

September 22, 2021 Meeting Notes

Welcome

ECLC Co-Chair Pamela Harris opened the meeting and introduced Carole Bakhos. Carole shared about her experience as a parent of a child with special needs and encouraged the Transition Advisory Group to consider special education as it relates to the new Department of Early Childhood (DEC). She hopes that the education experience for all children can include access to equal curriculum and access to social interactions with friends.

Logistics

Jessica Baghian, the meeting facilitator, offered an overview of upcoming Transition Advisory Group meetings and reviewed meeting norms. TAG members reviewed their charge as well as the role of the Transition Working Group and TAG subgroups.

Review of Listening Sessions

Pamela Harris offered a summary of the two workforce listening sessions held by the ECLC on September 21st. More information on these sessions are available [here](#).

Summary of Program Movement Survey

Jessica Baghian shared the results of the program movement survey from last week's TAG.

Governance

TAG members reacted to a draft option for DEC governance. Discussions primarily centered around the supports that will be necessary for both rule making and advising for DEC.

Blending and Braiding Panel

Lucinda Burns and Elisabeth Lawrence from Summit County and Elsa Holguin from the Denver Preschool Program shared about ways they have blended and braided funding in unique ways to serve their communities. TAG members asked clarifying questions and discussed how these innovative ways of blending and braiding can be supported by the new department.

Technology/Blending and Braiding of Funding

TAG members discussed the challenges faced by providers, families, and local entities in blending/braiding and technology. TAG further discussed what solutions DEC should commit to to combat these challenges.

Next Steps

ECLC Co-Chair Susan Steele shared about next steps.

- A draft report of the transition plan will be shared in October.
 - An statewide listening tour will be held to receive feedback
 - A form will be available to provide additional feedback on the report.
- At the next TAG meeting on October 20th, TAG will have an opportunity to further discuss feedback on the report.

Public Comment

Steff Clothier and Anna Jo Haynes offered public comment.