

Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC)
Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Members Present: Erin Arango-Escalante (DCF), Jillian Clemens (DCF), Kaitlin Ferrick (DCF), Jessica Justman (DPI), Duy Nguyen (DPI), Jane Penner-Hoppe (DCF)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by Jillian Clemens.
- No additional talking points were added to the agenda.
- The May 6, 2022, Steering Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed. Erin Arango-Escalante moved to approve the minutes. Jane Penner-Hoppe seconded the motion. All were in favor; no one opposed; the motion to approve the minutes was carried.

ECAC Membership:

The Council is welcoming two new members—Charlene Mouille, Executive Director of United Way Wisconsin, and Matricia Patterson, Executive Director of Supporting Families Together Association. Ann Terrell (NAEYC) has resigned. Her seat on the Council was at large and will not be refilled at this time.

Roles and Responsibilities for Steering Committee Members:

- Tribal head start membership is still in progress and outreach is being conducted.
- Committee members plan to review the RACI chart and update as appropriate.
- DPI's Division for Academic Excellence (DAE) new Policy Initiatives Advisor, Sara Knueve, will accompany Duy Nguyen to the Council meetings beginning August 15.

CCDF/CCDBG Requirements for State Advisory Councils and Early Learning and Development Guidelines:

- Jillian reminds the Committee that the WMELS revision requires the State to show, in the plan, the collaboration efforts made with ECAC. Nicole Horsley (DPI) will work with Jillian to ensure inclusion.
- Contact will be made with Stephanie Lozano (DCF Tribal Agency Liaison) to check the status of the additional WMELS training that was to be offered to tribal providers.

Agenda Items/Needs for the September ECAC Full Council Meeting:

- The suggestion was made to utilize the September 7 ECAC Full Council Meeting to focus on vision setting for the Wisconsin Birth to Five Strategic Plan. Kaitlin Ferrick will reach out to Consilience Group, the vendor selected to aid in the plan's development, to see if they are available to kick off this meeting. DCF is still in Phase 1 of the plan, which is specific to this department and scheduled to be completed by year's end. However, the meeting will discuss ECAC's engagement in Phases 2 and 3 of the plan. Phase 2 will align programs and services within DCF, DPI and DHS, and Phase 3 will involve the identification and alignment with systems in outside agencies. Questions to be answered include: How will ECAC be engaged in the plan? What is important to ECAC? What does ECAC want included in the plan? The Council will also help create a stakeholder engagement list, to ensure critical members are present and participating in the process. In short, the Committee will continue the narrative of what has already been shared regarding the B-5 Strategic Plan.
- The decision was made to develop this agenda item more fully at the next ECAC Steering Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 11.
- Duy Nguyen shared DPI's commitment to partnering with DCF around early learning and looks forward to engaging on the strategic planning process. He further indicated that DPI is working to scan programs and services across DPI that have a connection to early learning. Jessica suggested that DPI be briefed on the B-5 Strategic Planning process so that DPI can be prepared to meaningfully participate in the effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

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