizations serving children & youth with special health care needs

[COVID-19 Resources for HCP Care Coordinators & Families](#)

WIC is open and supporting families!



- Serving families remotely
- Referrals increasing
- Rapid implementation of nationwide waivers
- Special waiver requests for Colorado
- Supporting families through shopping challenges
- Partnered for FEMA supplies

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



Helping child care providers
with food costs!

- Rapid implementation of nationwide waivers
- Submitted Colorado-specific waiver for statewide eligibility for reimbursement at the highest rate
- Outreach to homeless shelters
- Focused outreach to emergency child care
- Participation interest is up!



Farm to child care

Connecting local farmers & producers to child care centers and food vendors

- Supporting local agriculture economy
- Responding to shopping challenges experienced by child care centers

Health & safety in child care

CDPHE Division of
Environmental Health and
Sustainability

- FAQs for providers
- Ongoing guidance and TA for providers
- Support and partnership with local health inspectors
- Partnership with Governor's Office to modify Executive Order D2020 035: decrease amount of time of facility closure after a positive case

Focus on child maltreatment

- Kempe center holds virtual convenings among child maltreatment professionals
- Attention to family violence and impact of racism and discrimination on COVID outcomes
- New website: [Kempe COVID-19 Resource Center](#)



Questions?

Tracy Miller

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*COVID-19 Updates from
the Office of Early
Childhood*



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services



Emergency Child Care Collaborative



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services

Highlights

- Current care dates: March 23 – May 17
- Licensing specialists and ECC's are working in communities with a shortage of care
- The OEC launched a portal to track open/closed facilities, staffing needs, supplies needs, etc.
- Data updates regularly sent to stakeholders



Division of Community & Family Support (DCFS)



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services

Highlights

- Early childhood mental health consultants supporting child care facilities
- EI and Home Visiting transitioned to telehealth
- FRC demand has spiked
- Supplies delivery from FEMA
- New resources for families being created



Division of Early Care & Learning



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services

Highlights

- The Child Care Quality Initiatives Unit, in partnership with Mile High United Way and Early Childhood Councils, is helping to coordinate supplies delivery, including masks, to child care facilities
- Counties adopting CCCAP policy changes
- Licensing specialists supporting providers across the state



