

**Early Childhood Advisory Council  
December 7, 2018  
Minutes**

**Call To Order**

The meeting of the Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) was called to order at 1:00PM on December 7, 2018 at the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) Conference Room.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Twila Burdette, Travis Burton, Senator Danny Carroll, Anita Dowd, Amy Duvall, Paula Goff, Linda Hampton, Amy Hood, Rick Hulefeld, Tamra Parker, Tresa Straw representing Kristi Putnam, Mike Nemes representing Secretary Derrick Ramsey, John Roden, Sally Shepherd, Amy Smith and Sarah Vanover. The following members were not in attendance: Drema Gentry, Representative Regina Huff and Wayne Lewis.

**ECAC Election/ Business ..... Linda Hampton**

Linda Hampton, Executive Director, Governor’s Office of Early Childhood (GOEC) informed the ECAC as per Executive Order 2018-581 the ECAC would be electing a chairperson. The floor was then opened for nominations. Sally Shepherd nominated John Roden. Travis Burton second the nomination of John Roden. John Roden as chairperson of ECAC was approved by a show of hands. Ms. Hampton welcomed Mr. Roden as the new chair of ECAC.

**Approval of Minutes, September 20, 2018**

Motion to accept the minute of the September 20, 2018 ECAC meeting was made by Rick Hulefeld, and second made by Amy Hood. The minutes were unanimously accepted by the Council.

**Honoring of Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) Accomplishments**

Ms. Hampton highlighted the deliverables for Project 1-Grants Management; Project 2- Redesign Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS); and Project 4- Born Learning Academies. The Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Project Leads each spoke about their project’s deliverables: Project 1- Holly Lafavers; Project 2- Malaika Williams and Melissa Banks; and Project 4- Born Learning Academies, Katie Morris. The presentations may be found on the GOEC website [www.kidsnow.ky.gov](http://www.kidsnow.ky.gov) .

**KY RTT-ELC CAP Removal ..... Linda Hampton**

Ms. Hampton announced that Kentucky has been released from the RTT-ELC corrective action plan. The deliverables for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant were met.

**Executive Director’s Update..... Linda Hampton**

Ms. Hampton shared information on the #BelieveinmeKY Campaign. The book launch/press conference of *Kids in Kentucky Who Is In Your Family?* was held on Oct. 15, 2018 at Lakeshore Distribution Center in Midway, KY. The #BelieveinmeKY day of action took place in the Capitol rotunda on Nov. 15, 2018. Governor and First Lady Bevin, and State Dignitaries read to groups of children from a variety of Early Care and Education programs throughout the day. Ms. Hampton announced that the theme for Early Childhood Institute 2019 is BelieveinmeKY.

Ms. Hampton informed the ECAC that the GOEC, designated by Governor Bevin, applied for the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) on November 6, 2018 for the full amount of \$15,000,000. PDG is a one year grant focused on planning with the opportunity to apply for years 2-4 in 2019. Ms. Hampton shared additional information on the PDG five specific activities. More information on the PDG may be found on the GOEC website. [www.kidsnow.ky.gov](http://www.kidsnow.ky.gov) .

**Community Early Childhood Councils (CECC) ..... Holly Lafavers**  
Holly Lafavers presented to the ECAC the CECC proposed changes developed by the ECAC Mobilizing Communities Subcommittee. John Roden opened the floor for discussion and a motion to be made to accept the CECC proposed changes presented by Ms. Lafavers. A motion was made by Sally Shepherd and second by Rick Hulefeld. The motion was unanimously approved. The proposed changes may be found on the GOEC website. [www.kidsnow.ky.gov](http://www.kidsnow.ky.gov) .

**Strategic Planning..... Stefanie Ashley**  
Stefanie Ashley, Facilitation Center, Eastern Kentucky University, began the facilitated portion of the meeting. Ms. Ashley facilitated a discussion on the vision and mission statements developed by the ECAC Executive Subcommittee.

**Validation & Sustainability Update ..... Sarah Heinemeier and Kate Irish**  
Sarah Heinemeier, PhD and Kate Irish, MSW, with Compass Evaluation and Research, gave an update on the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Sustainability Plan and KY All STARS Validation Study. The ECAC received a draft final report of the KY All STARS Validation Study. Ms. Heinemeier discussed the validation study. Sen. Danny Carroll expressed concerns about the process of rating child care centers and notes taken by raters. Sarah Vanover, Director, Division of Child Care (DCC) reported that the process is changing due to the raters using tablets to document notes. The tablets have been piloted and this should allow for a similar form of feedback to providers. Ms. Irish discussed how the sustainability recommendations aligned with proposed PDG strategies. The Compass Power Point Presentation can be found on the GOEC website [www.kidsnow.ky.gov](http://www.kidsnow.ky.gov) .

**KY Non-Public Schools Commission.....Dr. Donnie Peal**  
Mr. John Roden, ECAC chairperson, introduced Dr. Donnie Peal from the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KyNPSC). The ECAC received a document from KyNPSC. Dr. Peal presented information from the document. Dr. Peal introduced Kelly Stinnett from the Christian Academy of Louisville to speak about the commonalities of the accreditation standards/process and licensing regulations. Dr. Peal requested from the ECAC that they work with together and see if there is a standards process that could be developed between Kentucky All Stars and the non-public schools' accreditation processes. Ms. Hampton agreed to review the process.

**Strengthening Families Update .....Paula Goff**  
Paula Goff introduced Laura Beard from Kentucky Strengthening Families. Ms. Beard provided the ECAC with information on Kentucky Strengthening Families.

**Division of Child Care Budget/Finance Update ..... Sarah Vanover**

Sarah Vanover, Director, Division of Child Care reported on the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) increase Kentucky regulation changes. Twila Burdette inquired about parents receiving Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) funding working twelve hour days. Funding is based on days instead of hours. Ms. Vanover will seek clarity for Ms. Burdette. The presentation may be found on the GOEC website [www.kidsnow.ky.gov](http://www.kidsnow.ky.gov).

Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm