

**NEVADA STATE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)
CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: December 9, 2014

Time: 1:30 PM

MEETING LOCATIONS

Videoconference Locations:

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Committee Members Present

Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair, E.L. Cord Child Care Center, TMCC (Carson City)
Carrie Paldi, Co-Chair, Creative Kids Learning Center (Las Vegas) late arrival
Sarah Kreutz, Noah's Ark, (Elko)
Sue Joyner, Dayton Valley Learning Center (Carson City) late arrival
Christine Stern, YMCA (Las Vegas) late arrival
Mary Rocha, Peas and Carrots (Carson City)
Lori Ciardullo, Roots and Wings (via phone)
Rachel Perez, Kids Quest (via phone)
Tiffany Alston, Sunrise Children's Foundation (via phone)
Austin Olson, Adolescent Treatment Center (via phone)

Members Not Present

Andrea Davis, Kids Kottage

Child Care Licensing Staff Present

Donna McCafferty, Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) Program Manager (Las Vegas)
Latisha Bown, Child Care Program Manager (Las Vegas)
Terri Buster, Supervisor (Las Vegas)
Anna Lisa Acosta, Supervisor (Carson City)
Rachel Netz, Surveyor (Elko)
Lisa Roberts, Surveyor (Carson City)
Tiffany Kaplan, Surveyor (Carson City)

Others Present

Denise Tanata Ashby, Children's Advocacy Alliance (Las Vegas)

Monica Morales, Chronic Disease Prevention, DPBH (Carson City)
Jessica Lamb, Obesity Prevention Coordinator, DPBH (Carson City)
Sherry Waugh, Child and Family Research Center (Carson City)
Shelly Martinez, Roots and Wings (Carson City)
David Walton, Challenger Schools (Las Vegas)
Washoe County Licensing: (via phone)
 Abby Badolato
 Karen Micklish
 Jamie Taylor
 Stacy Lance
 Elise Henriques
Joetta Foresty, Nevada Registry (via phone)
Amanda Reichert, Southern Nevada Health District (via phone)
LeAn Shelton, Goddard and Private Schools in Northern Nevada (via phone)

Opening remarks, Introductions, and Roll Call

The meeting began at 1:35pm. Diane Nicolet presided over the meeting. Roll was taken to determine if a quorum was present. Diane Nicolet indicated that an additional committee member needed to be present in order to establish a quorum.

Discussion of revised nutrition/physical activity regulation changes, question and answer period and next steps. *Denise Tanata Ashby, Children's Advocacy Alliance*

Diane Nicolet invited Denise Tanata Ashby to speak about the proposed regulation changes. Denise Tanata Ashby deferred to the DPBH staff, Monica Morales and Jessica Lamb to provide the committee updates. Monica Morales asked Latisha Brown to summarize where things are at regarding the proposed regulations. Latisha Brown stated that Child Care Licensing has forwarded everything regarding the proposed regulation changes to the HCQC Bureau Chief, Kyle Devine. He and Christy Mackie, Bureau Chief of Child, Family and Community Wellness, will be reviewing the information and amendments and then will get back to her, so there is no update until she hears back from them.

Diane Nicolet asked Denise Tanata Ashby if there was anything else she would like to add or share about the proposed regulations. Denise Tanata Ashby reported that, in addition to the work that is being done at the Health Division level, there has been an interest from one of the legislators to do something statutorily and so there is a bill draft request that has been posted which would address this issue as well. It is BDR 623; it is another option for insuring that some of the changes go into effect to help reduce childhood obesity for young children. Denise Tanata Ashby reported that as a childhood advocate it is her job to ensure that they are enacting policies and practices that are in children's best interest so that is the reason they went forward in that direction. Diane Nicolet asked if the BDR 626 was available for the public to read. Denise Tanata Ashby said it was new and there is only preliminary language; it just went to the

Legislative Council Bureau and they are still working on what language should be or not be included in it. She said as soon as she gets the okay from the bill sponsor, she would be happy to send out the language.

Diane Nicolet stated that if the committee was going to go through the time and effort to look at the nutrition regulations she wondered if there were also other regulatory issues that need to be considered. A complete package could then be sent out to be reviewed and approved rather than piece meal.

Latish Brown stated that if there was anyone on the advisory committee that has anything they would like to discuss and if it is something we could move forward with so would absolutely be amenable to that.

Diane Nicolet said that in this format, it is difficult to come up with things that the group has been thinking about or issues that have concerned them for a while so she wondered how they would go about identifying those areas that have been common concerns for her colleagues and the surveyors for quite some time. She asked venue was available for having some open discussion about those issues?

Latisha Brown stated that this would be the perfect venue to do that and since a lot of providers were in attendance at the meeting. Latisha said that she could open the floor up and have discussion about things that they were wondering about, have questions about or are unsure of and then the committee would have a list of items that they could prioritize and build agendas down the line based on what the committee comes up with during the open forum.

Diane Nicolet noted that there were a strong group of providers present at the meeting from around the state, but that they most likely didn't come prepared to discuss, in their respectful way, of bringing up concerns about the licensing regulations. She asked if anyone wanted to speak of concerns that they had.

LeAn Shelton stated that this would be difficult to do since it was her first meeting. She didn't want to overstep or repeat things that have already perhaps been covered at previous meetings. She attended the meeting today to see if there was another forum to bring up concerns, but she said that it seems as if this is the correct forum.

Diane Nicolet addressed Latisha Brown and stated that it was a very difficult format for people to comfortably discuss, because it is an open meeting, some of the challenges they have, so if it the only format then the committee needs to take the opportunity.

Stacy Lance from Washoe County Child Care Licensing asked if there was any kind of appetite for perhaps a workgroup that may be more informal and people could report back. She said it seems that people are hesitant to speak.

Diane Nicolet stated that it was her understanding that the Deputy Attorney General gave the Advisory Committee a directive that all of the work of the committee needs to be completed at the meetings.

Donna McCafferty stated that Diane Nicolet was correct, a workgroup is considered a public meeting and held under the open meeting law with agendas posted. She said that she recognizes that the committee meets quarterly, but they can have interim meetings as long as enough notice is given and they are posted. So a meeting can be scheduled in a month or six weeks and people can bring their regulations to the meeting. People can have already looked at the regulations and identified topics of discussion regarding the regulations that they would like to engage in.

Diane Nicolet questioned if they could have workgroups as long as they followed the open meeting law. Donna McCafferty replied they have to be posted, they have to have agendas, or if you don't want to have a full committee meeting you can have a designated work group, but it still has to follow the open meeting law including posting, on the list serve and agendas, all within the time limits they are required to be done.

Diane Nicolet questioned Stacy Lance if that is how Washoe County addresses their child care regulations.

Stacy Lance reported that they are about to go through the process again. Washoe County Child Care Licensing brings it to the open meeting, but they do have smaller work groups who bring it to the larger group to process and work out bugs. She said for example, they weren't prepared for this; so if the committee would like their input they would need some time to be more organized. LeAn Shelton agreed that if they are given a task, they can come prepared and willing to share.

Diane Nicolet asked Latisha Brown for guidance on how to approach taking a deeper look at the regulations and not just looking at the small nutrition piece of the regulations.

Latisha Brown said that the regulations are open for review and as Donna McCafferty said that people can review the regulations for the next meeting and make a list of topics that they would like to discuss then when you get to the bigger meeting decide if there needs to be additional meetings or workgroups and bring it back to the table.

Donna McCafferty recommended that everyone look at all of the regulations before the next meeting and then at that meeting to decide how to divide the sets and then set up workgroups accordingly.

Laurie Ciardullo asked if the open meeting law allowed for an email group since it is so difficult to get everyone together in one place. People could pitch out ideas and they could have an email discussion without everyone having to be in the same place. She asked if this would be feasible with the open meeting law. Donna McCafferty said that email was expedient, but there are certain actions that cannot be taken outside an open meeting. You might send out an email and distribute it with a question, and getting some replies, but you could not take action on specific regulations.

