



Early Learning Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022 – 9:00am-3:00pm
Virtual Meeting

Welcome, Virtual Meeting Protocols and Introductions

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement Deanna Stewart welcomed attendees, walked through virtual meeting protocols and initiated introductions. Members reviewed and approved the [April 12, 2022 meeting minutes](#).

Feedback Loop

ELAC Executive Committee member Lois Martin led the group in reviewing the Feedback Loop.

- [Feedback Loop](#)
 - [Child Care Complex Needs Fund Update](#)
 - [Early Childhood Equity Grant Design Team Update](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can find the most up to date ELAC membership and regional advisor list on the DCYF website here. • Would like to see a more detailed breakdown on the funds spent on the Stabilization Grants. • Seems there are not very many family home providers and Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers informing the process for the Fair Start for Kids Act (FSKA) Temporary Licensing Subcommittee (TLS) recommendations. Could things be done differently to ensure there is a diversity of voice across all provider types? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have been spreading the word and partners have too. We schedule meetings during the day, which seem to work for people better than evenings. We will be checking in again on this and will be sending out a survey poll on availability and preference of meeting times. We also encourage providers who cannot make the live meetings to watch the recordings and provide feedback. We are always willing to add more providers to our email list too, so if you know any family home or FFN providers who want to participate please send them our way at dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov. Meeting recordings and minutes can be found here. • What type of licensing setting do the providers represent? What is the breakdown of the 69 folks who are signed up for the FSKA TLS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We can take a look at the organization names on the distribution list and the breakdown of the provider types and will make sure to include that information in the next feedback loop.
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2023 Legislative Session Planning

DCYF Assistant Secretary of Early Learning Nicole Rose provided an overview of 2023 planning and process and gathered feedback on Decision Packages.

- [ELAC and Provider Supports Subcommittee DCYF Decision Package Update](#)
- [2023 Legislative Session Planning Presentation](#)
- [2023 Legislative Session Planning Discussion Question Responses and Feedback](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the "contracted slots" Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP), Early ECEAP slots, or a separate program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Those would not be ECEAP or Early ECEAP. Those would be something separate. • Will this include Early Head Start?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes. ● Is \$90.00 a one-time incentive or a monthly amount for infant incentive? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is monthly right now.
Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The CE team will send links to the jamboard with the follow up email so members can provide further feedback on the Decision Packages.

2023 Legislative Session Planning: Language Access

DCYF Strategic Project Manager Katrina Osborn provided an overview of 2023 planning and process and gathered feedback on Language Access Decision Package.

- [2023 Legislative Session Planning: Language Access Presentation](#)
- [DCYF Language Access Plan Decision Package Discussion Question Responses and Feedback](#)

Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katrina Osborn at katrina.osborn@dcyf.wa.gov.
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Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability (OIAA) Data Reporting

DCYF Director of the Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability (OIAA) Vickie Ybarra provided an overview of a new data dashboard and updates to support ELAC’s FSKA work.

- [OIAA Data Reporting Presentation](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the purpose of this level of sophistication for this dashboard? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The purpose of putting data out in a dashboard form is to satisfy the requests we are getting and demonstrate transparency. We get a lot of requests for this data and we use this data in decision-making and we want to be transparent in where the need and supply is and where the grants have gone. ● Is this dashboard live now? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal Child Care Stabilization Awards dashboard is now published! You can find it here. ● Is there any random testing that you do to show the data matches the calculation work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have a data quality assurance (QA) process inside OIAA before we release the data. We have processes for doing that QA within OIAA. Our agreement with Washington Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) says we need to do that QA before sharing data. It is more of a standard QA process not audit process. ● Can you explain what null value means? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Null value does not mean it is zero but accounts for human error.
Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Vickie Ybarra at vickie.ybarra@dcyf.wa.gov. ● www.dcyf.wa.gov/find-reports

FSKA Temporary Licensing Subcommittee Update

ELAC Member Colleen Condon provided members with an update on the Temporary Licensing Subcommittee of ELAC and gathered input as it related to the FSKA report.

- [FSKA Temporary Licensing Subcommittee Emergency Recommendation: Background Checks](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I heard from a Provider who was on a list to get their fingerprints, IdentiGo refused to give fingerprints to the person and suggested they go to a different location. ● Does the agency actually have an issue with the federal requirements? Is the agency looking at it as another way to keep children safe? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DCYF has brought the issue up with the congressional delegation but there's been no movement to change the federal rules about this.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCYF knew that the federal requirements of waivers was going to be lifted since 2014, so this should have been looked at and the process started on a change back in 2019. • Does ELAC need to act on these emergency recommendations or move a motion on these recommendations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These recommendations were submitted to Secretary Hunter. We have been providing written updates to ELAC of the Subcommittee since it began. This recommendation is not a report. • Is there anything further ELAC can be doing? It is just a wondering. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It stops at Secretary Hunter. The Subcommittee is tasked to submit recommendations to the agency per legislation. • If ELAC as a body would like to make a motion and send the same emergency recommendations on background checks to DCYF administration or different recommendations, could we do that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes. • It is probable that we will receive a response from Secretary Hunter before that email goes out to him about the emergency recommendations on background checks from ELAC. • There is a motion and second motion that these recommendations be sent to Secretary Hunter.
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State Agency/Partner and Regional Coalition Updates, FSKA Report Development Update

ELAC Executive Committee member Enrica Hampton led the group in reviewing the State Agency/Partner and Regional Coalition Updates.

- [State Agency/Partner Updates](#)
- [Regional Coalition Updates](#)
- [FSKA Report Development Update](#)

ELAC Community Agreements

The Community Engagement team led the group in reviewing the updated ELAC Community Agreements and gave an opportunity for members to provide edits and feedback.

- [ELAC Community Agreements Discussion Question Responses and Feedback](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Really like the Why am I Talking/ Why aren't I Talking? (W.A.I.T.) acronym. • Did this group draft the edits? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ELAC membership and regional advisors suggested the edits and the Community Engagement team put the updated Community Agreements together. • What power does ELAC have? We can be forward thinking as ELAC but where does the power lie in influencing policy change? Does this group have any real influence or impact on actual changes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can we put more motions forward, can we support things that are happening in one space or another? I think the answer to that is yes, have we historically done that. I think that's why this morning was hard for us to work through because it's not a process that we engage in often enough. ○ Over many years, I have seen things come out of ELAC that have been implemented. It is a slow process. I have seen change made to all the groups I have been involved with. Being in the virtual format for meetings makes it harder to form and continue personal relationships and have parking lot conversations like we did at in-person meetings. ○ When ELAC first started, it used to be that community members have a certain amount of time to share feedback and the public had to sit in the back so it definitely has changed and improved over time.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be interesting to look at what can the purpose of ELAC be and different from how it has been. • Has there been any discussion about being able to merge in person and virtual hybrid meetings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ When we do go back to in person meetings, there will be hybrid meetings with in person and virtual options. We will need to make sure that we have enough people who can attend an in person meeting in order to be financially responsible. • Maybe add something into the charter about relationship building with other members or regional advisors outside of ELAC meetings. • Maybe in the future leave a little space after the morning session and end of the day to discuss items that we want to take action on and amp up certain topics discussed. Also, discuss what steps of action we can take. • Being able to have time and space for the whole group to share feedback without the presenters being present.
<p>Next Steps/Follow Up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Engagement Team will send out the draft Community Agreements along with the Jamboard link for you to provide any changes you would like before final review.

Overview of the Preschool Development Grant Birth – Five (PDG)

DCYF Preschool Development Grant Birth-5 Administrator, Tracie Kenney and Integration Specialist, Delta Heiberg provided an overview of the federal Preschool Development Grant awarded to DCYF in 2019 and the projects this grant funds.

- [Overview of Preschool Development Grant Birth – Five \(PDG\) Presentation](#)

<p>Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous plan had a section about Supporting the Workforce (10 years ago). This new plan probably has that too. I wonder if anything concrete will be done to achieve that? Folks are leaving this field. That's not good for children and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Yes, it does have it's own section. I absolutely agree and that is why we have to come at this differently based on community. • Do you have any specific goals around supporting the workforce that DCYF will be able to take action on? I remember being at some of those early meetings and lots of other areas had goals and strategies that DCYF would prioritize. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Since this is a statewide plan and not a DCYF specific plan, there are no goals or strategies explicitly assigned to DCYF. However, Tracie will show a crosswalk towards the end of our presentation that show significant areas of overlap between this Coordination Plan and the DCYF Strategic and Racial Equity Plan, including supports for workforce. You can find more information here. • Where do things stand as far as funding for these projects that were originally federally funded dollars? Is this something that has been pushed forward in DCYF decision packages? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We are deep in sustainability planning. Some of the work would not be appropriate for DCYF to fund at this point moving forward. Some is absolutely supported by DCYF. Some of the projects can make their case to DCYF. • It will be great for PDG to come back and update us on what dollars were used in the future.
<p>Next Steps/Follow Up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to PDG webpage: https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-affairs/pdg • https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/IAA_0004.pdf • Link to dashboards: https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/oiaa/reports/early-learning-dashboards • https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/pdg-GoalsStrats-ELCoordPlan.pdf



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you have any questions, please feel free to email Tracie Kenney at tracie.kenney@dcyf.wa.gov and Delta Heiberg at delta.heiberg@dcyf.wa.gov.
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Closing Remarks/Adjourn

- [Meeting Reflection Questions and Responses](#)

Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The next Early Learning Advisory Council meeting will be on August 2, 2022.
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