
Southern Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council

Minutes from April 17, 2024 – In-person Meeting List of attendees provided at the end of the minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with a welcome greeting from Amanda Haboush-Deloye. Members gave brief introductions of themselves and their agency/organization.

2. Strong Start Updates

Children's Advocacy Ambassadors

- Annette Dawson provided an update about the Advocate Ambassador program. She discussed how the program has improved with its translation services, providing several different languages. In addition, she updated that one of the groups from the first cohort started their 501(c) (3) called Act for Kids. Act for Kids is focused on health initiatives for families.
- If anyone is interested in assisting with this program, please reach out to Annette at annette.dawson@caanv.org

Clark County Youth Mayor

- Amanda provided an update about the Youth Mayor, Jack, and his activities. Jack was invited to help with the City of North Las Vegas annual Toy Giveaway in December. Check out the link below and see Jack on the Fox 5 News article: <https://www.fox5vegas.com/video/2023/12/23/north-las-vegas-annual-toy-giveaway/>. In addition, Jack spoke at the Nevada Afterschool Showcase conference in February. There were about 150 afterschool professionals. He also did a segment on nutrition in March for National Nutrition Month. To view the video, please link here: <https://youtu.be/obB6FuvQcXw?si=QBB5FSzbvThhmBW1>
- The Youth Mayor and youth council members will work with students at UNLV in the film department to do a public service announcement regarding the importance of STEM in school. The filming date is planned for June 8th, and the film students will receive a reward for helping us with filming.
- If any members would like the Youth Mayor and/or his council to be involved in community activities or events, please reach out to Amanda at Amanda.haboush@unlv.edu or Joyce at Joycelene.bumagat@unlv.edu. We will be happy to connect you to them. They will run through September.

17th Annual Step Up for Kids Event 2024

- The members discussed keeping the annual event on the second Saturday of October - October 12th. However, a change of date was informed. We asked if October 5th worked for the members who attended after the meeting as the Scout location is not available in the morning on October 12th, but they are available on October 5th.
- Event time: 9 am-12 pm. In the past, there would be 30-40 vendors tabling. However, we will cap it out at 25 vendors until we have the Scout location approved. We ask that the vendors provide some type of activity for the youth.
- The group discussed ideas for activities we would like to hold. Ideas discussed included:
 - Food
 - Music/DJ
 - Voting Machine
 - Farmer's market
 - Face painting
 - Superheroes/Costume contest
 - Petting Zoo
- Members are asked to start thinking about where else the group can spend money and get things donated for the event. For example, last year we had great things donated for the raffle. We ask vendors to bring something again for this year's event.
- Plan to have a Zoom meeting with the group in August to touch base.
- If members have any ideas, please contact Joyce at Joycelene.bumagat@unlv.edu.
- For more information about this event, please visit the Step Up for Kids webpage: nic.unlv.edu/step-up-for-kids

3. Activities and Ideas from the Strategic Planning

Local Children's Day at City Hall

- During the off years of Children's Week at the Legislature, the members discussed doing a local city hall day. We reached out to the City of North Las Vegas and Henderson. The City of North Las Vegas was on board, and the date we have decided is Wednesday, June 5th. The City of Henderson did not provide us with a date.
- We will reach out to North Las Vegas again and discuss ideas that were mentioned in the meeting:
 - Crafting the message to emphasize the introduction of certain functions of the city, such as City Clerk, City Attorney, or Utilities.
 - Providing the clear purpose of wanting kids to learn at an early age about the government and how each agency/department serves a purpose to the people.

Community Calendar, Council Information Tab, and Organization List

- The calendar is currently statewide and provides all different types of events.
- The council information tab provides a list of our organizations and the members who attend our meetings. The organization list was printed out and provided to the members.
- If there is any organization you think we are missing or anyone you think we can reach out to, please send us an email, and we can send an invite to them.

Legislative Briefing Book

- We are working with the Children's Advocacy Alliance for our legislative briefing book. The sections of the briefing book cover health, safety, education, and economic well-being. This will be state-level advocacy and included will be different frames of diversity.

4. Coalition & Project Updates

NV ECAC Updates

- The NV ECAC meeting was held on March 20th at 9:00 am. The bylaws were discussed with the group. A section was changed based on the language so that subcommittees were still able to meet and be able to move forward. The Redline Version of the ECAC bylaws is uploaded and can be viewed with this link: [ECAC Bylaws](#).
- Amanda provided an update for one of the five subcommittees as she is on the Data & Evaluation Subcommittee. The Data subcommittee is working to make a data bank of early childhood indicators.
- The next NV ECAC meeting will be Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00 am. Additional meeting information and minutes from previous ECAC meetings are available on the NECAC website: <http://nvecac.com/meeting-information/> along with the local ECAC and partner summary report.
 - Local summary report: <https://nvecac.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Local-ECAC-Summary-Report-March-2024.pdf>
 - Partner summary report: <https://nvecac.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/March-2024-ECAC-Partner-Summary-Report.pdf>

NV Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Plan (NECOP)

- The NECOP is a statewide group that meets quarterly to talk about different ways to reduce early childhood obesity. The meeting was held on March 19th. The workgroup is planning to consolidate a list showing indicators related to obesity and submit it to ECAC for consideration for a Health tab on the Data Dashboard. For more information on the data dashboard, please visit: [Nevada Early Childhood Dashboard](#)
- In addition, the workgroup will start updating NECOP toolkits for Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August and Childhood Obesity Prevention Month in September. Both these toolkits include a language guide to help foster an inclusive environment and help overcome language barriers.
- The next workgroup meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Please contact Brooke C. Kleven at brooke.conway-kleven@unlv.edu or Joycelene Bumagat at Joycelene.bumagat@unlv.edu if you would like to attend upcoming meetings.

- For more information, please visit [Nevada Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Workgroup - NICRP \(unlv.edu\)](https://unlv.edu/nicrp)

Nevada Afterschool Network (NAN)

- We are putting together the different resources that are available over the summer. If you know of any summer programs, please send them our way, and we will make sure we can have them on our list.

5. Community Resources & Events

- For our Resource Sharing portion, Ryan Henson with HopeLink of Southern Nevada shared resources with the members. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- Members provided updates about upcoming events and resources in the community that are relevant to early childhood:
 - The 12th annual Healthy Kids Festival is currently locking down details for the event. It may most likely be the East Las Vegas Community Center on September 14, 2024. Updates and details will be provided once it is approved.
 - The City of Las Vegas My Brother's Keeper Alliance and Youth Development and Social Initiatives Department has an upcoming event, Fatherhood Valued & Empowerment Summit, held on Saturday, May 11, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This event is to connect and empower fathers. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

6. Other Comments/Ideas

- Marina Amaya mentioned that if the youth mayor and the youth council members would be willing to participate in the Healthy Kids Festival, they are welcome to. Joyce will be reaching out to the youth to ask.

7. Tour of Las Vegas City Hall

- Angela Rose provided the members with a tour of the meeting spaces.

2024 Meeting Schedule

Future SNECAC meetings will be held on

- September 18, 2024 from 12:00-2:00pm
- November 20, 2024 from 12:00-2:00pm

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