Donna McCafferty's suggestion was to perhaps send out a survey on some of the regulations and ask people to respond to them and bring them to the next meeting or to do a free survey monkey.

There are all kinds of ways to do some outside work as an individual without involving a workgroup. But, you can't take action for the group from an email.

Diane Nicolet asked if they could solicit a list of licensed providers, including Washoe County and send out a survey monkey. The Managers responded that yes, it could be done. Diane Nicolet recommended that the committee go that route. She said that it seems that if they are going to really look at a part of the regulations, then they should really look at the whole. They have had discussions for years about strengths and weaknesses and how positive it would be to add some new regulations regarding wellness and obesity and there are other things in the regulations that need to be beefed up or gotten rid of.

Latisha Brown stated that she absolutely agreed with Diane Nicolet's statement; everything evolves. It would be beneficial to review what we have and see if there are ways we can strengthen it or make it better.

Diane Nicolet asked if it was something they should take a vote on and Donna McCafferty replied that it is not something they could vote on because it was not listed as an action item on the agenda. Donna McCafferty said that it could be under future agenda items, but it is not an action item. Or, it could be an agenda item to set up workgroups to review the regulations. The process is not so much what would be voted on, but setting it up and doing it.

Diane Nicolet questioned Latisha Brown regarding workload and how the work of reviewing the regulations would affect Surveyors and her staff. Latisha Brown asked that if she meant that the Surveyors would assist the committee. Diane Nicolet stated she meant using the Surveyors or guides and also utilizing Licensing staff to set up workgroups and if it was allowable to do workgroups via conference calls or videoconferencing, help with utilizing the technology. Diane Nicolet stated that in the past she has worked on workgroups where the participants met face to face, but it made it difficult for people that could not get to the location to be involved. Now, with the technology, there is a greater capacity to involve more people, but the committee would need assistance with that. Latisha Brown stated that Licensing would be a part of that, we want to collaborate and hear what the providers have to say; we are all in it for the same reason so would be glad to assist with that.

Diane Nicolet stated that she was glad to hear that because there are a lot of people at the table now, but definitely people missing that can be a great service to the committee, and all of the committee members need to get those people to the table. She knows this will be a long and tedious process and that people will not be able to come every time, but it will be helpful to have a consistent collective. In the past they have always prepared by doing research and looking at other state's regulations as Denise Tanata Ashby has been doing, looking at the new research in health and well-being, teacher education, parent involvement. Diane Nicolet asked if any other committee members or a guest had any comments on this discussion.

Donna McCafferty stated that the group may want to consider having a homework assignment and have all of the committee members look at the regulations as individuals and do some comparisons with other states before the next meeting.

Amanda Reichert stated that she sat on the original workgroup that helped develop the nutrition and physical activity regulations. She reported that they looked at what the CDC recommended and what other states had that had very strong regulations regarding nutrition and physical activity and they met almost every two weeks. They had the actual regulations in front of them and they would draft it out in the actual document so that everyone could see it. They met via teleconference or over the phone, not face to face. Every two weeks they would make changes based on what the group had said. It was a lengthy process and took almost a year to get it before turning it over to Denise Tanata Ashby.

Diane Nicolet had a question for Latisha Brown and all of the Surveyors; she said that in guiding the committee's work, it would be very helpful if the regulators would help them identify areas that make a difference and those that if removed would not make a difference. Making a bigger document is not the goal, but making it more effective and efficient. Latisha Brown answered that Licensing could provide some expertise.

Diane Nicolet asked David Walton, as a fresh face and fresh mind at the table, what his thoughts were regarding this discussion. He replied that part of his purpose for attending was to take in the meeting and to see what the goals were for the group moving forward, he said his goal, is for quality care and education for children. It does require collaboration, but government isn't always the most efficient machine and so whenever we can streamline things it makes it better for businesses and providers to provide quality education and services; that is his goal, that we are not hindering providers. The goal of licensing has been for a long time that quality care is provided; he knows a little bit about economics and knows that if we make it very difficult for businesses and individuals, licensed care will take a backseat to providers that aren't licensed so we want to move forward, understanding what the goal is. His purpose for attending the meeting was to hear what the committee is thinking and be a part of any effort to assist providers.

