

**Executive Subcommittee Minutes
July 26, 2018 ~ 1:00-3:00 pm
Rose Community Foundation, 600 Cherry St, #1200 Denver 80246**

Meeting Objectives:

- Approve the May 24, 2018 Minutes
- Discuss ECLC Funding
- Follow up from Retreat
- Learn about state and federal funding opportunities
- Listen to Public Comment

Attendance: Letty Bass, Anna Jo Haynes (phone), Melissa Colman (phone), Elsa Holguín, Susan Steele (phone), Charlotte Brantley, Barb Grogan, Lauren Finch, Erin Mewhinney, Brian Conly, Kristina Heyl

Welcome

Anna Jo Haynes called the meeting to order at 1:07pm. She asked members to review the meeting objectives. The group reviewed the minutes from May, which Letty Bass moved to approved. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Brantley and the minutes were approved unanimously.

State and Federal Funding Updates

Erin Mewhinney shared the final Race to the Top performance report, and walked through the various projects and accomplishments Colorado realized during the five-year grant. The Executive Subcommittee members talked about the substantial gains that were made, and how important it will be to highlight and share the successes as the state continues to build on them and looks to the future. They suggested that Erin or Stacey attend a future ECLC meeting to give an overview of the entire five-year grant period and successes. They also suggested a one page overview or highlight documents would be important when sharing the successes with others.

The group briefly discussed the current additional federal funds that Colorado was awarded, and how that funding stream helped sustain the great work Colorado already implemented through the Race to the Top funds. They also noted that a visual representation of how current funds fit in the spectrum of past and future funding would be an important reference tool. Erin will share this with the Department for more discussion at a future ECLC meeting.

Finally - she noted that the Preschool Development Grant application was recently made available, though the state is waiting on final information about spending timelines and amounts. CDHS will reach out to CDE to discuss the grant opportunity and see if it is feasible for Colorado to apply. The focus for this particular grant is on enhancing systems, not direct service, and the range of emphasis is ages 0 to 5. The Exec members offered support in developing the grant application, and also suggested the ECLC priorities be considered when writing the application.

ECLC Funding

Kristina shared that the ECLC Executive Subcommittee has previously talked about dividing funding equally between public and private entities to cover the gap before we can return to the state legislature to ask for

funding. After working with the Office of Early Childhood and CDHS budget experts, Mary Anne is willing to use CCDF funds to support salaries and basic operating expenses for two employees, and shift other expenses - such as projects, printing, mailing, food - to the private fund held at Rose Community Foundation. This is a huge advantage as the request to funding partners is much less, and it will be a much easier system to administer. The Subcommittee will continue to review the budget moving forward.

Follow Up from ECLC Retreat

Kristina presented three documents for the Subcommittee members to review. They discussed the outline of action steps following the retreat, the draft communication to be sent to stakeholders about the Commission's prioritization work, and the draft transition document. Members had suggestions for all three documents; Kristina will make updates and then work with the smaller group who volunteered to move the transition documents forward to have them all prepared for the August full ECLC meeting.

Subcommittee Updates

Anna Jo asked if the members had any subcommittee updates:

- The Program Quality and Alignment Subcommittee has been working to develop a charter, similar to the other subcommittees, that they will share at the August ECLC meeting.
- Charlotte noted that the Data Subcommittee made a lot of progress in determining the process and guidelines for including reports on the framework website section.

Commissioner Updates

- Kristina reminded everyone about the No Small Matter documentary, and asked if the ECLC wanted to support bringing the film to Colorado in some way. It could be a useful tool to educate people about the importance of early learning, as long as there is an action or continued role for people who would attend. Kristina will connect with the Colorado Children's Campaign, which is taking the lead on bringing the documentary here.
- Elsa shared that a group of early childhood advocates are coordinating a new organization to support accurate and complete census reporting during the upcoming US census. There are significant changes in the census - such as online access and questions of citizenship - that could severely impact the data that will be recorded. She will continue to update the Commission on potential impacts to early childhood and families.
- Elsa shared that a group of early childhood supporters met with Qualistar recently to talk about sustaining the functions and programs they provide in the event they could not continue to administer them. The Office of Early Childhood is also involved in these conversations.
- Kristina shared that our new parent representative will be joining at the next meeting. The Commission is also hiring a new assistant who will start soon.
- There are two waiver requests that have been submitted by Early Childhood Councils for the ECLC to review. The Waiver Review Subcommittee will look at them soon and make recommendations ahead of the August full ECLC meeting.
- Brian Conly provided information that the Department received recently around not having authority to provide Trails abuse and neglect background checks for certain types of organizations who work with children and families. This could prove problematic for some of the early childhood partners around the state, and the Executive Subcommittee asked for regular updates and opportunities they can support to ensure children's health and safety until the Department's authority can be resolved.

Next Steps and Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

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