

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Birth to Three Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Context

- Evette Jasper shared some history and the current context of state-level efforts to build a system of services and supports for infants, toddlers and their families.
 - [B-3 Subcommittee Meeting Power Point](#)
 - [Birth-3 Plan Status Update](#)
 - [Washington Early Learning Partnership Priority Strategies 2015-16](#)
 - [ELAC Infant Toddler Work Group Recommendations](#)

Getting Started

- Evette described the Birth to Three Subcommittee’s tasks and recommended using the approach, lenses and considerations that the ELAC Infants and Toddlers work group adopted. She also previewed the [ELAC Subcommittee Charter Template](#) that DEL staff will work with the co-chairs to draft for discussion at the October 1 meeting.

Discussion	<p>Approaches and considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consider the needs of all, some and few ➤ Use a racial equity lens ➤ Use a comprehensive systems lens and whole-child approach ➤ Engage partners and stakeholders ➤ Consider the existing capacity and resources to act, and also be aspirational ➤ Make high-impact near and long-term recommendations <p>Evette asked if there is anything missing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelli Bohanon suggested that the subcommittee keep the policy landscape in mind as well as a strong focus on using current data on who and where infants and toddlers are in Washington. For example, Zero to Three developed the WA State 2015 Baby Facts, and the subcommittee can also refer to Kids Count data. • Lenore Rubin suggested we include focus on maternity and prenatal supports. • Greg Williamson emphasized that the subcommittee has an opportunity to capitalize on the momentum shift from preschool to prenatal to three.
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Subcommittee Co-Chair Recruitment

- Evette shared that DEL leads on infant/toddler-related programs and the State/Local Coordination team will provide staff support, but the subcommittee needs co-chairs to help guide the work and be thought partners. Deanna Stewart described the Subcommittee Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities.
 - [ELAC Subcommittee Chair Roles & Responsibilities](#)

Next Steps	The deadline to submit a brief statement of interest to be a subcommittee co-chair is September 4, 2015 . DEL staff will send an e-mail with the request.
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Next Steps

- What to expect for the October 1 meeting: relationship building, governance development, providing input on policy issues of the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan that impact infants and toddlers and short and long term work planning.
- The tentative schedule for the subcommittee is to meet monthly through the end of this year and then meet quarterly starting in 2016.
- DEL will develop a [webpage](#) dedicated to the Birth to Three Subcommittee with meeting materials, data and resources.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for **October 1, 2015** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., location to be determined in the Seattle/Tacoma area.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Christy Arenson –Catholic Family & Child Services in Yakima

Nina Auerbach – Washington Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH), Early Learning Action Alliance (ELAA)

Janelle Bersch – North Central ESD

Kelli Bohanon – MIECHV Technical Assistance Coordinating Center, Zero to Three

Suzanne Boursaw – Lower Columbia College ECEAP/Head Start/Early Head Start

Danette Glassy – Mercer Island Pediatrics, University of Washington

Enrica Hampton – Kinderling

Bridget Igoe– Department of Health

Rhodes Lockwood – OESD 114

Zam Zam Mohamed – Voices of Tomorrow

Mary Nagel – OSPI Family and Consumer Sciences Program

Jan Olmstead – American Indian Health Commission (AIHC)

Lenore Rubin – Public Health Seattle-King County

Sandra Szambelan – Northeast WA ESD 101

Kathy TeKolste – University of Washington

Jodi Wall – ESD 112

Liv Woodstrom – Thrive Washington

MEMBERS ABSENT

Delores Baccus – Public Health Seattle-King County

Sharon Beaudoin – WithinReach

Jason Gortney – Children’s Home Society of Washington (CHSW)

Anne Messerly – Washington Student Achievement Council

Michelle Sarju – Open Arms Perinatal Services

Jill Sells – Reach Out and Read Washington

Bat-Sheva Stein – Department of Health

Maria Vasquez – Child Care Aware of Central

Candy Watkins – A Step Ahead of Pierce County