

Early Childhood Advisory Council
June 14, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

The meeting of the Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council was called to order at 10:00 am on June 14, 2018 at the Galt House, Louisville, KY.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Christa Bell, Anita Dowd, Amy Duvall, Paula Goff, Tracy Haddix, Linda Hampton, Cindy Heine, Rick Hulefeld, Wayne Lewis, Kristi Putnam designee for Secretary Adam Meier, Tamra Parker, Brigitte Ramsey, Nicki Patton Rowe, Sally Shepherd, and Rachel Yarbrough. The following members were not in attendance: Senator Danny Carroll, Barbara Colter, Dreama Gentry, Amy Hood, Representative Regina Huff, Secretary Derrick Ramsey and Anna Shepherd.

Approval of Minutes, March 15, 2018

Minutes of the March 15, 2018 Early Childhood Advisory Council were unanimously approved by the Council.

WelcomeRick Hulefeld

Welcome was given to all in attendance by Chair, Rick Hulefeld.

ECAC BusinessLinda Hampton

Linda Hampton, Executive Director of the KY Governor’s Office of Early Childhood, thanked everyone for coming to the first Strategic Planning meeting of the Early Childhood Advisory Council. Ms. Hampton introduced the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Deputy Secretary Kristi Putnam, designee for the CHFS Secretary Adam Meier. Ms. Hampton presented the Auditor’s Report of the KY Governor’s Office of Early Childhood (GOEC) to the Council. The GOEC received a favorable report. Ms. Hampton introduced Stefanie Ashlee, Program Administrator for the Facilitation Center at Eastern Kentucky University. Ms. Ashlee will be facilitating the Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting today. Ms. Hampton explained that before the Facilitation begins, an update on the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Sustainability Plan will be given by Compass Evaluation and Research (Compass). Ms. Hampton introduced Kate Irish, MSW, and Sarah Heinemeier, PhD, with Compass, and thanked them for joining the meeting today.

Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Sustainability Plan Update

Kate Irish, MSW, and Sarah Heinemeier, PhD, with Compass Evaluation and Research, gave an update on the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Sustainability Plan. The Council received an Interim Report to provide a summary of data collected thus far (January – June 2018) for key stakeholders to review, react to and utilize for further strategic planning. The Interim Report, as well as the Compass Power Point Presentation can be found on the KY Governor’s Office of Early Childhood website www.kidsnow.ky.gov.

Strategic Planning Overview & Introductory ActivityStefanie Ashley

Stefanie Ashley, Facilitation Center of Eastern Kentucky University, began the facilitated portion of the meeting. Ms. Ashlee gave an overview of the work the Council will be doing to create a strategic plan in their work moving forward.

Ms. Ashlee announced that an Executive Committee will be created. Important details and all of the information from the Executive Committee meeting will be brought back to the Council to review. For the next three ECAC meetings, the Council will be developing the Strategic Plan. The goal is to have the Strategic Plan developed by April 2019.

Ms. Ashlee's role is to facilitate the process and help the Council to keep on time and on task. At this point, the Council divided into small groups. Two groups worked on external opportunities and threats that could benefit or harm the ECAC, and the programs and services the Council provides. Two groups worked on internal strengths and weaknesses of the ECAC to discuss what the Council is doing well, and what can be done more effectively or efficiently. At the end, the groups came together to discuss their results and all Council members had input on both subjects.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm