

**NEVADA STATE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Date: January 15, 2019
Time: 1:30 PM**

MEETING LOCATIONS

Division of Public & Behavioral Health
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Committee Members Present

Diane Nicolet, Chair – E. L. Cord (Carson City)
Carrie Paldi, Co-Chair – Creative Kids Learning Center (Las Vegas)
Wendy Rowe, Kids Quest (Las Vegas)
David Singer, Little Discoveries Early Learning Center (Carson City)
Shelly Martinez, Roots and Wings (via phone)
David Walton, Challenger School (via phone)
Laurie Ciardullo, Roots and Wings (Las Vegas)
Rachel Perez, Kids Quest

Committee Members Not Present

Tiffany Alston, Sunrise Children’s Foundation
Sue Joyner, Dayton Valley Learning Center
Andrea Davis, Kids Kottage

Child Care Licensing Staff Present

Edith Farmer, Supervisor (Las Vegas)
Latisha Brown, Program Manager (Las Vegas)
Janeen Silva, Administrative Assistant (Carson City)
Lisa Torgerson, Surveyor (Las Vegas)
Tammy Hutchinson (Carson City)

Public Attendees

Nathan Orme, HCQC
Dale Furukawa, Acelero Learning Center
Shelly Nye, Washoe County

1. **Opening remarks, Introductions, and Roll Call – Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair**
2. **Approval of meeting minutes from July 10 and October 9, 2018 meetings – Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair**

July 10 meeting minutes – Diane Nicolet made a comment that the name spelling remains consistent throughout the minutes. Diane requested a correction on #4 the third sentence, it says “Child Care Advisory Committee, instead of committee.” Should read as “Child Care Advisory Committee, instead of council.” No other corrections requested.

October 9, 2018 – No comments or corrections requested.

Carrie Paldi made a motion to approve the July 10 meeting minutes with the correction and the October 9 meeting minutes with no corrections. Wendy Rowe seconded. Passed unanimously.

3. **Update from Child Care Licensing and update on New Child Care Licensing Regulations – Child Care Licensing Representative**

Latisha Brown provided the licensing update. Latisha provided the numbers report for December 2018. There are 463 total licensed facilities not including Washoe County. The breakdown includes 81 family cares, 37 group cares, 299 centers, 37 accommodations, 3 on sites, totaling the 463. We have a capacity total of 36,760. The number has been pretty steady throughout 2018. Child Care Licensing has hired on two new surveyors in Las Vegas. We are also hiring for a new Admin position in the south and are still hiring for a Supervisor position in the North. Diane Nicolet asked how availability has been throughout the state, she stated that Washoe County is having difficulties with availability. Latisha stated that Las Vegas has not had issues with availability. Latisha spoke regarding the sanctions and grading, right now they are with the LCB. They have broken R135 into two different sections, splitting the sanctions and grading into two, R135 and 182. Latisha has received industry feedback, most of which regarded training. No trainings were added. However, there is a graduated system which was introduced stating, complete these in 90, these in 180 days and so forth. There was a response received regarding the sanction system which Latisha forwarded to her superiors, it was stated that the sanction system is cumbersome and not written for the child care industry, it mirrors healthcare. The sanction system needs to promote improvement and sustain practice with technical assistance. Latisha asked if anyone has feedback regarding the comment, or any other feedback on sanctions and grading. Latisha stated that she received a lot of questions regarding when this will go into effect. She stated that everything will be introduced gradually, and we will alert you before we start. It is not something that we will jump right into. There will be a learning curve. We are looking to health facilities for guidance on implementation. Latisha asked what makes it seem not made for childcare, is it the terminology that makes it seem more health based? Carrie Paldi stated that the terminology is what seems more health related. Diane stated that she believes it can be frightening to most because they are about relationship building, and this grading system feels punitive, like it is not educational based. Diane thinks the facilities are worried about have a grade in their window, or out to be seen and that is a big factor on what the facilities are worried about. Carrie also mentioned that some facilities may be more comfortable if there is an incentive program written into the regulations. Latisha stated that as we get started more information will be given, and there will be a build and it will continue to be worked on. Child Care Licensing will be working with the facilities to higher their grades, and work on any sanctions that are received. Carrie mentioned that the City of Las Vegas used to issue citations and fines and facilities may think that this is the direction Child Care Licensing is going, which is where some fear may be coming from. Latisha mentioned again that Child Care Licensing will work with facilities to correct any deficiencies or sanctions that they may receive. Diane mentioned having tools or technical assistance up front so that people can anticipate what tasks can help them to receive a good grade, such as action items. Generally,

the grades will not be changed during a semi-annual inspection. Edith Farmer stated that the purpose of the grading is to try and get facilities to speed up their process of working on their Plan of Corrections. David Singer asked how facilities goes months without completing their Plan of Corrections. Edith stated that those facilities would be on a provisional license. David asked if facilities will be graded based on their Statement of Deficiencies, or if they will be given a certain amount of time to post the Plan of Correction before being given a grade? Latisha stated that yes, you will get an opportunity to correct the information, if the Plan of Correction is given timely and the corrections are made, the posted grade will reflect the information after correction. David asked about the incentive program, and possibly having fewer inspections. Latisha stated that is still in the works and they will notify facilities of the incentives that are going to be given. Latisha stated that she is in the process of trying to get a public hearing and everyone will be invited, this will be scheduled once it is approved. Also, the statewide Child Care licensing report will have some changes made, this will include all of Nevada, Washoe county included, such as reported fatalities, any significant injuries, substantiated licensed complaints and substantiated unlicensed complaint, all within the state of Nevada. It will also direct people to view all inspection reports on findchildcare.nv.gov, this will hopefully be coming at the end of the month. You will be able to look at how many complaints, substantiated verses unsubstantiated. Diane asked about reportable illnesses. Latisha answered that the state does not keep track of that information that is through the Health Department. Diane stated that she has some issue with reporting, due to be in Washoe County. Many people are unsure if she should report to the State or Washoe County. Edith stated that her understanding is, since you are licensed by the state, you should report to the Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology (OPHIE). Any time you have a reportable illness, it should be emailed to outbreak@health.nv.gov. Nathan Orme asked if the reportable illnesses are spelled out in NAC or where is the list. Latisha answered that it is through the Health Department.

4. Appointment of any open Committee positions and term limits – Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair

Diane asked that everyone turn to page 4 of the bylaws, to the members section to go over each position.

1. Center Care Provider in Southern Nevada: Carrie Paldi
2. Center Care Provider in Southern Nevada for Non-profit: Cindy Gonzales
3. Center Care Provider in Northern Nevada: David Singer
4. Center Care Provider in Northern Nevada for Non-profit: Diane Nicolet
5. Family or Group Care Provider in Southern Nevada: Laurie Ciardullo
6. Family or Group Care Provider in Northern Nevada: Vacant
7. Child Care Provider in Rural Nevada: Sue Joyner
8. Accommodation/Special Events Provider: Wendy Rowe
9. Child Care Institution Provider/Child Care at Large Member: Andrea Davis
10. Child Care Provider At large Member Southern Nevada: David Walton
11. Child Care Provider At large Member Northern Nevada: Shelly Martinez

Carrie, Diane and Sue Joyner are about to expire. David Walton and Shelly Martinez are also expired as of December. Diane asked Shelly and David W. if they would like to serve another term. David W. stated that he would like to serve another three years. Shelly stated that she would like to, but she is not able to do the full three years. Diane asked if she is ending her term of service at this time. Shelly said yes, unless she can commit to one year. David S. stated that Shelley could commit to another term and resign later if she needs to. Shelley agreed to serve another term. Diane and Carrie have already served their two terms. Carrie stated that she is willing to serve another term. Diane stated she is also willing to serve another term, and that the chairs should be staggered, so they are not expiring at the same time, leaving two chair positions open at once. A motion was made for David W., Shelley, Carrie and Diane to serve

another term by Wendy Rowe, David Singer seconded. Nathan stated that in other Council's, a notification would be sent to all providers, letting them know of a vacancy thus allowing them to apply for positions within the council. Carrie agreed that would be a good way to proceed. Carrie and Diane both agreed to stay on as co-chairs until the next meeting, to allow for people to apply to the positions. Nathan will be sending out information regarding the open positions and allowing for applications to be entered for the open positions along with the co-chair positions. Nathan stated that he can spell out some of the requirements for the Council, to filter some of the applicants, to verify that they will be able to participate with the Council. Wendy made a motion to rescind her previous motion, David S. seconded. David S. made a motion David W. and Shelley to extend their three-year term in their current positions, Wendy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. David S. motioned for the current co-chairs responsibilities to be extended through the end of April, Shelley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Bill Implementation – Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair

Diane recommended that everyone should go on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) and register. It is a great way to keep up on bills and actions. Diane offered a handout with the dated for the 80th session. If you go onto NELIS the entire session is listed and you can click on any of the links to find out about the legislation. Carrie stated that she also follows that information. Carrie stated last legislation they had a representative come and talk about the legislation to the Council, she is willing to reach out and have someone come to a meeting to provide an update.

6. Discussion on the finalized revised Bylaws - Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair

Diane stated that the suggested improvements have been finalized. Diane asked if there are any questions, no questions were raised. Diane stated that she would like to put a name to each 11 positions, to know who is in which position. David Singer motioned to approved, Laurie Cardillo seconded. No discussion was made. Bylaws are approved as written. Carrie stated there are many bills associated with Early Childhood Education, bills are still being accepted and going in. Carrie stated one of the key bills is BDR 305, this bill revises provisions governing early childhood education to expand access to child care subsidy programs for youth and foster care, children with disabilities and parents attending educational programs. Also, there is budget #3627, which is a specific budget for Child Care Subsidy programs. There is BDR 448, which includes training and technical assistance and small grants to support child care providers to offer nutritious food and physical activity. BDR 128, is a safety provision to have helmets on bicycle, tricycle, roller-skates or any similar devices or toy that renders a child mobile. These are the bills that Carrie felt could impact child care. The Children's Advocacy Alliance and the Nevada Institute for Children's Research and Policy also have bill trackers on their websites. The websites also break down who will be impacted by the bills. NELIS will allow you to track up to 10 bills for free. Nathan stated that he can also track bills for the Department. Anyone within the state can track multiple bills for free. Nathan stated he will try to bring a status of the bills to the April 9th meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items - Diane Nicolet, Co-Chair

- Approval of minutes
- Update from Child Care Licensing and Regulations
- Appoint of any open Committee positions and term limits
- Appointment of Council Co-Chairs

Bill implantation & Legislative Update
Immunization Program Update
Future Agenda Items
Update from Council Members

8. Update from Council Members

Laurie Ciardullo stated that the contact list that Carrie has, contains her home phone number, she would like to change that to her cell phone number. Carrie went through the contact information for council members, to verify that all information is correct. The updated information will be forwarded to all council members. This information will be posted online also.

9. Public Comment

Nathan stated if you have anything fun/cute going on at your facility, and it is put on Facebook, feel free to tag Nevada Child Care Licensing. No further public comments.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:25PM.

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