Laurie Ciardullo asked for clarification of what position David Walton held. David replied that he was the Executive Regional Director for Challenger School and acting Preschool Director at the Lone Mountain campus. He has been with Challenger since 2006 and prior to that in the Air Force. Since joining Challenger he has developed a passion for education, including early childhood education. He has a CDA and has worked in preschools, elementary, and middle schools for 8 years.

Diane Nicolet asked Washoe County Child Care Licensing if they envisioned Washoe County and the State of Nevada being one entity. Stacy Lance responded that she has not heard that talked about as something that will happen. She said that she felt that it was important that they participate in the committee work because whatever happens at the state level trickles down to the Washoe County Child Care regulations. She feels that it is very important that they be involved in this whole process, but that Washoe County moving under State Child Care Licensing has not been on the table. Latisha Brown said that she, as well, has not heard anything about this.

Diane Nicolet said that at times it is a conundrum that she has a child care facility in Washoe County, but licensed by the State. She said sometimes it would be easier to be one entity, but

sometimes it does not seem to matter. She expressed gratitude for Washoe County Licensing taking time out of their day to participate in the meeting.

Sue Joyner joined the meeting, making a quorum. Diane Nicolet updated Sue about the proposed nutrition/physical activity regulations and that Kyle Devine was reviewing them.

Donna McCafferty stated that the proposed regulations were not only with Kyle Devine, but also with Christy Mackie, Bureau Chief of Child, Family and Community Wellness. They both are looking at the information. Diane Nicolet asked if there was a time line for which we would hear how Kyle and Christy are feeling about the proposed regulations. Donna McCafferty replied that they are separate bureaus, but they are communicating and obtaining information from other states as well as what the group worked on and they are looking at some compromised proposals. She does not know the time line.

Diane Nicolet stated that she was going to speak on behalf of her colleagues and said that she hopes that Kyle Devine and Christy Mackie are aware that it is not that they do not care about the well-being of young children, they are very concerned about that, they just not totally convinced that regulating obesity through child care licensing regulations is the way to go about it. She relayed that she looks forward to their input and expertise.

Approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2014 meeting

Diane Nicolet stated that the committee now had a quorum with Sue Joyner's arrival so she called for an approval of the minutes. It was requested that page numbers be added to the minutes.

Motion: Tiffany Alston made a motion to approve the minutes.

Second: Sarah Kruetz seconded the motion

Passed Unanimously

Discussion and approval of new Committee Members

Diane Nicolet asked the new members to introduce themselves.

Laurie Ciardullo said she has operated a home child care since 1994. She is the leader of the Southern Nevada licensed home care provider network. Her home care is nature base, a Reggio and Waldorf inspired program. One of the reasons she wanted to be involved in the committee was to find out more about the licensing process. The biggest concern that she has, being a licensed provider in Southern Nevada is that there are so many unlicensed providers and by law, people can care for up to four children without a license. There are so many responsibilities place on licensed providers and yet people can watch so many children without a license. It affects children's health and safety and it affects licensed providers, from a business standpoint. She has questions about that and about how the laws are passed. It sounds exciting and interesting to her to be a part of that process.

Mary Roca said she has operated her home care, Peas and Carrots, since 2005 and prior to that she worked with special needs children in the Respite Program of Northern Nevada through Eagle Valley Children's Home. She has a real concern about rural home care providers, both licensed and unlicensed. She feels that there is a need for education and awareness that they are more remote than other people. She believes that education and following the licensing regulations are very important. The more providers we can make contact with, it will improve the quality of care in the state. She hopes that she can contribute by expressing her needs and other rural providers' needs.

Motion: Sue Joyner made a motion to approve Laurie Ciardullo and Mary Rocha as members of the CCAC.

Second: Tiffany Alston seconded the motion

Passed Unanimously

Diane Nicolet congratulated the new members and asked the committee how they wanted to go about starting the new research project of reviewing the regulations.

Christine Stern questioned if it was possible for people to weigh in on specific interest areas or things they have struggled with which would propel them to probe a little deeper into research rather than random assignments. Diane Nicolet that it would be motivating.

Jessica Lamb reported that she could provide a contact list from the original work group that Amanda Reichert was talking about regarding the nutrition/physical activities regulations which took place 2 ½ years ago. She said there were about 50 original members with about 40 people participating on a regular basis. Diane Nicolet said that would be helpful.

Diane Nicolet asked how many sections of the regulations there were from an assignment standpoint. Latisha Brown responded to how the regulations were broken down and stated that the committee might want to concentrate on the "Licensing and operation of child care facilities" sections and then break that section down. It is NAC 432A.180 through NAC 432A.416 and she recommended starting there.

Diane Nicolet suggested perhaps holding a February meeting and looking at NAC 432A.180 through NAC 432A.416. She asked the committee if they felt that was a reasonable place to begin. Tiffany Alston concurred.

Donna McCafferty asked the group if it would be helpful if a worksheet was sent to the committee members to assist with this task. They have a form that they have used for this purpose on the health side of regulation reviews. Diane Nicolet stated that the worksheet that Donna McCafferty was speaking about would be very useful to the committee. Diane Nicolet requested that the worksheet be emailed to all of the committee members.

Diane Nicolet reported that she wanted to move to agenda item number 9, Public Comments.

Public Comments

Diane Nicolet said that she wanted to thank Denise Tanata Ashby for all of the work she has done regarding the proposed nutrition/physical activities regulations. She also thanked Amanda Reichert for sharing the history. Diane Nicolet asked Denise Tanata Ashby if there was anything else or any other work that the committee could do; she knows they have had some strong opinions. They all agree on what they would like to have happen, but how it happens remains to be seen. Denise Tanata Ashby spoke and said that at this point she is not sure, as far as trying to do this through the regulatory process through the DPBH, it is a matter of administration coming together and deciding what the health division itself wants to do and put forward. As far as the bill language goes, she is hoping they will get to a point where they will be able to pull the bill because there will be some type of an agreement for putting it forth through regulations. Denise Tanata Ashby stated that she appreciated the input of the committee and all of the other people that have worked on the project; it has been positive and she thinks everyone wants to accomplish the same goal. She agrees that it is with some of the details of how you get there is where the disagreement lies. Denise Tanata Ashby said she would keep the committee updated with the work they are doing. Diane Nicolet thanked Denise for the work she is doing with the Children's Advocacy Alliance.

Diane Nicolet reported that December 10 would be a big day as it was the White House Summit on Early Childhood.

Diane Nicolet asked for the update for Child Care Licensing. Monica Morales asked about agenda items 5, discussing and making recommendations on proposed nutrition/physical activity regulations. Diane Nicolet said that she did not feel we needed to do this unless Monica wanted to, Monica said no.

Update from Child Care Licensing (CCL)

Latisha Brown said AB 109 has been codified into regulations as far as the director qualifications and CCL is slowly approving veteran directors as well as new directors into the new qualifications and this has been going quite smoothly with few hurdles. She reported that the background process is always anxiety ridden for anyone that is involved with the background process, but we are working more closely with the facilities and getting the backgrounds done in the timelines. This too is going relatively smoothly. People are still having difficulty getting the information to CCL within the 24 hours; it is required and we are trying to work with everyone to make sure it is accomplished. We are trying to be as flexible as we possibly can, but because it is backgrounds, we can only do so much and the law is pretty black and white.

As far as trainings, Latisha Brown stated that facilities are doing pretty well on trainings but it is still difficult for everyone to get their annual training hours in. This year providers need 18 and in 2015 will need 21 hours; it has exhibited some hurdles for some directors but they are trying to get it done and they are doing relatively well and we are giving them some avenues and pathways and showing them that it can be achieved.

Terri Buster reported that the number of complaints have been declining recently.

Latisha Brown stated that CCL has started implementing fines and sanctions which has been going relatively well; there has been not as much pushback as they had anticipated. CCL is trying to work with providers first, a fine is a last resort, we want to work towards compliance first if we can. If we are fining you it is because we have done all of the documentation, we have done the face to face, we have tried to work with you. There have been a hand full of fines issued; no one is happy to pay a fine, but having the justification is good. Latisha Brown stated our child care providers and listening and working with all of you and letting you know what we are doing is a big step in what we do every day and being able to be open and honest and transparent with each other on both ends as far as regulators and providers are concerned, it helps with the day to day business and it helps to ensure the health and safety of the children on both ends and she appreciates that. So right now CCL is in a really good place.

Diane Nicolet agreed; she said child care providers are key to economic prosperity and we need to be able to say that a little louder. Diane had a question for Latisha Brown regarding numbers of providers and numbers of child care slots. Latisha stated that the monthly report was recently completed and there were 474 licensed facilities, not including facilities licensed by Washoe County. This would include family care, group care, centers, accommodation facilities and institutions. It also does not include the government after school programs that are permitted by CCL. As far as capacity, Latisha Brown believed the number to be around 33,000. The numbers report will be sent to the CCAC. Diane Nicolet said that if we could spout off numbers to the public, they would be surprised by the number involved.

Donna McCafferty reported that with standing agenda items they have with their other advisory groups within the Bureau, they provide reports with the most frequently cited deficiencies to the committee members; this can be done as an annual or quarterly report. They also bring in the number of licensed facilities. Those can be standing agenda items that are requested from CCL and they can have those reports available, if requested and also have them available to the public.

Diane Nicolet asked how they would be available to the public. Donna McCafferty responded that because it was a public meeting. When the agenda of the meeting is sent out on the listserve, it would also include any addendums or handouts that would be included in the meeting that we have prior knowledge of; those are also archived on the website. If you have additional agenda items or handouts that are added during the meeting, such as handouts from a presenter, those are also included and achieved on the website so the public can access them. Donna McCafferty stated that DPBH is getting a new website that is currently being developed. It will probably be a two year project.

Diane Nicolet asked for clarification if the Nevada Registry is still a place that they can utilize to post the agenda and any documents for the meeting. Joetta Foresty answered that they could post these items on the Nevada Registry website. She said that if the information was emailed to Shelly Nye, she would make sure it was posted. Diane Nicolet said that she would be responsible, once we had the final approved agenda and any attachments, she would email that to Shelly Nye.

Carrie Paldi phoned in to the meeting. Diane Nicolet briefly updated Carrie of the meeting thus far and asked for Carrie's thoughts about having a meeting sooner than three months. Carrie Paldi asked how soon CCL needed the information. Latisha Brown said that February sounded a good starting point. Diane Nicolet asked Latisha Brown if she had a timeline for when she would like this work completed. Latisha Brown responded that she does not have a timeline; it is something that she hasn't looked into, but she can discuss it and have something back to the committee by February as far as what CCL is looking for.

Updates from Committee Members

Tiffany Alston asked if this was the group, if she had questions about licensing regulations, could she ask it here. Tiffany Alston gave an example and asked for clarification regarding volunteers. It is her understanding that volunteers at the center need to go through the background check, get a TB test and the initial trainings that are required for new hires. Anna Lisa Acosta asked how many hours they volunteered. Tiffany Alston replied 25 hours per week, CCL staff stated that yes, she was correct. Tiffany Alston said that her question was that if her volunteer needed an interpreter in order to volunteer, if the interpreter would need everything, or just a background check. Latisha Brown said that they would need a TB test and a background check.

Tiffany Alston had a question about renewing CPR online. Anna Lisa Acosta responded that online CPR is not approved and it is also not approved by Nevada Registry.

Tiffany Alston also wanted to report about an opportunity that will be presenting itself fairly soon. She and her program, Sunrise Children's Foundation, will work with private child care providers through the Head Start Child Care Partnership Opportunity. They have been asked to look at their budget and perhaps do a focus group to find out from private child care facilities what would be an incentive for them to want to participate in this partnership. She asked for feedback from the group. She said they have built into the grant that they would provide training for teachers to obtain their CDA, provide materials for the classroom to make it QRIS ready, a stipend for use of the classroom, provide professional development trainings, and provide mentor/coaches to the center. Tiffany Alston asked, outside of the items listed, what else a private center would need to partner with the Head Start. Tiffany said they would allow for renovations, such as plumbing and would assist with working with licensing. She reported that they would need two separate surveys, one for the Early Head Start classroom and one for the rest of the center.

Carrie Paldi asked Tiffany Alston if they were looking to use separate space or if they were looking to use space where the kids are mixed in a class and it is more of a collaboration of both groups being together. Tiffany Alston explained that the Early Head Start Program will belong to the center so it would be the center's teachers and the Head Start Program will provide support to ensure the program is meeting the Early Head Start requirements. Tiffany said there could be mixed groups of children, but that would be left up to the center. It could be all Early Head Start children or a mixed group of private pay and Early Head Start children. There is flexibility and they would be able to individualize per child care center. Tiffany reported that the food that they are required to serve would be brought in from an outside source and served. Diapers, wipes and

formula and the contract for the food vendor would all be taken care of by Sunrise Children's Foundation. They are also looking into hiring part time staff to come in to prep and warm the food and wash the dishes. The ideal situation would be to use no less than two classrooms and no more than three classrooms in a center. Tiffany also said to keep in mind that the Head Start requirements dictate that the classroom cannot have over 8 children with two teachers, regardless of the size of the classroom.

Dave Walton said that might be their biggest challenge with for profit centers. He said Challenger schools are now non-profit, but for a long time were for profit and he is very respectful of for profit centers and believes they drive the best care in the state. The goal of a for profit center is to make sure they are maximizing the capacity of a classroom. If licensing says they can have 1 to 11 or 1 to 12, they will do that because they recognize some of the fallacies associated with group size, depending on the program. Also, people should recognize that there will be some expectations with strings attached to the federal guidelines, even though the reporting will be done on just those students, the teachers or curriculum may be impacted to a degree the center might not like. So these are some of the things a center would need to consider. Dave Walton said it is not just about the bottom line, because without quality care, children won't come to your center so it's about providing quality care.

Carrie Paldi asked if a center had only one room available if they would use that room for the 6 weeks to three years or if there could be a room with only two to three year olds. Tiffany Alston replied that they would not want a room with six weeks to three and they could have a classroom with only two to three year olds, a transition room.

Diane Nicolet asked Tiffany Alston a question about a mixed group of Head Start and general population children and family support services. Tiffany replied that the family support services would be available for all of the children in the classroom.

Carrie Paldi asked Tiffany Alston if this would be the same for food. Tiffany responded that all of the children in the classroom would need to be fed the same food, but she was not sure if there would be a cost involved for the children not in Head Start; it might be part of the stipend offered to the centers.

Carrie Paldi asked Tiffany Alston if there would be money only for the classroom or the playground as well. Tiffany reported there would be money for both.

Carrie Paldi shared that Nevada AEYC has their nominations out and they are still looking for someone that is interested in running for the Secretary position on the board. The person could be from the north or south, but preferably the north to create more of a balance. Carrie also reported that the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council had a meeting today, but she was not able to attend. Latish Brown reported that she attended, but the meeting was cancelled; there was some networking afterward. Urban League and Dr. April Taggert, the Academic Administrator were there Nevada Virtual Academy with questions about licensing so there is nothing to report regarding that meeting.

Carrie Paldi invited the group to her Center's holiday program on December 14. Creative Kids will be having a performance to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Rudolph the Red nosed reindeer. The performance will include children from Creative Kids dance program and their dramatic children's group. Two performances will be held at the Community College of Southern Nevada-Cheyenne location.

