Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

**Minutes from August 17, 2022 – Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting**

**East Las Vegas Library**

**2851 E. Bonanza Road**

**Las Vegas, NV 89101**

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

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| 1. **Welcome & Introductions** |

Meeting began with a welcome greeting from Amanda Haboush-Deloye and M. Amaris Knight. Members gave brief introductions of themselves and their agency/organization.

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

The next meeting will be held on September 21st from 9am-12pm at Child Care Service Center (in person in Reno and Las Vegas, along with a virtual attendance option). Minutes from previous ECAC meetings are available on the NECAC website: <http://nvecac.com/meeting-information/>

* NV ECAC Updates
  + State Meeting Updates
    - NV ECAC will be moving forward on 2022-2024 strategic plan, with a systems reform in the early childhood sector
  + Sub-Committee Action Plans
    - All five subcommittees are working on development of workplans
    - This is a transitionary year, again with a primary focus of moving toward systems
  + Additional Updates
    - Please visit the Early Learning and Development listserv for membership sign ups
    - The first NV ECAC newsletter will be coming out in September – the group hopes this will disseminate information. SNECAC is expected to provide regular updates to ECAC to include in their newsletters. Please provide any information you have about upcoming events or important resources to [m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu](mailto:m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu) to include in our updates.
* NV Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan (NECOP)
  + Social media toolkits have been completed for National Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August and National Childhood Obesity Prevention Month in September. Both toolkits can be found at this link: [NICRP | Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Workgroup (unlv.edu)](https://nic.unlv.edu/necop.html)
  + An overview of the progress on the NECOP Legislative Subcommittee meetings in July and August was discussed. The subcommittee is reviewing the 32 ASHW standards which Nevada either partially meets or does not meet at this time.
  + Next meeting is Tuesday, 9/20 in Reno at the Child Care Services Center: 961 Matley Ln. #110

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| 1. **Strong Start Updates** |

**Parent Ambassadors + Governor & Cabinet**

* CAA is recruiting for the next cohort of Parent Ambassadors. For more information about the program and links to share with potential parent ambassadors, please contact [annette.dawson@caanv.org](mailto:annette.dawson@caanv.org).
* Annette has been meeting with a lot of stakeholder groups to help advocate for the Nevada Afterschool Network and Early Childhood Programs
* There are no plans for a new Strong Start Governor election in the near future, but may potentially collaborate to help promote youth mayor candidates and provide experiential opportunities for them.

**Clark County Youth Mayor**

* Amanda discussed a modification of the name this year from Kid Mayor to “Youth” Mayor
* [Applications](https://unlv.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9nVLPnLtroE9rOC) (due 9/8) have been sent to both public and charter schools; students now in 4th or5th grade are eligible to apply.
* A media group has been working with the current Kid Mayor to record videos regarding mental health and other health-related information for youth.
  + Plan to have this set as a precedent for future Youth Mayor activities

**[Step Up for Kids](https://nic.unlv.edu/stepup.html) Event 2022**

* October 8th, 2022, time confirmed for 10am – 1pm at the East Las Vegas Library. Set up time for vendors begins at 9:15am
* Paid advertising for the event will begin during the first week of September
* Discussed details of Youth Mayor voting process at the event
* Additional items of the event were discussed:
  + Farmers’ market
  + Music: The group discussed potential options such as a youth band, performers from LVA, and karaoke
  + Further discussion on potential food truck/vendors – if you have suggestions or a strong preference, please contact [amanda.haboush@unlv.edu](mailto:amanda.haboush@unlv.edu) ASAP
  + Face painting
  + Raffle – vendors are again asked to donate raffle prizes
* A brief flyer has been created for the event. An email announcement will be sent to all on the SNECAC roll.

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

**NEVADA AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK**

* NAN updates:
  + Quality improvement initiatives
    - Will soon be working to align Early Childhood QRIS system for school age programs
  + Ambassador programs coming up, further details will be provided soon
  + NAN is also partnering with NICRP to pilot test social emotional learning through ballroom dancing in public schools/afterschool programs:
    - 8–10-week program; Middle-school ages only
    - If you have any connections with schools or afterschool programs that might be interested in participating, please contact [m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu](mailto:m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu) and/or [amanda.haboush@unlv.edu](mailto:amanda.haboush@unlv.edu)
  + Additional opportunities:
    - 2-day professional development virtual conference (Nov 17-18) – speakers will be brought in across the country who are professionals in this field.
      * Audience members include anyone who works in an afterschool program with youth. NV/OR/AZ/WA/UT/HI will all be participating in this program.
      * Currently looking for 1 youth from NV to be a part of the panel to discuss their experiences with afterschool programs. If you know of someone (12-24yo) that would be interested in participating, please contact [m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu](mailto:m.amaris.knight@unlv.edu)
      * Agenda will be available prior to next meeting

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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.

**Healthy Kids Festival (10th Annual)**

Saturday, September 24, 2022 11am – 3pm

Bob Price Recreation Center

2050 Bonnie Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89156

Flyer is attached for reference

**Kickoff to Kindergarten**

Saturday, August 27 10:30am-1:00pm

East Las Vegas Library

2851 E. Bonanza Rd.

Flyer is attached for reference

**Trunk or Treat**

October 19, 2022 - 4-6pm

Rainbow Library

Flyer is attached for reference

**Virtual NV Family Engagement Summit**

October 22, 2022 – 9:00am-3:00pm

Registration now open: 2022NVSummit.eventbrite.com

Flyer is attached for reference

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

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

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| 1. **2022 Meeting Schedule** |

*The next meeting will be held in person (with a virtual option) at the Childcare Resource Center on October 19, 2022, from 12-2pm*.

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