

## Early Childhood Advisory Council Unapproved Minutes

### January 25, 2024

### 1:00-4:00 pm

To participate virtually

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/89903376109>

To participate in-person

Anchor Location: Multi Agency State Office Building (MASOB)  
195 North 1950 West, Room 1020A, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Chair and Chair Elect: Jared Lisonbee, Encarni Gallardo

Attendees: Aimee Winder Newton, Laurie Baksh, Dakta Matherly, Lisa Davenport, Stephan Matherly, Cristina Vega Mata (for Elizabeth VanSaint-Webb), Chris Furner, Dr. Stacey Swilling, Marion Eckersley, Leah Coburn, Eric Christensen, Heather Thomas, Wendy Byron, Jeffrey Ojeda, Shauna Tia Tia, Dr. William Cosgrove, Jennifer Mitchell, Nanette Barnes, Alysse Loomis, Stephanie Anderson, Madeline Giles, Michael King, Sheila Anderson, Chelsea Oaks, Andrea Bullock

DHHS Staff in attendance: Jennifer Floyd, Tamara Hampton

Time*	Topic	Presenter	Notes
1:00	1. Welcome 2. Approve October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes	Jared Lisonbee	Jared Lisonbee started the the meeting at 1:00 with a quorum. Approval of October 26, 2023 ECU Meeting Minutes by

			<p>Chelsea Oaks, seconded by Nanette Barnes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously with spelling correction of Chelsea Oaks name. Laurie Baksh abstained.</p>
1:10 1:30	<p>3. Office of Early Childhood Updates</p> <p>4. PDG Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PDG needs assessment and strategic plan</li> </ul> <p>5. Office of Child Care Updates</p>	<p>Dakota Matherly</p> <p>Mandi Mendenhall</p> <p>Heather Thomas</p>	<p>3. Dakota Matherly gave an update of Early Childhood programs.</p> <p>4. PDG - Mandi Mendenhall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity 1: Needs Assessment for the state. Sorenson Impact Center has completed the first stage and is in the process of a final review.</li> <li>• Activity 2: Sorenson Impact Center is drafting a statewide Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Activity 3: Website is progressing. Help Me Grow Utah is moving into the southern part of the state.</li> <li>• Activity 4: USU is continuing training on the Pyramid Model</li> <li>• Activity 5: USU is meeting with stakeholders in San Juan County working with the San Juan County Health Department. They are completing a readiness assessment.</li> <li>• Activity 6: Home Visiting is working with LHD are implementing the expansion of ASQ screenings and Home Visiting</li> <li>• Child care subsidies have been increased.</li> <li>• Market rate study is being completed. Planning to use this and cost of care model to establish new</li> </ul>

			<p>rates in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCDF State Plan - Serves as the application for federal funding. Due June 1, 2024.</li><li>• Child Care Stabilization Grants through COVID funding - this has been reduced by 25%. Reviewing expenses to make sure we are not overspending the ARPA funds. Funding needs to be liquidated by Sept. 30, 2024.</li><li>• Legislative Session:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ The Governor's Budget included a \$5M for a child care public/private partnership.</li><li>◦ HB96 Child Care Program Sales Tax Credit.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>USBE Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Readiness Grant application due January 31, 2024. This is administered jointly with DWS, OCC, &amp; USBE. If you are interested in reviewing this grant, contact Kimber Burks <a href="mailto:Kburks@utah.gov">Kburks@utah.gov</a>.</li><li>• Enrollment update for preschools has decreased by .2% (total of 33 students) from SY23. There are 7,572 preschool students with identified disabilities. There are 3,052 preschool students receiving services through the McKinney-Vento program. Migrant Student Services for ages 0-8 has increased by 43% (105 students).</li></ul> <p>Open Positions:</p>
		Jared Lisonbee	<p>6. Utah State Board of Education Updates</p>
		Jennifer Floyd	<p>7. Recruitment/Board positions</p>

<p>open</p> <p>8. Subcommittee updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Early Care and Education</li><li>b. Data and Research</li></ul>	<p>Andrea Bullock</p> <p>Sheila Anderson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three open positions (medical provider, mental health provider, specialized services provider). Have received one application for the specialized provider that will be reviewed by the Executive Committee in February. A new position has been created to add a member from a local health department.</li><li>• A review of the membership is in the process and there should be more information on that at the next meeting.</li></ul> <p>Early Care and Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New chair is Kelly Noorda. Reviewed current goals.</li><li>• Gathering information on licensing and certification. Then will be determining the next steps.</li><li>• Discussed the Early childhood educator definition. No final definition presented for a vote. Comments made by the committee and the vendors/public were shared.</li></ul> <p>Data Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two goals:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Assisting members of ECU with relevant data.</li><li>○ Produce a meaningful Annual Report.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Due August 1, 2024 for the 2022-2023 year.</li><li>■ Requests for information will start going out</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
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			<p>in February. Initial review will be done in March. Will have a draft for the Advisory Council to review in April. Looking for a final approval from ECU at the June meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next steps           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gather feedback from subcommittees. Is there something that the subcommittees feel should be included in the annual report.</li> <li>■ Send data request to agencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Health and Access to Medical Homes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lactation is still the primary goal. Focusing on four areas in the community: expectant mothers/fathers; early childhood education; hospitals/birthing centers; the workplace.</li> <li>● Continuity of messaging across all four areas of focus.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parent Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Goal to get more parents involved in advocacy and leadership.</li> <li>● Forming a strategic plan.</li> <li>● Working on a definition of advocate/leader.</li> <li>● The Parent Engagement subcommittee has also been working with the Health and Access to Medical Homes to get the lactation message out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social-Emotional and Mental Health</b></p>
		Eric Christensen	
		Chelsea Oaks	
		Michael King	

	<p>Mental Health</p> <p>f. Ad Hoc subcommittee</p>	<p>Chelsea Oaks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New chair-elect: Wendy Byron</li> <li>• Survey related to behavioral challenges and responses sent out.</li> <li>• Next step is to review data and determine areas of strengths and needs for improvement.</li> </ul> <p>Ad Hoc Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore options for child care for children with special needs or disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The next meeting they will be looking at data on the current landscape and what options come out from data.</li> <li>◦ If you would like to participate or recommend someone, you can send it to Jennifer Floyd or Chelsea Oaks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3:45	9. Public Comments & Information	Open	Dr. William Cosgrove let the council know about the upcoming Utah Association of Infant Mental Health February 2-3, 2024. There are nationally recognized speakers presenting.
4:00	<p>10. Adjourn</p> <p>Next ECU Advisory Council Meeting:</p> <p>April 25, 2024 1-4 p.m.</p> <p>Request in-person attendance if possible.</p>		Motion to adjourn by Lisa Davenport, seconded by Dr. Stacey Swilling. Meeting adjourned at 2:47.



*\*Times are approximate; meeting could conclude prior to 4:00 pm*

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