

**NEW MEXICO EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**(ELAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2018**

**Albuquerque, NM – UNM CE Room 123**

Meeting was Call Order by Erica Stubbs, ELAC Chair, at 9:15 am. She welcomed the committee and thanked UNM Continuing Ed ECSC for hosting the meeting.

Roll was called for the meeting. Present: Shannon Rivera (Zoom), Elizabeth Beers, Franz Joachim, Erica Stubbs, Janis Gonzales, Andy Gomm, Debbie Montoya (Zoom), Michael Weinberg, Barbara Tedrow, Olga Valenzuela-Zavalo, Heather Vaughn, Janis Gonzales, and Ray Jaramillo (Zoom).

Excused: Alejandra Rebolledo-Rea, Larry Langley

Quorum established at 9:13 am by Erica Stubbs.

Agenda review and community introductions.

Motion to approve November 15, 2017 Minutes

Beth motions to approve; Heather Second. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Childcare Accountability Act**

**Michael Weinberg**

* Bill is in draft form with Representative Dow
* CYFD requesting $25 million and LFC recommending $20 million.
* Sponsors of Bill feel funding is needed to increase early childhood development.
* The sentiment is if we continue to ask for more monies that an Act should be in place that provides demonstrable outcomes.
* Presently, the Bill is undergoing minor drafting changes.
* Feedback – we are already collecting this from providers. Structuring Bill to report on what is being done now in early childhood development so that there isn’t an added burden for caregivers in their reporting practices.
* Questions:

**Erica**- Is there something there that isn’t realistic from providers?

**Michael** – I don’t think so. Intent is to make it very broad and more clear.

**Erica** – Is there a time burden or extra responsibility?

**Michael** – shouldn’t be a burden. Really the onus is on CYFD to collect the data and report on it. Some vetting going on already.

**Barbara** – I haven’t been contacted nor has Ray. Can we contact Rep. Dow? Do we know when we’ll have a draft?

**Michael** – No, we don’t know when we’ll have a draft. Yes, you can contact Rep Dow. I would think Rep. Dow would share the draft.

**Andy** – I would think we want to hear from organizations that represent childcare. Maybe we can make a recommendation that ELAC gets a copy of the draft. I worry about smaller and homebased providers having input.

**Michael** – yes, organizations that represent a diverse group that would be affected. Differences are spelled out in the Bill. I understand the frustration at this point because you don’t a copy of the Bill in front of you. The intent is that there is no burden. There are key stakeholders that are skeptical about putting more money into childcare and that’s what this Bill is designed to overcome.

**Andy** – Bill being CYFD accountable to legislature? ELAC role?

**Michael** – I will look into that. My speculation is that Rep Dow is modeling the Home Visiting Accountability Act. Not sure if it is spelled out that ELAC review the report.

**Andy** – I make a Motion that ELAC recommends to Rep Dow that the Bill once finalized be distributed widely to childcare organization and that ELAC be a recipient to the report. Barb – 2nd

**Michael** – will pass this onto Rep Dow.

**CYFD – Home Visiting Annual Report**

**Rhonda Montoya and Elizabeth Beers**

* Provided copies of Home Visiting Annual Report
* Legislators, CYFD and Governor’s office have copies. Report will be available online and can be shared with constituents and general public
* Report goes into performance measures, key outcomes and improvement measures
* Fiscal Year 2017 Home Visiting’s budget was $17.5 million consisting of state and federal dollars.
* 30 Programs throughout 30 counties in NM were serviced resulting in 4587 families receiving services and 53, 652 home visits.
* Fiscal Year 2018 budget is $18.3 million which serves 32 programs in 32 counties in NM.
* The program is administered through CYFD – Office of Child Development (OCD) through UNM Center for Development and Disabilities (CDD) with the support of Center for Education Policy Research (CEPR) and UNM ECSC Data Services.
* Program Goals:
  + Babies are Born Healthy
  + Children are Nurtured by their Parents and Caregivers
  + Children are Physically and Mentally Healthy
  + Children are Ready for School
  + Children and Families are Safe
  + Families are Connected to Formal and Informal Supports in their Communities
* Key Outcomes:
  + Healthy Births (p. 15)
  + Parent and Caregiver Nurturing of Children (p.18)
  + Children’s Physical and Mental Health (p. 20)
  + School Readiness (p. 22)
  + Safety of Families and Children (p. 24)
  + Connections to Community Supports (p. 26)
* CYFD has taken a variety of steps in response to previous Home Visiting Reports, and has strengthened the system in several important ways in FY17.
  + Contracting with programs at different rates
  + Reviews and adjusts program contracts throughout the year to ensure funding meets the needs of the community
  + Piloted Level II home visiting services which build upon Level I
  + Centralized, statewide family support resource and referral services through NewMexicoKids Resource and Referral in conjunction with PullTogether campaign
* Next Steps for 2018
  + Inclusion of home visiting programs in the state’s FOCUS tiered quality improvement system
  + T.E.A.C.H. scholarships dedicated to the professional development of the home visiting workforce.
  + New outreach to families with babies who are hospitalized in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
  + A project with Medicaid-funded home visiting in three counties
* CYFD Home Visiting Database – Data for nearly all program and outcome measures are collected in the state’s Home Visiting Database maintained and managed for CYFD by the Early Childhood Services Center (ECSC) at UNM.
  + Data Sources: Screens Used
    - Child Development – Ages & Stages Questionnaire – 3 (ASQ-3) and Ages & Stages Questionnaire Social-Emotional (ASQ-SE)
    - Caregiver Depression – Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)
    - Nurturing Parenting – Parenting Interactions with Children: Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes (PICCOLO)
    - Domestic Violence – Relationship Assessment Tool (RAT)
    - Family Background – Maternal-Child Health Form (MCH)
* Beth Beers – Socorro General Hospital Home Visiting Program
* Delivery of Home Visiting Services is my passion.
* Home Visiting Accountability Act is a good thing and we embrace having accountability
* 2009 received funding to do Home Visiting.
* We reflect on the non-explosive successes as much as the explosive successes.
  + Example: After Home Visitor patiently worked with a “No Mom” (a mom who only used the no response in parenting), in reflective supervision – and changed her behavior by not using the word “no” and using positive words to change the child’s behavior.
* A Monumental Success Story – Building relationships. Mom and Dad came in and it was discovered Dad was illiterate. In our program we talk to parents about the importance of reading to baby in utero and when very young. The Home Visitor pulled out a book and pointed to the grapes and asked, “What’s this?” Dad says, “grapes.” From that point on Dad was able to read through pictures and read to a group of small children.
* Another Success Story – a Dad was in prison and recorded himself on a tape recorder reading to his baby. Baby grew up and recognized Dad’s voice and remembered he was read to.
* Other ways we present services:
* Circle Security classes offered in high schools, jails, and communities due to Brindle Foundation funding.
* Post Pardon Home Visits
* Infant Mental Health
* Rural visits to reservations
* PICCOLO
* Baby Boxes
* Collaboration with the community
* Questions and Comments:
  + **Franz** – Very impressive report. How do you address the gaps such as on pg. 27?
    - Rhonda – in some communities we just don’t have the resources and it’s also the family’s choice, which we know there could be lack of confidence to reach out or sophistication. So we help them and make call for them if need be – not just a referral.
  + **Michael** – This is the type of report that legislators really need to read and see for themselves that Home Visiting really works. How do we get this story told? When do we start reporting on school readiness?
    - **Rhonda** – Report will be handed out to legislators, online and throughout agencies in the state. We focus on the PICCOLO, ASQ-3 to help with school readiness.
    - **Heather** – we get children at age 3 and start tracking through the Pre K initiative.
  + **Ray** – I really appreciate Beth’s passion – Thank you. I’m interested in hosting Circle Security in our schools in Las Cruces.
  + **Andy** – Echo what everyone else is saying – fantastic report. Perhaps the Executive Summary is somewhat dense and could be more colorful and pop out so that legislators get the main message right off the first page.
  + **Erica** – Really excited to read the whole report. Suggested to better define “qualified” and “engaged” under Goal 3 – pg. 21. Engagement might be higher if qualified defined. Nice to see that we’re supporting growth not just things that are missing.
  + **Beth** - Critical that Home Visitation is universal for everyone.

**CYFD – Market Rate Survey**

**Katrina Montano-White and Debra Gonzales**

* **Katrina** – I’d like to introduce Debra Gonzales, CYFD Policy Manager to ELAC.
* **Debra** – Process of conducting survey for this year - every 3 year. Past MRS 3 years is on NMKids web site. Market Rate Survey is to determine the cost of private pay child care.
* 3 Step process:
  + Survey will be sent to ELAC members, private centers, directors, teachers and care givers.
* Determine Base rates
* Cost estimation
* Allowing 1 week to return the surveys. Will also give you the last market rate survey so you have a point of reference.
* Questions:
  + **Erica** – are you doing home providers too?
    - **Debra** – yes
  + **Barbara** – can it be broken down by program ages because I don’t know what answer to give.
    - **Debra** – the survey is in draft form. We will take that into consideration.

**ELAC Annual Report**

**Erica Stubbs**

* Annual report is in the draft form, used previous formats.
* 3 Priority Goals for ELAC: High Quality Early Childhood Workforce, Accessibility and School Readiness
* **Michael and Andy** – move previous year recommendations to an appendix with a column that indicates its status.
* **Franz** – not really in our scope to go much farther. Concerns about putting things in an appendix. Public record and things really need to be spelled out and specific.
* **Erica** – maybe ELAC “continues to recommend…” Shall we put the new ones at the beginning.
* **Beth** - maybe a star or bold so it jumps out and shows these are the new and they stand out.
* **Franz** – maybe just New Recommendations and Continued Recommendations
* Erica went through the report with the committee to ensure everyone was in agreement with all the goals and their status.
* Ending Statement: Exploring the limitation of community level collaboration on early learning providers needs community to foster communication and coordination to include all those in transition.
* Beth motions to accept the report with changing the format to reflect new goals first, continued goals next with a status of the continued goals. Olga seconds motion. Motion carries.
* **Andy** – recommends there be language regarding early learning cross agency governance structure as an advisory council.
* Andy motions to incorporate those changes. Franz seconds, motion carries.
* Beth really appreciates madam chair’s hard work on this document.
* Erica will make changes and send out on Friday so that it can get out to the legislators for the Session.

**Legislation – What has been filed?**

**Barbara Tedrow**

* Minimum Wage Act increased $15 after Jan 1, 2019
* Creating an Early Childhood Department breaking away from CYFD
  + Sen Morales Bill breaks this department down into divisions
  + Sen Michael Padilla proposes the cabinet secretary of the ECD would need to have 10 years of early childhood experience studying, supervising and administering early childhood education to be qualified as ECD Cabinet Secretary.
  + Each division would have an accountability Act designated and would need to write an annual report.
* Permanent Fund Land Grant joint house resolutions gaining momentum Rep Maestas and Martinez on the Bill. Sen Padilla early childhood programs and Rep Maestas FY 2020 PED will receive money & early childhood education and FY2022 money for early childhood programs through PED. Sen Padilla and Sen Maestas early childhood services mean non-sectarian & non-denominational to children until they reach kindergarten.
* Andy ELAC supports a Mixed delivery system.
* Ray unintended consequences of this legislation.
* Erica we have looked at two bills and these are the perceived consequences of these bills.
* Rep Padilla has listened to the private providers to add “state agencies”. Rep Maestas he only speaks to the public schools. Without changing the Enabling Act all of this is moot point.
* Brenda - has written the analysis for PED for the past 3 years. The agencies have always been in opposition to the land grant bill.
* Ray and Barbara will do pro and con sheet to send out to ELAC members.
* Michael – ELAC Bill - House Bill 97 Rep Dow takes the senate bill to reauthorize ELAC which Governor vetoed. Example of Legislative overreach the two legislative staff members. Dow’s version takes out the addition of those 2 members and puts back in regular membership. Was bill needed or executive order? ELAC would be extended by statute.
  + Andy - can we all follow the Bill and commit to being there?
    - Erica will attend, and she will notify all when the Bill is about to be introduced.
* Andy – Is anyone knowledgeable about budget requests? Has anyone proposed a budget for childcare, Home Visiting and PreK? DOH supplemental funding for FIT. I thought it was $25 million for early childcare?
  + **Katrina** – LFC recommendation - CYFD $20 million, $2.5 million for Early PreK and $1.5 million for Home Visiting.
* Brenda - PED $6.5 million for PED PreK limited to 4 year-olds.
* Andy wondering where the logic is coming from on the early PreK and PED PreK.
* Ray never been 50-50.
* LFC FY18 operating budget PED 24.5 mm, CYFD 29 mm total budget & 7mm for early PreK.
* Other Comments: Heather – Can we explore a public school connection possibility 619 person inclusion? Yes, and open to recommendations.

**Public Comment**

None at this time

Beth motions to adjourn, Olga seconds motion carries

Meeting adjourns at 12:50 pm

**Next Meeting:**

* Friday, March 22, 2018, 9am – 1pm; UNM Continuing Ed, Room 123; Open/Public Meeting
* Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 9am – 1pm; UNM Continuing Ed, Room 123; Open/Public Meeting (Possible Lunch Party)

***Respectfully Submitted By***

***Mari Galvez***