Diane Nicolet reported that she attended a phone conference meeting with Tammy Williams the higher education professional development workgroup. They had a discussion about education and if the state was going to get the PreK- 3 grant. During the discussion Diane noticed that there was no mention of child care licensing. Diane said that she informed the meeting participants about how important child care licensing and that child care providers, whether home, small programs or large programs, need to be in on the conversations because as we talk about higher education and professional development for our profession, we need to recognize that not everyone starts at the same level so we need to create pathways that are attainable by maybe people that simply love children, want to learn about children and want to a great job with children in early care and education, but they may only have a high school diploma. Diane Nicolet said she offered up CCL as a venue to be able to inform the workgroup. Latisha Brown said at the Council meeting this morning Tammy Williams repeated what Diane had just reported. Because the meeting was canceled today she was going to bring more information to Latisha at the next meeting.

Diane Nicolet said that CCL has 33,000 slots and teachers for all of those children so CCL needs to be involved.

Rachel Perez shared that in Las Vegas, Kids Quest was doing a special event at the Cowboy Christmas Show, December 4 – 13 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. They will also be providing child care for the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas and Mack Center on the same dates. She said last year there were 40 to 50 children, but does not know how many they will have this year. Rachel invited people to come to see how they operate their Special Events Child Care program.

Carrie Paldi asked for clarification about the time of the announcement at the President's early childhood summit. She has received conflicting emails about the time. Latisha Brown reported that it was at 7:55am. Later in the meeting Sherry Waugh reported that she just received an email from Patti Oya regarding a change in the President's summit time. She said that the Reno and Las Vegas sites will be open at 5:25am. Valerie Jarrett and Cecilia Munoz will give opening remarks at 5:25am, a panel at 5:40am, another panel at 8:05, and at 9:00am the President will deliver his remarks, a panel at 10:40am, and the Vice President will close at 11:40am. Sherry said that NAEYC and others were providing links to the summit.

Dave Walton thanked everyone for the opportunity to come to the meeting today and be part of this and invited anyone to come to see his program and the wonderful job the teachers are doing every day. Diane Nicolet asked for the website; Dave replied, challengerschool.com, but they are a non-profit now.

Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested to be put on the agenda for the next meeting:

1. Discussion regarding the review of NAC 432A.180 -.416
2. Discuss setting up workgroups, including a workgroup schedule concerning the regulation review
Donna McCafferty agreed with this recommendation for an agenda item.
3. Adding a standing agenda item for the CCL update to include capacity reports
Diane Nicolet stated that the committee doesn't need them monthly, but perhaps quarterly. Anna Lisa Acosta said that it was their preference; they are completed monthly. Exact numbers were not provided at this meeting, so exact numbers can be provided at the next meeting. Diane Nicolet requested they be provided quarterly.

Regarding holding a February meeting, Diane Nicolet asked the group what they thought of keeping the regularly scheduled March 10 meeting and then determining if more frequent meetings are needed. Carrie Paldi agreed. This gives people time to really review the regulations in depth.

Diane Nicolet informed Carrie Paldi that Donna McCafferty offered a worksheet template to use for reviewing regulations. Diane also reported that Christine Stern earlier mentioned that after the full review, the regulations could be broken up into sections that people were interested in to explore further.

Carrie Paldi listed the scheduled meeting for the next year:

- March 10
- June 9
- September 8
- December 8

Carrie Paldi agreed with Christine Stern's recommendation for workgroups. Carrie said that at the next meeting the committee needs to come up with a workgroup schedule and it should be put on the listserv so that any providers that want to participate in a particular workgroup can have their voices heard and participate in the process.

Diane Nicolet confirmed that Carrie Paldi would be facilitating the March 10 meeting.

Carrie Paldi said that she would like to have an update on the proposed nutrition/physical activities regulations. Diane Nicolet said that this could be included in the update of CCL.

Other items to be included on the agenda:

4. Appointment of new committee members, if needed.
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Updates of Committee Members

Laurie Ciardullo asked for someone to contact her about the Listserv. Carrie Paldi told her she could go to go to CCL website and find out how to subscribe from there.

Carrie Paldi asked Lisa Roberts to send out the new membership list to the committee members.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm.

1. Future agenda items

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Update from Child Care Licensing

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Update from Committee Members

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public comments

No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

5. Adjournment