Federal Updates on COVID-19 Response
Bill Jaeger, Colorado Children's Campaign



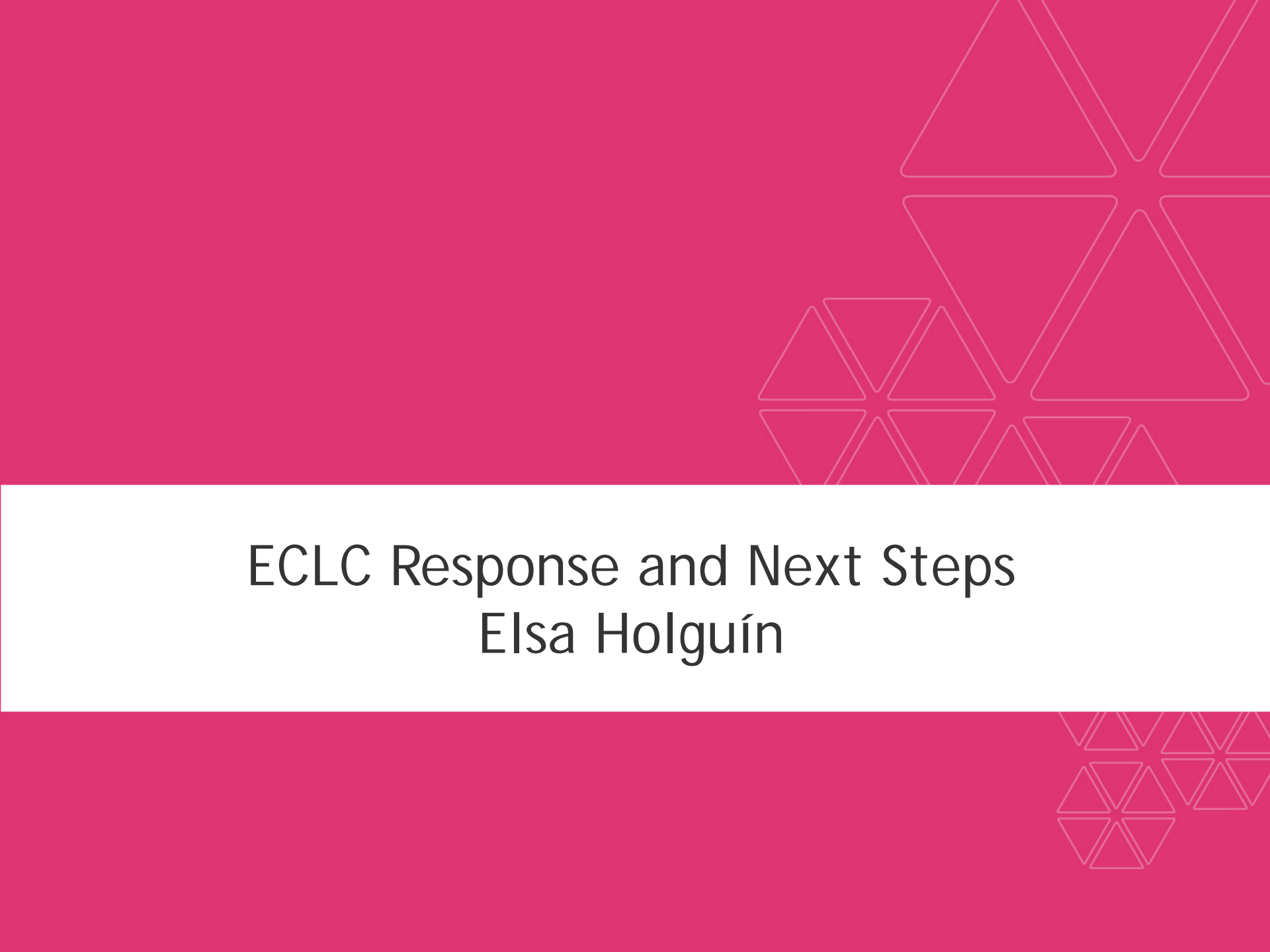
Public Comment & Commissioner Updates

Public Comment

- Each speaker may take up to five (5) minutes to make his or her comments. This time constraint may be modified by the ECLC Co-chairs.
- Any opinions, advice, statements, services, offers, or other information or content expressed or made available by stakeholders or members of the public during public comment does not constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the ECLC.



Updates from Governor Polis on Colorado's Early Childhood COVID-19 Response



ECLC Response and Next Steps

Elsa Holguín



Co-Chair Final Thoughts and Adjourn

ECLC 2020 Meeting Schedule:

- June 25, 2020
- August 27, 2020
- October 22, 2020
- December 17, 2020

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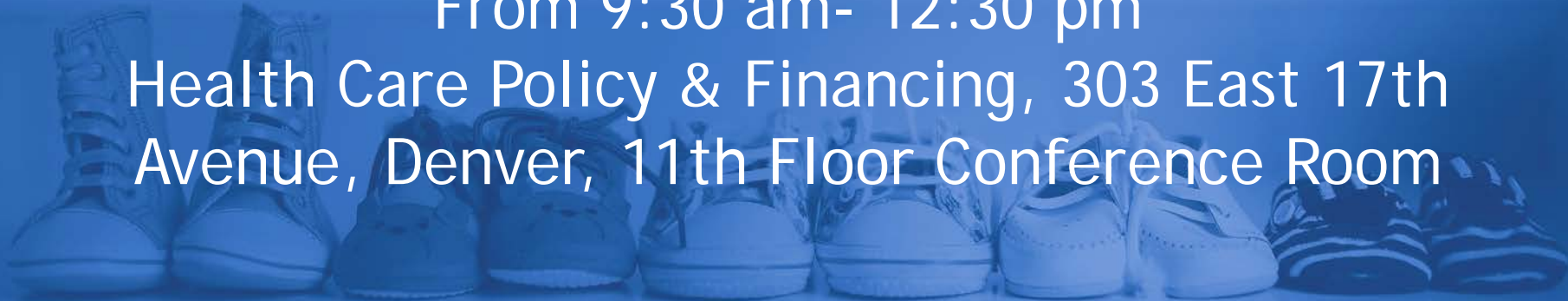
Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020

From 9:30 am- 12:30 pm

Health Care Policy & Financing, 303 East 17th
Avenue, Denver, 11th Floor Conference Room





Thursday, April 23, 2020

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

WEBINAR ONLY:

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Meeting Objectives:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2020 and March 20, 2020 Meetings
 - Vote on changes to Working Groups
 - Learn about COVID-19 Response from the State Agencies
 - Plan ECLC Next Steps
 - Hear from the Early Childhood Community during Public Comment
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| 10:00-10:05am | Welcome from CDHS Executive Director Michelle Barnes |
| 10:05-10:10am | Old Business (Tom Massey) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACTION: Approval of February 27, 2020 and March 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes |
| 10:10-10:15am | ECLC Organizational Structure Update (Kristina Heyl) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home Visiting Investment Strategy Working Group• Colorado Shines Brighter Strategic Plan Working Group• Early Childhood Professional Development Advisory (ECPD) |
| 10:15-11:05am | COVID-19 Response to Support Early Childhood (Tom Massey) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colorado Department of Education (CDE) (Melissa Colman)• Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) (Tracy Miller)• Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Finance (HCPF) (Tom Massey)• Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) (Angie Paccione)• Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Office of Early Childhood (OEC) (Mary Anne Snyder) |
| 11:05-11:25am | Federal Updates on COVID-19 Response (Bill Jaeger, Colorado Children's Campaign) |
| 11:25-11:30am | Public Comment (Elsa Holguín) |
| 11:30-11:40am | Updates from Governor Polis on Colorado's Early Childhood COVID-19 Response |
| 11:40-11:55am | ECLC Response and Next Steps (Elsa Holguín) |
| 11:55-12:00pm | Co-Chairs' Final Thoughts and Adjourn (Susan Steele) |

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ECLC Meetings:

The next **ECLC Meeting** will be held on June 25, 2020 at Health Care Policy & Financing, 303 East 17th Avenue, Denver, 11th Floor Conference Room

For information about future meeting dates, times and locations, visit www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org.



Early Childhood Leadership Commission Minutes
Thursday, February 27, 2020
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Health Care Policy and Financing
303 East 17th Ave, Denver, CO
Join the Conference Call: 515-606-5125 Code: 690666

Meeting Objectives:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2019 Meeting
- Hear updates on the Early Childhood Council Waivers
- Vote on Waiver Extension Application
- Learn about the CDHS Statewide Waiver
- Review ECLC Bylaws and Subcommittee Charges
- Hear updates from the Governor's Office
- Learn about Early Childhood Legislation
- Hear from the Early Childhood Community during Public Comment

Attendees:

Mary Anne Snyder, Susan Steele, Tom Massey, Jehan Benton-Clark, Amanda Pelletier, Kate Reinemund, Pamela Harris, Jeanne McQueeney, Sue Renner, Ida Rhodes, Jai Scott, Ryan Beiser, Jeff Kuhr (phone), Gerri Gomez Howard, Anne-Marie Braga, Tracy Miller, Melissa Colman, Kristina Heyl

Welcome and Business Meeting

Tom Massey called the meeting to order at 9:35am. He welcomed the group and asked for introductions from the Commissioners and the audience of early childhood stakeholders. He welcomed the two new state agency members to the Commission: Tracy Miller from CDPHE and Anne-Marie Braga from CDHS. Tom also thanked everyone who joined the ECLC Annual Report Reception stating that it was great to have the Governor there talking about early childhood and also hear from state agency leadership about their priorities and ways to partner with the Commission this year.

