

## Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Working Group



October 25th, 2022 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MDT | Via Zoom

### Minutes

#### **Meeting Objectives**

- Review the timeline of submitting the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the role of the Working Group to support completion of those deliverables.
- Provide a high-level overview of the CO-ECCS System Asset and Gaps Analysis and gather immediate reactions to identified key opportunities to begin understanding possible adjustments to the ECCS Working Group Key Activities & Work Products.
- Build a common understanding of the *Colorado Shines Brighter B-5 Strategic Plan* and the process to incorporate CO-ECCS strategies.
- Outline tasks for the Working Group members and stakeholders to complete that will inform the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan and help integrate it into the *Colorado Shines Brighter B-5 Strategic Plan*.

#### **Attendees**

Brace Gibson, Christina Walker, Daphne McCabe, Eileen Auer Bennett, Gabii Elzinga-Marshall, Gina Robinson, Heather Criaglow, Heather Tritten, Iesha Mitchell, Jasmin Ramirez, Jenni Menthali, Joyce Johnson, Lauren Dorn, Lynne Fabian, Mara Holiday, Rachel Hutson, Dandy Stenmark, Tanya Weinberg, Theresa Rapstine, Christal Garcia, Enola Garland, Jane Wilkerson, Kaylie Weese, Kristen Lang, Kristina Heyl, Laura Knudtson, Lisa Jansen Thompson, Lorena Garcia, Lucinda Burns, Meagan Lokteff, Meghan Leclerc, Michele Coates, Channon Bekman, Carsten Baumann, Jessica Stoker, Kendra Neumann, Amanda Culbertson, Lindsey Dorneman, Marian Bussey, Suman Mathur, Jillian Fabricius, Dawn Newby

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees checked in via Google Form

### Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

📄 DRAFT 2022.09.27 ECCS Working Group Minutes.pdf

Led by Tanya Weinburg.

Gina Robinson started the motion to approve, Jasmin Seconded the motion. Minutes from the August 23rd ECCS Working Group meeting were APPROVED

### Review Timeline for CO-ECCS Strategic Plan

Dawn Newby reviewed the timeline of activities to complete the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan on time to submit to HRSA (Human Resources and Services Administration) by Jan 31st 2023.

Activities highlighted for the working group:

- Providing feedback to strategic plan - activities and where CO-ECCS goals align with Colorado Shines Brighter Strategic Plan to integrate

Visual of timeline available on [October slide deck](#), slide 8

### Overview of Key Opportunities for CO-ECCS

Dawn Newby and Kendra Neumann from Colorado Health Institute (CHI) shared key opportunities identified in the project's System Asset and Gap Analysis (SAGA)

Full review of the key opportunities can be seen in the Executive Summary to the SAGA:

📄 CO-ECCS SAGA - Executive Summary DRAFT.pdf

Attendees shared initial thoughts and reactions to the opportunities outlined. Thoughts shared:

- Consideration of specificity in opportunities
  - Ex: Addressing gaps in sign-ups for benefits available to families and young children including Medicaid & WIC
- Consideration for other programs and plans as resources. Including:
  - AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) CO chapter strategic plan
  - RAE's KPIs for birth through 3 months in getting EPSDT benefit (screening) & current work presenting on Title V
  - Healthy Child Care Colorado connections with plans from school nurses/CDE & Children's Hospital (and other hospitals) community assessments
  - IIK's REACH Referral System for Nurse Family Partnerships and Child First
  - Family Connects & its alignment with RAE goals

## **Colorado Shines Brighter B-5 Strategic Plan & Integration of the CO-ECCS Strategic Plan**

Lindsey Dorneman presented on the *Colorado Shines Brighter Birth through Five Strategic Plan* (CSB B-5 SP) and its update process.

Her presentation can be seen on [slides 15 - 21](#).

Highlighted that the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Grant Strategic Plan is an input to the update.

The working group will need to get the ECCS strategies to the CSB B-5 SP work group prior to their November 18th meeting.

Links shared with more information:

[CSB B-5 Strategic Plan At-A-Glance \(updated Jan 2022\)](#)

[Colorado Shines Brighter CDEC webpage:](#)

[Colorado Shines Brighter Working Group webpage](#)

## **Public Comment**

Led by Christina Walker.

Common themes that emerged in reflection on the key opportunities shared earlier in the meeting:

- Ilesha Mitchell: Reflecting on ECCS being incorporated in CSB - highlighted that Mental Health is not represented, it is a priority for Invest In Kids, and especially for infants because they are often not included in mental health strategy.
- Christal Garcia - Mental Health strategy, especially in being inclusive and responsive to BIPOC families and integrating family and provider (dulas & promotoras) voices in understanding barriers.
- Sandy Stenmark (in chat): Funding for the community workforce is critical

Any additional public comment to be recorded in the notes can be emailed to Dawn Newby: [dnewby@illuminatecolorado.org](mailto:dnewby@illuminatecolorado.org)

## **Next Steps & Adjourn**

Closed by Eileen Auer Bennett

Actions for participants to do following the meeting:

1. Submit Feedback on CO-ECCS Strategic Planning
2. Provide Immediate Feedback to October's Meeting

<b>Resources</b>	
<a href="#">ECCS Working Group Charter (21-22)</a> ■ <a href="#">ECCS FLYER Overview FINAL.pdf</a> ■ <a href="#">ECCS Working Group Key Activities and...</a> <a href="#">Logic Model</a> <a href="#">Final ECCS-CO Grant</a>	<a href="#">ECCS Working Group Website</a> <a href="#">ECCS Working Group Shared Folder - (Agendas, Notes &amp; Meeting Materials)</a> <a href="#">ECCS Working Group Member List</a> <a href="#">CO-ECCS Webpage</a> <a href="#">Enrollment Form</a>  There are <u>20</u> grantees.