

July 14, 2021 Meeting Notes

TAG Members in Attendance

Amber Bilby, Angela Fedler, Anji Gallanos, Anna Jo Haynes, Ashley Henshaw, Ayelet Talmi, Betty Dalton, Brandon LaChance, Carsten Baumann, Debra Locke, Deidre Johnson, Diane Price, Dustin Elliot, Elizabeth Lawrence, Elsa Holguin, Floyd Cobb, Gerie Grimes, Gina Robinson, Jade Woodard, Kate Brunner, Khatira Amn, Ki'i Powell, Kristie Kaurez, Laurie Noblitt, Leigh Pytlinski, Lorena Garcia, Maegan Lokteff, Maria Tarajano Rodman, Mary Alice Cohen, Megan Burch, Melissa Buchholz, Melissa Mares, Michelle Shiffman, Moira Hawks, Penny Harris, Rob Deherrera, Rob McDaniel, Scott Bright, Sherri Valdez, Sherri Wright, Sondra Ranum, Tara Manthey, Tom Brinegar, Tracey Lucero, Ty Johnson, Whitney LeBouef

Welcome

ECLC Co-Chairs Susan Steele, Pamela Harris, and Tom Massey offered framing and introductory remarks. Amy Downs, executive director at Family Star Montessori, shared her experience as a provider within the current system.

Introductions

Each member of TAG offered an introduction of themselves and the perspective that they represent within the group.

Logistics

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

Review of the Legislation

The TAG reviewed their charge from HB21-1304 and a summary of the subgroups that are convening starting the week of July 19th.

Discussion of Mission and Vision of New Department of Early Childhood

TAG members reviewed the draft mission and vision statements for the new department of early childhood and suggested edits to be made. This included the importance of recognizing informal and formal providers, addressing high-quality experiences for all children in all settings, and recognizing the diversity of Colorado and the programs that exist. They also discussed identifying values that define aspects of the mission and vision to provide more context as the work moves forward.

Public Comment

No comment was made at this time.

Next Steps

- All members interested in receiving a stipend should return the appropriate form to Kristina Heyl.
- Calendar invites will be sent out for upcoming meetings shortly.