Approval of December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Tom Massey called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 meeting. Ryan Beiser moved to approve the minutes as distributed, Jeanne McQueeney seconded the motion; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Overview of CDHS Statewide Waiver

Teresa Ribble discussed that on November 1, the Department began offering a statewide waiver to early childhood centers to address teacher shortages. The waiver includes allowing a Provisional-Early Childhood Teacher (P-ECT) classification for individuals who don't yet meet full ECT qualifications but are in a classroom while obtaining a nationally-recognized CDA credential and becoming fully ECT qualified. Teresa clarified that the statewide waiver is not a rule change, but it is available to everyone as long as they meet certain requirements (accept CCCAP, Level 3-5, etc) and that they have less than 50% of the teachers within each age group participating in a P-ECT program.

Early Childhood Council Waivers

Waiver #18-02 Denver Early Childhood Council

Waiver #18-02 created an Accelerated Early Childhood Teacher Career Pathway Program, which has been in place for 18 months and expires on March 1, 2020. The waiver allows for a milestone based program in which participants would be ECT qualified after completing 480 hours of experience at a high quality facility, two ECE college courses, and passing an ECT Milestone Culmination Assessment. During the waiver

period, the center would be using reflective supervision and mentoring for the participants, in addition to external coaching from the DECC. In addition, DECC implemented a “No Wrong Door” career support model. During the course of the waiver, 14 participants completed the program.

Waiver # 18-01 Early Childhood Council of Larimer County

Waiver #18-01 (P-ECT) allows Child Care Centers and Preschools, which meet specific conditions, to be allowed to hire people into an Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) position who have certain education or experiences but have not yet met all of the ECT qualifications and allows them a period of up to 12 months to complete all ECT requirements. During this time, the center(s) provide additional supports, such as increased observations and reflective supervision. The waiver was granted on 8/13/18 for a period of 18 months. During the course of the waiver, 4 centers were able to employ P-ECTs in order to support teachers to reach full ECT qualifications as well as children and families to have supportive child care environments including the re-opening of a classroom that had previously closed due to staffing shortages.

Discuss #18-01 Waiver Extension Application

The Waiver Review Subcommittee members wanted to express their gratitude with the ECCLC for pursuing this waiver and sharing the data and results they have collected as well as the lessons learned with the Commission and the Office of Early Childhood. The members agreed that while the number of participants was small, the waiver was successful in bringing people into the field and increasing the quality in the programs who utilized the P-ECT waiver. For programs operating at Levels 3-5, the members recommend that the waiver be extended for 2 years with the same specifications and requirements as the previous waiver and requested that updates be given to the Commission at 12 months and 24 months. This includes a maximum of 2 P-ECT per program, regardless of size of the center or program.

Tom Massey called for a motion to approve the #18-01 Waiver Extension Application. Ida Rhodes moved to approve the waiver application, Melissa Colman seconded the motion; the waiver application was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Kristina Heyl noted that it is the 6 month review from Mesa County; the ECLC approved their waiver for a similar model to Larimer County's 6 months ago, and they have provided a written update on the progress of their waiver. She asked the Commission to review the write up.

Legislative Updates

Bill Jaeger from Colorado Children's Campaign shared the 2020 Legislation & Budget Items of Relevance to Early Childhood handout. He reviewed the legislation and budget items with the Commission. Bill stated that legislation around early childhood workforce is especially important for the Commission to be highlighting and discussing in the community.

Updates from the Governor's Office

Scott Groginsky thanked the Commission for submitting a letter to the Colorado State Board of Education that recommends that the reporting system for state level Kindergarten Readiness data be revised to allow for analysis of children's school readiness by each of the six domains. He stated that the State Board is considering revising the reporting system at their next meeting in March. Scott also shared that the Governor's Office working with partners is completing the prenatal-to-age three National Governors Association Grant, with supporting community conversations to help inform the Governor's prenatal-to-age three policy agenda. Scott shared that universal preschool expansion is likely a proposed ballot initiative. The Governor's Office will be reaching out to partners to be involved in planning for policy and implementation issues if the ballot measure is successful. He asks that the ECLC consider endorsing the universal preschool expansion initiative.

Lastly, Scott reminded the Commission that at the December ECLC meeting he review the Governor's Early Childhood Education Budget Priorities and asked the ECLC to consider endorsing the budget. Susan Steele called for a motion to endorse the Governor's Early Childhood Budget. Jeanne McQueeney moved to endorse the Governor's Early Childhood Education Budget Priorities, Pamela Harris seconded the motion; the budget priorities were approved for endorsement by unanimous voice vote with one abstention by Melissa Colman.

Public Comment & Commissioner Updates

Kristina Heyl stated several groups reached out to ask about endorsement or supporting different initiatives or legislation or agendas. She shared that with the leadership and support of Governor Polis in this area, he is really encouraging the ECLC to be proactive and lead in some of these areas that relate to the ECLC's mission and vision and priority areas. She proposes that the Commission develop a set of standards or a protocol in order to have a very clear and transparent process for when organizations want to seek endorsement or support for something, to have a consistent set of expectations and guidelines for the Commission. Kristina asked for Commissioner volunteers to be part of a small group to work on a procedure; Pamela Harries, Jehan Benton-Clark and Sue Renner volunteered.

Fair Family Medical Leave Act

Jacy Montoya Price discussed the connection between paid leave and early childhood including: that Paid family and medical leave bolsters child and maternal health, child development, and involved parenting; Paid leave is associated with reduced infant mortality; and each week of paid leave up to 12 weeks also reduces the odds of a new mother experiencing symptoms of postpartum depression. Jacy shared that the Raise Colorado Coalition is working on drafting legislation for paid family and medical leave that is equitable for all in Colorado. She informed the Commission of several resources to stay up to date on the Fair Family Medical Leave Act including the Denver Post, Colorado Independent and CPR News.

Legislative Priorities for Food Security

Joel McClug shared that Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger has been working to fill gaps in resources and networks that can help to end hunger in our state. Joel reviewed Blueprint to End Hungers' policy agenda that included increased funding for WIC and SNAP programs. He asked that the Commission consider endorsing the policy agenda.

Our Voice Newsletter Update

Kristina Heyl announced that the ECLC is in the process of taking over ownership of the Our Voice Newsletter from the Early Childhood Colorado Partnership.

Kristina Heyl received a letter in opposition to HB 1006, which is the bill around increasing access to early childhood mental health consultants and supports for teachers from Mary Russell, who runs a program in Ridgway CO. She talked with her and let her know that the Commission is not taking positions on legislation at this time but will share the email with the Commission.

Christina Walker shared that Raise Colorado is working with Governor Polis' Office, the Office of Early Childhood and the Early Childhood Leadership Commission to support listening sessions across Colorado focused on prenatal, infant and toddler issues, including health access and affordability, family economic security, early care and development, food access and nutrition, and social connections and relationships. The format and approach for the Prenatal-to-Age three listening sessions are very similar to the Senate Bill 63 Discussions, with a toolkit and mini-grants available to support local efforts. The toolkit and mini-grant application will be available on February 28 and the Listening Sessions must be held in March 2020.

Katie Facchinello shared that April is Child Abuse Prevention month and announced Illuminate Colorado's Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign for more information visit illuminatecolorado.org/pinwheels.

