Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

**Minutes from August 19, 2020 – Virtual Meeting**

**List of attendees provided at the end of the minutes.**

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| 1. **Welcome & Introductions** |

Meeting began with welcome greeting from M. Amaris Knight. Members gave brief introductions of themselves and their agency/organization, including the community groups/coalitions they are involved in.

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| 1. **Coalition & Project Updates** |

* NV ECAC meetings will resume beginning Wednesday, August 26th. Minutes from previous ECAC meetings are available on the NECAC website: <http://nvecac.com/meeting-information/>
* Raising Las Vegas project meetings have also been cancelled until further notice.
* NV Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan
  + Amanda provided an overview of the most recent meeting, held on June 30th. This meeting was focused on education and outreach efforts, specifically during current COVID conditions. The group is reaching out to organizations currently planning back to school events to include information for families about healthy eating and physical activities. Unfortunately, the process to get materials approved through the state takes a significant amount of time, therefore current Prevention Plan materials are unable to be adapted for virtual/remote environments.
  + The current plan expires at the end of 2020, and the group will begin working on a new 3 or 5 year plan during the next meeting. If any SNECAC members would like to provide feedback on the current plan or ideas for future plans, please contact Amanda: [Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu](mailto:Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu) . The current plan has been attached for your reference.

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| 1. **SNECAC Sub-Committee Update: Priority Goals Toolkit** |

Julie Houchins (United Way) provided a brief update on sub-committee activities. Committee members have been spending time reviewing collected materials individually and will schedule a meeting to determine next steps before the SNECAC meeting.

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| 1. **Strong Start Updates** |

**Strong Start Parent Ambassadors**

* Monthly meetings are ongoing, but have moved to a virtual format until further notice.
* Many parents submitted testimony during the first special session of the year asking for the Governor to look at child care solutions.

**Strong Start Governor**

* 11 finalists have been chosen – 8 from Southern NV, 2 from Northern NV, 1 from rural county.
  + Amanda and Amaris asked the group for feedback regarding the types of activities that should be included as part of the first virtual campaign. Recommendations from the group included:
    - Having youth record speeches in advance, to have a backup in case of technical issues during the event.
    - Encourage live speeches and/or a live Q&A session with other youth during the event
    - Have candidates introduce vendor activities. Recorded speeches can also be played throughout the event (spread out in between activities).
* More information the Strong Start Governor can be found at the Strong Start Facebook page and website: <http://strongstartnevada.org/en/kid-mayor/>

**Step Up for Kids 2020**

The date for this year’s event will be **Saturday, October 17th.** The group discussed various activities that could be implemented during this year’s Step Up event. It was determined there would be both an in-person component (optional) and virtual event schedule.

**In-Person: 9:00am-11:00am**

Partners will work to organize a way for people to do a drive-by pick up of a “swag bag” with information from different partner organizations and materials that kids can use to participate in virtual activities. This would be arranged at multiple locations throughout the valley.

* It was discussed to limit the number of pick up locations to 2 or 3 places, so that materials are not spread too thin. Members volunteered the following locations as potential pick up spots:
  + Girl Scouts: Bonanza & Eastern
  + Children’s Cabinet – Decatur & Russel
  + United Way – Jones & Flamingo
  + City of Henderson – downtown recreation center
* It was also discussed to include something “valuable” for families as part of the pick-up package to encourage participation. Recommendations included:
  + Reach out to schools to determine materials that kids will need – i.e. mini white boards, dry erase markers, calculators, etc.
  + Collaborate with Lakeshore Learning, who is working to develop “At-Home Kits” that will contain all the materials kids might need
  + Should we focus on materials that are useful for early childhood/early elementary?
  + Order materials that are good for all age groups that we can add logos/important information to that will help spread information to more people. This could include headphones with microphones, games, flash cards for sigh words, stress balls, etc.
* Other ideas to help entice people to pick up materials in person for the virtual portion of the event:
  + Provide free ice cream after picking up materials!
  + Employ strategies to minimize contact, i.e. having people open their trunks for staff to place materials.
  + Ask event “vendors” to drop off swag and information that will go into the bags, and stuffed by staff at pick up sites.
  + Partner with 3 Square to request bags of food that will be distributed along with resource bags
  + Include vendor signs/banners for families to view while driving through the pick up area

