

# **Minutes: Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (ECICC)**

**July 12, 2010, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Special Council Meeting and Public Hearing**

**Video-Conference Sites:**

Executive Office Building, 521 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, NE

Hastings Public Library, 517 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street Hastings, NE

McCook Community College, 1205 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, McMillen Hall, Room 208, McCook, NE

Northeast Community College, MaClay Building Room 122 Norfolk, NE

Ruth Miller, chair, opened the special meeting of the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council at 1:00 p.m. on July 12, 2010. The meeting was held via video-conference from sites in Hastings, Lincoln, McCook, and Norfolk for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the ECICC's 2008 *Report to the Governor on the Status of Early Childhood* as part of the process to make application for an ARRA grant for the State Advisory Council. The Open Meetings Act was posted in each video conference site. A roll call established that a quorum was present. Terry Rohren was the meeting facilitator; Susan Dahm recorded the minutes.

*Members present—Hastings:* Tammy Mittelstaedt, Deb Ross, Janet Staehr; *Lincoln:* Carol Fichter, Jane Happe, Melody Hobson, Eleanor Kirkland, Diane Lewis, Michelle Merrill, Amy Pair, Roger Reikofski, Linda Zinke; *McCook:* Heather Gill, Carrie Rasmussen; *Norfolk:* Ruth Miller, Lisa Suckstorf

*Members absent:* A.Kathryn Anderson, Sarah Briggs, Maya Chilese, Pam Dobrovolny, Eric Dunning, Laura Good Buffalo, Cheryl Hammond, Sara Johnson, Carol McClain, Susan McWilliams, Julie Middendorf, Nancy Montgomery, Stephanie Rau, Todd Reckling, Deanna Schulze, Joyce Thomas, Carey Winkler

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

### **1. Review of the 2008 Report to the Governor**

Terry Rohren reviewed the process for approving the 2008 Report to the Governor, which had been distributed to members and posted on the ECICC website for public viewing prior to the meeting [<http://www.education.ne.gov/ecicc/>]. Ruth Miller called for public comment, of which there was none.

*Motion:* Eleanor Kirkland, seconded, Deb Ross: To approve the 2008 Report [to the Governor] and in formatting the report for 2010 to look at the Head Start Act [Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007] for specifications required in that act.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

*Voting yes:* Carol Fichter, Heather Gill, Jane Happe, Melody Hobson, Eleanor Kirkland, Diane Lewis, Michele Merrill, Ruth Miller, Amy Pair, Carrie Rasmussen, Roger Reikofski, Leisha Suckstorf, and Linda Zinke.

There were none opposed. There were no abstentions.

*Members absent:* A.Kathryn Anderson, Sarah Briggs, Maya Chilese, Pam Dobrovolny, Eric Dunning, Laura Good Buffalo, Cheryl Hammond, Sara Johnson, Carol McClain, Susan McWilliams, Julie Middendorf, Nancy Montgomery, Stephanie Rau, Todd Reckling, Deanna Schulze, Joyce Thomas, Carey Winkler

### **2. Approval of Grant Application**

Ruth Miller reviewed the July 7, 2010 draft of the application for the State Advisory Council grant for the funding opportunity from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Ruth explained that the draft application has been reviewed by the Office of the Governor and ECICC is still working with them on development of the budget. The draft has been posted on the ECICC website for viewing by members of ECICC and the general public prior to the meeting. Ruth advised the ECICC members that it would be necessary to approve the application with changes as required by the Office of the Governor. Terry Rohren and Eleanor Kirkland talked about how priorities set in

an earlier ECICC meeting had to be honed due to budget constraints of the grant, so the application focuses on two of the priorities: school readiness, and a unified early childhood data system. They briefly described the objectives of each and Eleanor directed members to the grant application draft—the objectives for school readiness are on page 13, and the objectives for the data system are on page 21. A work plan is on page 27. August 1 is the deadline for application and October 1 is the start date of the grant, if approved. Few states have received approval to date. Eleanor answered questions and talked further about the budget and requirements for match from state funds.

*Motion*, Linda Zinke; seconded, Roger Reikofski: To approve the grant application as proposed and with edits as required.

The motion was approved by roll call vote:

*Voting yes*: Carol Fichter, Heather Gill, Jane Happe, Melody Hobson, Eleanor Kirkland, Diane Lewis, Michele Merrill, Ruth Miller, Amy Pair, Carrie Rasmussen, Roger Reikofski, Leisha Suckstorf, and Linda Zinke.

There were none opposed. There were no abstentions.

*Members absent*: A.Kathryn Anderson, Sarah Briggs, Maya Chilese, Pam Dobrovolny, Eric Dunning, Laura Good Buffalo, Cheryl Hammond, Sara Johnson, Carol McClain, Susan McWilliams, Julie Middendorf, Nancy Montgomery, Stephanie Rau, Todd Reckling, Deanna Schulze, Joyce Thomas, Carey Winkler

### **3. Public Comment.**

Ruth Miller asked if there was any public comment from members and the general public attending the meeting. Hearing none, Ruth called for a motion to adjourn.

*Motion*: Roger Reikofski; seconded, Leisha Suckstorf: To adjourn the meeting and the public hearing.

The motion carried by voice vote. There were none opposed and there were no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.