

**ECCLC Council Meeting**  
**November 12, 2007 9:00-11:30am**  
**Estes Park Town Hall, 170 MacGregor Ave**

**Introductions & Announcements-**

Linda passed around the plaque the ECCLC received from Group Publishing for the community service award. We also received a \$1000 donation for this award.

**Approval of October Minutes-**

Change the date of EVICS town meeting with the task force to November 5<sup>th</sup>. With these changes, Lorna Greene moves to approve the minutes, Ellen Coker seconds the motion and all agree.

**Estes Park EC Task Force Report-**

- History of EVICS and funding through the town
- Task force created from town child care survey to address Early Childhood issues
- Investing in EC issues pays off later with lower crime rates, increased high school graduates, and educated work force
- Challenge in Estes Park is supply of care
- EVICS has been able to assist 40 families in paying for child care; supplements families that don't meet CCAP
  - Soft money, meant to be short term
- Task Force Recommendations
  1. Increase care options and accessibility
    - Increase infant care
    - Options for after school care
    - Remove barriers for families and provider
  2. Coordinate a community wide public engagement campaign to increase awareness
  3. Creation of Family Resource Center
    - Provide support, info, resources to families, providers and preschools
    - Form partnerships to grow financial resources

**Touchpoints Follow Up-** using a common language between parents, providers, and other community service members.

Group activity- "Recognize what you bring to the interaction": scenario with parent, child, lead teacher, and director. Making assumptions about other bring to the interaction/

**Lt Governor Forum-**was very worthwhile and it was great to see all the providers who came and also stood up and spoke. ECC was very excited to make that connection, and have lunch with the Fort Collins City Council. Lisa Poppaw from the City Council is here today to see our work and we're very excited to have her.

Early Childhood Council Advisory Team: Wendy Watson and Denise Staab have both showed interest in applying. Wendy has already applied as an individual, but we can also write a recommendation for her.

**P3 Committee Recommendations-** have formed 4 recommendations to the P-20 Council. Linda has heard some opposition to the full day Kindergarten and Pre-K programs however. The opposition seems

to come from private providers and parents who think full day is too much and that government shouldn't control Early Childhood. We (as a council) don't have to form opinions right now, but we should definitely start thinking about whether we support these recommendations or not.

**Strategic Planning-** We created a 3 year plan last year, so we don't need to completely redo the plan, just revise some dates and activities. The state application won't be in full since we are now funded for 2 years as well, but there will be some sort of reporting and continuation report.

January council meeting to assess where we are in our work and changes that are needed. December meeting, legislators will be in town for a meeting at Catholic Charities. How can we get them to attend our council meeting afterwards? Linda will follow up with agenda and invitations.

### **Program Updates-**

#### *1) Budget & Funding*

- Grants into Honda Foundation, Bohemian Foundation, and maybe an application for Touchpoints work to RGK
- Town of Estes received funding for next year at about \$20,000, which is about \$6,000 less than what they asked for and last year
- Looking at office space for a move in Jan/Feb

#### *2) Annual Report-* would like to put one out every year at the same time; should have community support/input

#### *3) Professional Development*

- Cohort with TSD and FRCC to offer scholarships for a special ECE 101 in Loveland
- Back up plan to use the Erion funding for Loveland providers and free up some money for other THB applicants
- No longer need to do a quarterly report for THB, but will have an end of the year report and a reapplication. The PD Steering committee met to discuss the budget and possible areas to cut
- ECC & community trainings- what is our role? How do we attract participants? Or should we use money to support other organizations who offer trainings?

#### *4) Training/Technical Assistance*

- Cathie and Albertha will be headed to Florida at the end of the month to do an E-Care presentation at the Zero to Three conference.