

October 20, 2021 Meeting Notes

Welcome

ECLC Co-Chair Susan Steele opened the meeting and introduced Heather Hawk, the Executive Director of the Early Childhood Council in La Plata County. Heather shared about the burdens faced by her community and the ways she hopes that the new Department of Early Childhood can help address those challenges.

Logistics

Jessica Baghian, the meeting facilitator, offered an overview of upcoming Transition Advisory Group meetings and reviewed meeting norms.

Review of Draft Transition Plan Recommendations

Susan Steele, Pamela Harris, and Tom Massey reviewed the 12 recommendations made by the Transition Working Group in the draft transition plan.

Review of Draft Transition Plan Feedback

Jessica Baghian reviewed key themes of the feedback on the transition plan that were received during the listening tour and through the online feedback form.

TAG Feedback on the Draft Transition Plan

After reviewing themes of feedback from the field, TAG members offered additional feedback that they would like to see addressed in the final draft of the plan.

Subgroup Update

Katie Nicolaou from Early Milestones offered summaries of the conversations the 4 TAG subgroups have been having. The Transformative Governance and Innovative Data and Technology subgroups have concluded their meetings. Courtney Thorton offered an in-depth review of the Universal Preschool Implementation subgroup's discussions as TAG transitions toward offering insights for TWG on the recommendations for the new preschool program.

Looking Ahead to Universal Preschool

Melissa Mares from the Colorado Children's Campaign presented findings from the Preschool Policy Legislative Committee's extensive stakeholder engagement process so that TAG is building upon existing conversations. Nasha Patel reviewed the legislative

requirements for the new universal preschool programs and clarified TAG's continued role in this process.

Next Steps

To generate initial ideas for the universal preschool program, TAG was sent an extensive survey to capture their vision for the implementation of this program.

An additional TAG meeting has been scheduled for December 1st.

Public Comment

Jonathan Greenlee, Taran Schneider, Lisa Hill, and Scott Groginsky offered public comment at this time.