

Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council

DRAFT Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2018
Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Location: 3601 C St Suite 902
Anchorage, AK 99508

Welcome and Introduction

Attending: Commissioner Davidson, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Monegan, Rebekah Morisse, Supanika Ackerman, Erin Shine, Deputy Commissioner Sana Efird, Kristen Spencer, Marcey Bish, Christie Reinhardt, Ashley Christopherson, Veronica Plumb, Paul Prussing, Debbie Baldwin, Matthew Hirschfeld, Abbe Hensley, Elizabeth Siddon, Christina Hulquist, Elena Markova, Clair Pywell, Tamar Ben-Yosef, Meagen Johnson, Christy Knight, Kathy Berry, Alyson Currey, Denali Daniels, Candice Winkler, Rony Complumat, Jimael Johnson, Katie Reilly, Robert Boyle, Cody Chipp

Commissioner Davidson welcomed new AECCC Member Alison Kulas and congratulated member Siddon on her appointment to the Juneau School Board.

Member Hirschfeld made a motion to approve the minutes and Member Baldwin seconded it. Minutes were approved.

Commissioner Davidson thanked Erin Shine for coordinating the AECCC minutes and handed off the coordination to Member Ackerman and Christie Reinhardt. Commissioner Davidson gave an update on DHSS staffing and programs. Christie Reinhardt mentioned a new \$670,000 grant for 5 years given to Behavioral Health in partnership with Help Me Grow.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Erin Shine and gave updates on DEED programs with Deputy Commissioner Efird.

Clair Pywell gave the update for DOLWD.

Commissioner Monegan gave an update for DPS.

Member Ackerman gave an update on the protocols for committee meetings according to the new bylaws.

The Healthy Start & Strong Family, High Quality Early Care & Learning, Innovation & Long Term Investment, Public Engagement & Community Partnership Committees gave updates. Member Ackerman and Tamar Ben-Yousef volunteered to co-chair the Data & System Alignment committee.

Christina Hulquist gave an update on the Impact Project, which is a grant that would provide technical assistance to support the statewide early learning system.

Member Ackerman gave an update on the Preschool Development Grant that DEED will be applying for. Member Ackerman & Member Bish gave some updates on the new statewide CCDF and ESSA plans and how sections of those plans could align. Commissioner Davidson asked for some additional funding information.

Tamar Ben-Yousef facilitated a discussion on data collection and sharing structure for developmental screening in Alaska. Commissioner Davidson had to leave and handed off the facilitation to Commissioner Johnson.

Kid's Count Data was not shared due to a communication error.

Member Bish shared the Economic Impact of Early Care & Learning Report with the council and asked for support. Commissioner Johnson asked if there were any objections: there were none, and support was granted. Member Bish asked for anyone interested in participating in the work group for the summit to contact her or Member Berglund. Tamar Ben Yousef volunteered and Member Baldwin said she would identify someone from the Head Start Association.

Member Morissey facilitate a discussion on the AECCC Advisory Matrix and the role that the AECCC plays. Commissioner Johnson agreed that if the AECCC agrees to serve in an advisory capacity, there should be some guidance on what that means and the programs being advised should know what they needed from AECCC.

Erin Shine presented the SB 105 DHSS Implementation Plan.

Commissioner Johnson gave an update on the Children and Youth Cabinet.

Commissioner Johnson asked for any last comments or suggestions. Member Baldwin brought up Early Head Start funding and care for infants and toddlers. Member Hirschfeld announced that a new developmental clinic at ANMC had opened on Monday. Tamar Ben-Yousef talked about the upcoming Pediatric Symposium happening in November. Christie Reinhardt mentioned that WCFH is participating in a group with the idea of creating a tiered system of referral. Member Hensley shared that the 2 millionth imagination library book had been delivered and that there was a new parent newsletter via email. Tamar Ben-Yousef shared the Help Me Grow had submitted their fidelity assessment and that the majority of their calls had been referrals from Thread. Member Boyle shared that concerns about expulsions and how it relates to availability of early intervention and mental health services.

The next meeting will happen around January. A full transcript of this meeting is available upon request.