**Virtual: 12:30pm-3:30pm**

* Virtual activities can be organized by a timed agenda in which different partner organizations (vendors) would be assigned a time slot to conduct virtual activities as a live stream. This would provide an opportunity to engage with kids while providing information to parents that may be watching. Suggested activities include:
  + UNCE/Healthy Kids dance lesson
  + Storytime (Children’s Cabinet)
  + Meditation/Relaxation
  + Yoga
  + Drawing tutorial
  + Craft making
  + Introduction to local zoo animals
  + LVUL has mini video clips of activities that family can do at home
* Organizations could offer virtual “tours” of their locations and/or activity centers as a way for parents to become more familiar with organizations.
* Activities could be live streamed from various locations in the valley (i.e. parks) that could be recorded and saved online for people to watch at a later time.
* Strong Start Governor campaigning and voting will be completely online.
* Raffle prizes can be made available for encouraging increased participation in activities
  + When participants login online for certain activities, they’re email will be entered into a raffle in which the prize can be mailed to the winner
  + Suggested raffle prizes include:
    - Low cost or donated electronic devices
    - Donated merchandise/fan packages from local sports teams
    - Supplies/equipment that will be useful for kids/families while distance learning

The group decided that next steps would include the development and dissemination of a survey to measure partners’ intended involvement in the different types of activities that were discussed. This will help solidify some of the plans for this event.

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| 1. **Afterschool & Out-Of-School Time Fall Programming** |

**CITY OF HENDERSON**

Tara Phebus provided an overview of the City of Henderson’s school-age child care program that will be available for the Fall 2020 school semester (see below). She also announced availability for the city’s licensed preschool program for kids 3-5 years old at the Valley View Recreation Center in downtown Henderson. Flyers about the preschool program are attached for your reference.

**Battle Born Kids – Ages 5-12**

**Battle Born Teens Ages 10-14**

 Monday-Friday ▪ 7am-6pm

**Registration:** $20 per child per day. No sibling discounts are available.

All registration and participation is subject to space availability. Register online by midnight the day before you wish to attend. Day-of, in-person registration accepted pending space availability.

**Location:**

Black Mountain Recreation Center

Henderson Multigenerational Center

Silver Springs Recreation Center

Valley View Recreation Center

Whitney Ranch Recreation Center

**Early Arrival and Extended Stay**

Black Mountain Recreation Center and Henderson Multigenerational Center offer an early-start and late pick-up option. Participants must be registered on or by the Wednesday prior to the week their child will be attending.

* Early Arrival ◾ 6:30am-7am ◾ $10 per child per week
* Extended Stay ◾ 6pm-6:30pm ◾ $10 per child per week

**Safety**

Intake tables will be stationed inside of recreation centers at the main entrance. All guests will be required to take a temperature reading each time they enter the building. A COVID questionnaire must be completed daily for each child and parent/guardian during drop-off.

* All guest (including parents) temperatures will be checked by designated intake staff. Children will also be temperature checked at time of pick up.
* Participants ages 5 and over are expected to always wear their face covering while in program except when they are eating, at which time they are following social distancing guidelines and are no less than 6 feet apart from another participant.
* Government-issued ID is required for drop-off and pick up.

**Activities**

Planned activities will include, but not limited to, games, crafts, physical fitness, music, virtual field trips, virtual special guests, movies, and sports. All activities will follow current social distancing guidelines.

**Distance Learning**

* The City will provide multiple rotations and a work area for children to conduct their schoolwork.
* The City will provide access to public Wi-Fi.
* The City will provide a staff member to supervise the log-in process and assist with children’s needs, however, the City is not responsible for participant’s schoolwork productivity. Parents will be notified if there are issues that prevent their children from logging in.
* Parents must provide all log-in information, virtual class schedule, participant’s school I.D. number and all applicable information needed for participants to participate in distance learning classes.
* All participants must bring their own school supplies necessary to complete their assignments and crafts. Items should be labeled with the child’s name and in a backpack. Backpacks will be kept in the room designated for distance learning. Items should include:
* Laptop, headphones, or electronic device(s) with charging cords to complete virtual classes.
* Pencils, pens, crayons/color pencils, glue sticks, notebooks, scissors, and pencil box, personal hand sanitizer and tissues.
* All personal supplies must brought with the participant each day and taken home at the end of each day.

 For registration and additional information go to: <https://cityofhenderson.com/henderson-happenings/program-and-classes/battle-born-kids-and-teens>

**NEVADA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK**

Amaris provided an update on upcoming NAN professional development and networking opportunities for afterschool and OST staff:

* Professional Development webinars are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at 11:00am. August’s webinar will be part 1 of a 3-part series on Family Engagement. A separate 3-part series focusing on Social Emotional Learning will begin in September.
* NAN also hosts a Monday Morning Mingle on the last Monday of each month at 8:00am. This is a networking discussion for OST professionals to collaborate and learn from each other. In August, we will also be joined by Dr. Brian Labus from the UNLV School of Public Health to answer questions about safely re-opening programs.

Information about these and other resources for afterschool and OST programs can be found at the NAN website: [www.nevadaafterschool.org](http://www.nevadaafterschool.org)

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| 1. **Community Resources & Events** |

Members provided updates about upcoming events and resources in the community that are relevant to early childhood.

**Nevada Ready State Pre-K**

Julie Houchins (United Way) informed the group that funding for the program is not yet confirmed from the current interim legislative session. She will provide updates once the information is available.

**Children’s Cabinet**

Danielle Holmes informed the group that their online parent engagement series is available in English and Spanish. Trainings are available statewide. A flyer with more information is attached for your reference.

Additionally, they are organizing raffles to help share their current pre-k readiness book. Children’s Cabiet serves as a hub for the Milestones Moments books – a series on child development from ages 0-6. These books are available in English and Spanish. If your organization is interested in obtaining books to provide to families you work with, please email Danielle: [dholmes@childrenscabinet.org](mailto:dholmes@childrenscabinet.org).

**DCFS Early Childhood Mental Health Services/Children's Clinical Services:**

The South Neighborhood Family Service Center location has recently moved to 1485 W. Warm Springs, Suite 109, Henderson NV 89014. Phone: 702-486-0083. Individual/family therapy and targeted case management services are currently being offered via telehealth and in-person, ages birth -18 and their families.

*Additional DCFS Early Childhood Mental Health Services/Children's Clinical Services locations:*

* The East Neighborhood Family Service Center: 4180 S. Pecos, Las Vegas, NV 89121 Phone: 702-486-7500  
  The West Neighborhood Family Service Center: 6171 W. Charleston Blvd, building 7, Las Vegas, NV 89146 Phone: 702-486-0000
* The North Neighborhood Family Service Center: 4538 W. Craig Rd, suite 290, N. Las Vegas, NV 89032 Phone: 702-486-5610

*DCFS Early Childhood Mental Health Services Childcare Consultation program:*

Provides assessment and support to QRIS participating preschools and daycare programs for children birth - kindergarten who are experiencing challenges in these settings. Consultants provide assessments either in person or by video, depending on individual  preschool/daycare policies. Consultants work with preschools/daycare and parents to provide individualized recommendations to meet youth's needs.  Case management services are available to assist in linking to services recommended through the assessment process, if applicable.

Trainings are also available at no charge (live or remote distance) and are approved through the Nevada Registry.

Current topics:

* **Addressing Behavior Issues***(Registry Category-Positive Interactions & Guidance)*
* **Attachment Issues of Childhood *(****Registry Category-Human Growth & Development)*
* **Communicating with and About Children *(****Registry Category-Family and Community Relationships)*
* **Communicating with Parents***(Registry Category-Family and Community Relationships)*
* **Coping with Stress *(****Registry Category-Leadership & Professional Development)*
* **Creating Positive Learning Environments***(Registry Category-Environment & Curriculum)*
* **Intro to Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health *(****Registry Category-Human Growth & Development)*
* **Physical and Emotional Development***(Registry Category-Human Growth & Development)*
* **Preventing Power Struggles** *(Registry Category-Positive Interactions & Guidance)*
* **Tantrums *(****Registry Category-Positive Interactions and Guidance)*
* **Understanding Depression in Young Children *(****Registry Category-Human Growth & Development)*
* **Stress, Trauma and Loss *(****Registry Category-Positive Interactions and Guidance)*
* **Parent Training***(Registry Category-Human Growth & Development)*

If interested in services provided by Childcare Consultation, please contact: [childcareconsultation@dcfs.nv.gov](mailto:childcareconsultation@dcfs.nv.gov)

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| 1. **Open for Other Comments/Ideas…** |

If any SNECAC members have events, trainings, or other information that is pertinent to this group that they would like distributed, please feel free to send to Amaris: [m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu](mailto:m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu).

**All events have been posted on the Nevada Events Calendar and links are provided in the email with the minutes.**

**2020 Meeting Dates**

**October 21, 2020**

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