ECLC Annual Review of Bylaws and Subcommittee Charges

Susan shared that there is one suggested change to the ECLC Bylaws at this time to allow for non-commission members to be co-chairs of the Subcommittees. The members asked that non-commission members be appointed as Subcommittee co-chairs by approval by the full Commission.

Susan Steele called for a motion to approve the proposed change to the ECLC Bylaws. Sue Renner moved to approve the proposed change to the Bylaws, Jehan Benton- Clark seconded the motion; the Bylaws were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Kristina Heyl reminded the Commission that at the ECLC Retreat, information about the ECLC organization and committee structure as well as the charges for each of the subcommittees was shared. ECLC Staff has worked with the Subcommittees to draft some updates to the subcommittee charges. At the Retreat, the Commission also discussed whether this structure is the right structure for the ECLC and considered a few additional changes, such as whether to develop an advocacy or legislative subcommittee and whether to elevate the ECPD Advisory Working Group to a full Subcommittee or not. The group discussed the considerations and changes to the organization structure. The Commission will vote on the considerations for the organization structure at the April 23rd ECLC meeting.

Department Updates

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

Tom Massey shared updates at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The current uninsured rate for kids in Colorado is less than 3%. HCPF is working to ensure that number does not increase and that kids remain covered and connected to care. Tom discussed an area for future work with partners is around the factors that impact overall health; these factors sometimes have nothing to do with "insurance" and are known as social determinants of health. Examples include access to healthy food, clean water and housing. Tom stated that Colorado was selected to participate in a national initiative called "Aligning Early Childhood and Medicaid". HCPF is partnering with CDHS on this project to enhance alignment across Medicaid and state agencies responsible for early childhood programs with the goal of improving the health and social outcomes of low-income infants, young children, and families.

Colorado Department of Human Service (CDHS)

Anne-Marie Braga discussed her role at the Department of Human Services as the Deputy Executive Director of Community Partnerships. She stated that as part of her work she is working to break down silos within the Department between offices. One way she is doing this is by mapping the programs within the Office of Early Childhood and Children Youth and Families that interact.

Office of Early Childhood (OEC) Updates

Mary Anne Snyder announced that the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan developed as part of the year one Preschool Development Grant (PDG) B-5 are now live. Both documents can be accessed on the PDG page on the Office of Early Childhood website. As part of disseminating the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan the OEC has been visiting communities across Colorado this February to gather with local early childhood stakeholders and discuss the findings. OEC leadership and PDG team members visited Pueblo, Grand Junction and Fort Collins, and also participated on a webinar.

Colorado Department of Higher Education

No updates at this time

Colorado Department of Education (CDE)

Melissa Colman discussed updates on early childhood efforts at the Department of Education. She stated that CDE is working with CDHS and Governor's Office to reiterate program based licensing options for school district based programs. CDE is partnering with National P3 Center to conduct focus groups with community

providers on Kindergarten transitions as well as Kindergarten readiness. Melissa shared that CDE is conducting their annual preschool state meeting next week and are starting to plan around the possible expansion of CPP through legislation. CDE is bringing the final packet of READ act rules to State Board of Education; Melissa noted that there were many changes to the Act around teacher training. She stated that there will be a public information campaign around the changes to the READ Act and that CDE will have the results from the final phases of developing the information campaign soon. Melissa will bring findings to next ECLC meeting.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

Tracy Miller discussed CDPHE's Maternal Child Health Framework. She shared the seven priorities for 2021-2025 including; increased prosocial connection, create safe & connected built environments, improve access to supports, increase social emotional well-being, promote positive child and youth development, increase economic mobility and reduce racial inequities. Tracy reviewed the next steps and timeline for the framework with the state implementation date in October 2020 and the local implementation date starting in October 2021.

Co-Chairs' Final Thoughts and Adjourn

Kristina Heyl mentioned that every other meeting the agenda items are switching between department updates or subcommittee updates; the update not shared during the meeting will be a written update. She asked the Commission members to review the written subcommittee updates in their packets.

Susan Steele appreciated the great ideas and conversation today; she thanked all for joining and those who presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm. The next meeting on April 23, 2020 will be at a new location at the Colorado Health Foundation (1780 Pennsylvania Street, Room 124; Denver, CO).

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Early Childhood Leadership Commission Minutes

Friday March 20, 2020

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Join Hangouts Meet

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Join by phone

+1 385-393-4228 PIN: 801 908#

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss COVID 19 Early Childhood Updates
- Plan ECLC Next Steps
- Hear from the Early Childhood Community during Public Comment

Attendees:

Elsa Holguín, Mary Anne Snyder, Susan Steele, Tom Massey, Jehan Benton- Clark, Amanda Pelletier, Kate Reinemund, Pamela Harris, Jeanne McQueeney, Sue Renner, Heather Craiglow, Ida Rhodes, Ryan Beiser, Letty Bass, Jeff Kuhr, George Welsh, Gerri Gomez-Howard, Anne-Marie Braga, Tracy Miller, Melissa Colman, Heather Craiglow, Mary Alice Cohen, Erin Mewhinney, Bill Jaeger, Scott Groginsky, Grace Glover, Jai Scott, Kristina Heyl

Welcome & Introductions

Elsa Holguín called the meeting to order at 10:02am. She welcomed the group and reviewed the objective of the meeting: to connect and share resources regarding the COVID 19 response. Elsa explained that the ECLC is unique in that the members are broad and make up many sectors important to early childhood.

COVID-19 Response - Early Childhood Updates, Opportunities and Discussion

The ECLC shared considerations, concerns and resources around COVID-19 and discussed the role the ECLC could play in helping with the response.

The Commission co-chairs invited Bill Jaeger from Colorado Children's Campaign and Scott Groginsky from the Governor's Office to share updates.

Bill Jaeger shared that the Children's Campaign has been convening a group of early childhood stakeholder's to provide a space to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the early care and education sector, providers, and the children and families they serve. The group discussed strategies they might deploy at the policy, regulatory, budgetary, and advocacy levels to ensure the negative impact to the early care and education sector is minimized to the extent practicable. Bill discussed the importance of the ECLC leveraging their leadership position to advocate at the federal level for the state's childcare needs.

Scott Groginsky discussed the Governor's Executive Order, stating that Governor Polis recognizes the importance of early childhood. As part of the Executive Order the Governor focused on many aspects of the early care and education system. Scott shared that Congress is looking at the next phase of stimulus and that advocacy around child care could be an important role for the ECLC and to coordinate with the Governor's Office. Scott also shared the Governor's Office is tracking how other states are responding.

Mary Anne Snyder and Erin Mewhinney discussed the resources and updates from the Office of Early Childhood. The Office is participating in the Emergency Child Care Collaborative; this collective is working to provide childcare for essential employees. The Office gave guidance to counties around flexibility with CCCAP funding and other funding streams. The Office is also working closely with early childhood councils to collect and respond to local provider needs.

ECLC Action Steps

The group decided on the following next steps for the Commission:

- Partner with the Children’s Campaign and the Office of Early Childhood in the administration of emergency childcare response- make sure supply of providers is there for demand, contact providers and to help collect and distill information, questions and concerns
- Advocate at federal level for the state’s childcare needs and consider recommendations from NAEYC
- Align and streamline communication for providers and advocate for supports for providers
- Share information and resources weekly via call or other communication

Public Comment

No public comment

Co-Chairs’ Final Thoughts and Adjourn

Elsa Holguín thanked all for joining the call and urged everyone to continue the conversation and share resources around COVID-19.

