Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

**Minutes from June 16, 2021 – 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 Amanda Haboush-Deloye. 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 is looking to contract with a facilitator to revise their strategic plan. They are hoping to align the state plan with local ECAC plans and activities through this next strategic planning process.
  + Next NV ECAC will be held on June 23rd at 9:00am, and they have planned to hold this meeting in person at the Nevada Department of Education Board Room – 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Ste. 114 Las Vegas, NV 89119. Minutes from previous ECAC meetings are available on the NECAC website: <http://nvecac.com/meeting-information/>
* Raising Las Vegas project meetings are still cancelled until further notice.
* NV Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan
  + A draft of the plan is currently undergoing revisions, which will then be finalized in September 2021. The group is looking to align activities with other plans to avoid duplication of efforts.
  + The draft document will be sent out once available and SNECAC members are welcome to provide feedback.

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| 1. **Review of 2021 Kindergarten Health Survey** |

Prior to this meeting, SNECAC members were provided a draft copy of the 2021 Kindergarten Health Survey for review. This survey goes out to parents of all incoming NV kindergarten students in August/September 2021. Members were encouraged to provide feedback and recommendations for changes to the survey to be more appropriate for this coming school year. Members asked for the following additions to be considered:

* Adding a question regarding ELL education needs
* Adding COVID-19 as an option to the question about experiences during the last 12 months

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| 1. **2021 Step Up for Kids Event Planning** |

Venue Updates: NICRP has not yet received a response from Vegas Roots or City of Las Vegas regarding the availability or pricing to host the Step Up event. Additional attempts will be made to secure a venue prior to the August SNECAC meeting.

NICRP will send a sign-up list to SNECAC members for helping with event planning and organization. Additional planning discussions will continue at the next SNECAC meeting.

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| 1. **Strong Start Updates** |

**Strong Start Governor/Cabinet**

* Our Strong Start Governors Cabinet continues to meet monthly and connect with the community. At our last meeting Jodi Tyson of 3 Square talked to the cabinet about service opportunities. They are each engaged with a service project this month. There will be discussions on how to continue with either the governor or the mayor.

**Strong Start Parent Ambassadors**

* The final meeting of our current parent ambassadors was held this week.  We are looking to put out applications in July and review in August to start our next cohort.  It will include 10 parents from the north and 10 from the south, with a focus on parent who have children younger than 3 years old, and diverse representation and inclusion from all our communities. The new cohort is expected to start in September or October. Once the applications are available they will be sent to the group.
* We hope to continue to use current ambassadors as mentors going forward.

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

**NEVADA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK**

NAN is met with the Department of Education on Thursday, 6/17 to provide feedback and recommendations regarding how American Rescue Plan dollars should be spent in relation to afterschool and out-of-school time programs. Anyone was able to send input to: [Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu](mailto:Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu).

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.

**Children’s Cabinet**

* Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, June 22nd to help with sorting and packing materials from the 9th Bridge School, which closed last month. Once items are inventoried, they will be redistributed to other early learning programs in the community. Please see details below and contact Denise if you are interested in helping: [dtanata@childrenscabinet.org](mailto:dtanata@childrenscabinet.org)
  + Location: 9th Bridge School 310 S. 9th Street Las Vegas, NV 89101
  + Parking is available at the rear of the building (no cost).
  + Date: Tuesday, June 22nd
  + Time: 9am to 5pm (all or any part of the day)
* The Children’s Cabinet is partnering with Nevada WIC for a new project and is looking for volunteers. Child care supervisors are needed to help with the facilitation of parent focus groups scheduled to occur in late summer/early fall. A flyer will be developed and distributed to SNECAC members once available; volunteers will be compensated. Please contact Danielle if you are interested in helping or know who can provide these services: [dholmes@childrenscabinet.org](mailto:dholmes@childrenscabinet.org)

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

No other comments.

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

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| 1. **2021 Meeting Schedule** |

The group reviewed and approved proposed dates for 2021 SNECAC meetings (listed below). Meetings will be still held virtually until further notice.

**2021 Meeting Dates**

**January 20, 2021 March 17, 2021 May 19, 2021**

**June 16, 2021 August 18, 2021 October 20, 2021**

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