

Minutes: Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council June 21, 2016 Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska

Council Members Present - Lincoln: Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Teresa Berube, Amy Bunnell, Julie Docter, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Sian Jones-Jobst, Joan Luebbers, Christy Pelton, Tammy Stevenson, Nicole Vint

Council Members Present – Wakefield via Zoom: Stephanie Knust, Julie Rother, Susan Strahm

Council Members Absent: Susan Adams, Carol Bowen, Lois Butler, Jamie Thavenet, Emily Kluver, Senator Kolowski, Julie Mizner, Cathy Mohnike, Dawn Mollenkopf, Dawn Murphy, Salene Ulrich, Kathy Zadina

Also in attendance: *Council Staff:* Holly Johnson; *Technical Assistants:* Becky Veak, Connie Shockley, Kaye Bourn, Kim Texel, Lauri Cimino; *Others in attendance:* Michael Medwick

Welcome

Mike Adams, Chairperson, convened the meeting at 9:26 AM due to some technical difficulties with connection to Wakefield. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available at the front table.

Report to the Governor Recommendation Discussion

Mike Adams started reading through the handout “Shortened Recommendations”. There was some discussion of the first impressions. Nicole Vint suggested that some language from the reauthorization of CCDF funding be included. Becky Veak then gave an explanation of First Five’s processes.

The council determined they would vote on the “Shortened Recommendations” and the details would be added in to reflect each area. After some discussion, the council brought the following four recommendations to a vote.

- 1. Recruit, train and retain enough highly skilled early childhood professionals to meet statewide needs.** *Support Strategies to expand the availability of high-quality early learning experiences for children and families by growing the pool of skilled early childhood professionals statewide and integrating early childhood more fully into broader workforce development efforts.*
- 2. Focus on Infants & Toddlers and their families.** *Strategies to address the early developmental needs of Nebraska’s youngest children.*
- 3. Inform, Engage and Collaborate with Nebraska’s Parents & Public** *Strategies to reach parents and other key audiences with information to improve quality opportunities for children’s early development in the home and community.*
- 4. Support continued development of the Nebraska Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS)** *Strategies to fund the creation of a sustainable infrastructure for ECIDS.*

Sian Jones Jobst made a motion to approve the recommendations as discussed. Laura Arp seconds the motion.

The motion passed by roll call vote: 14-voted yes, 0-voted no.

Voting Yes: Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Amy Bunnell, Julie Docter, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Sian Jones-Jobst, Joan Luebbers, Christy Pelton, Tammy Stevenson, Nicole Vint, Stephanie Knust, Julie Rother, Susan Strahm

Michael Medwick from First Five Nebraska, then explained the next steps he would take in preparing the report. He told the council what he would need from them and some of the council members asked specific questions regarding their programming information.

Public Comment

Mike Adams opened the floor up to Public comments at 10:40a.m.

Christy Pelton and Tammy Stevenson discussed some of the parent issues they have been dealing with. Informing and engaging parents is a very critical piece. Getting the parents proper information and resources is very valuable.

Other Business

No other business to discuss

The meeting of the ECICC adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Handouts:

- June 21, 2016 Agenda
- Shortened Recommendations
- Longer Recommendations (with report-out language)