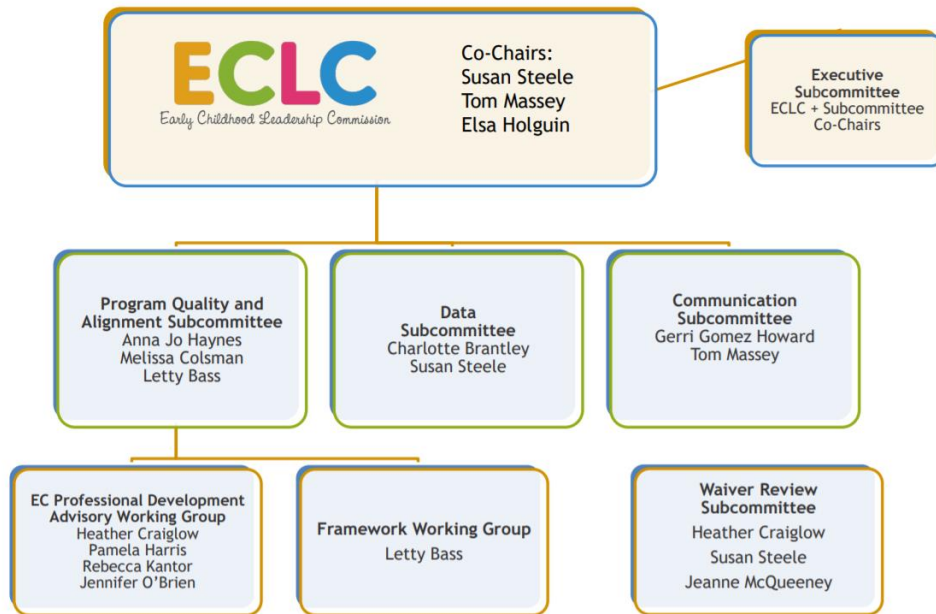
The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

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ECLC Subcommittee and Working Group Structure - Recommendations

Current Subcommittee and Working Group Structure:



Proposed changes in Subcommittee and Working Group Structure:

- 1) Reclassify ECPD Advisory as a Subcommittee; rename the Workforce Development Subcommittee
 - Supports 2nd Area of Opportunity: Elevate the early childhood workforce to ensure coordinated career pathways and appropriate compensation.
 - Questions have arisen around clarification regarding the scope and authority of the ECPD Working Group and coordination with state agencies and other stakeholders
 - Currently sits under PQA to align with other early childhood programs, efforts and initiatives
 - Logistics: Currently has staffing through Preschool Development Grant funds (3 years); 2 Commissioners currently co-chair
 - Recommendation from Executive Subcommittee: Reclassify ECPD as a Subcommittee.
- 2) Colorado Shines Brighter Statewide Strategic Plan - Working Group under PQA
 - Coordinate and align strategies in the Colorado Shines Brighter Statewide Strategic Plan that are not funded through the Preschool Development Grant
 - Regular coordination with the Office of Early Childhood and other state agencies
 - Provide information and recommendations for annual update to Strategic Plan
 - Logistics: Funding available to hire a consultant to support regular meeting logistics + annual update to Strategic Plan; Lindsey Dorneman would help lead content for meetings.
 - Recommendation from Executive Subcommittee: Approve Working Group.

ECLC Subcommittee and Working Group Structure - Recommendations

3) Home Visiting Investment Strategy - Working Group under PQA

- Complete a home visiting needs assessment to include priority populations, geographic locations served, and evidence-based home visiting programs that support the priority populations
- Bring together a variety of stakeholders including families receiving home visiting services, CDPHE, HCPF, CDHS, family resource centers, early childhood councils, foundations, and representatives from the different types of home visiting services
- Develop a broad investment strategy to guide the release of funding solicitation for MIECHV funds by June 2021 and to guide other home visiting funding streams and future expansion opportunities with additional sources of funding
- Logistics: Funding available to hire a consultant to support regular meeting logistics; OEC Home Visiting staff would help lead content for meetings.
- Recommendation from Executive Subcommittee: Approve Working Group.