

ECCLC Council Meeting
September 10, 2007, 9:00-11:00am
Foothills Gateway, Courtyard Conference Room

Introductions and Announcements-

- CAEYC Fall conference is October 6th, Larimer District group will have an event on 9/26
- Congratulations to Janice Newman for the Children's Campaign Award
- EVICS Community Task Force has been formed; they will have 3 meetings total, the first is tonight. EVICS has also gotten the 501c3 application submitted.

Approval of August Minutes- Susan Krcmarik wants to change the minutes to reflect that BB is planning to hire a bilingual staff, but they don't currently have one. With changes made, Lorna moves to approve the minutes, Anne seconds the motion, and all approve.

Review of Waivers- Some waivers are still in use; others have actually resulted in state rule changes so the waivers are no longer needed; other waivers have been denied.

- PPOR date was moved from October 1st to December 1st, but Thompson School District staff is still being told October 1st and Poudre School District staff has been using November 1st. Carolyn Holcombe will follow up on this and pass any information she finds along.
- Are there other waivers needed to rules holding us back from serving children as possible?
 - Licensing requirements for EHS staff vs. center staff for college classes; EHS are all Master's level teachers and meet CDE licensing requirements but do they really need to take 2 classes for GLQ?

Executive Update- Anne Keire has taken a new position with the federal government in Denver and will be leaving the Early Childhood Council at the end of September. Linda will fill in as interim Executive Directors while the Board Executive Committee reviews the position and opens it.

Lt. Governor Early Childhood Forum- In Fort Collins on Friday, October 19th.

- The forum will be from 4:00-6:00pm and we'd like to invite lots of early childhood professionals, parents, and other community members. We need to develop a guest list (apx. 300 people) to get at least 100 people in attendance.
- Other ideas for the Lt. Governor to do while here are to visit a child care site, visit with local politicians, etc. Would like to get the press involved with this too.
- Possible locations- Fullana Learning Center, REA building, Budweiser Event Center, TSD Admin building, Library
- Send ideas to the Council for a schedule and also a guest list, convene a committee to work on this as needed

Touchpoints Follow-up

"Recognize what you bring to the interaction" - be aware of what you bring (positive or negative) and what other people bring whether they are aware of it or not. Sometimes people focus too much on the positive because it's uncomfortable to talk about the negative

State wide Updates-

- EC Advisory Council-short term (18 months); 10-11 people across the state, important to try and get local representation on this council
- P3 Committee is staff and has begun work
- EC Councils Team from HB1062 passage is working to integrate the work of all the council; would like to get local representation this Council as well. Can we make nominations for this?
- Wendy serves as the state liaison for Larimer County and other NE communities in the state
- As a model community, we will partner with emerging communities as they work to establish their councils. How will the transition of a new Executive Director affect this?

Joint Grant Writing-

- Does it hinder or help to write grants together? Or to write them independently?
- What is the role of the Resource Development Committee and how do other agencies/programs/council members work with the committee to outline and submit possible grants?
- Are there funding opportunities we are missing by not joining together to apply?
 - Fatherhood
 - North Carolina Partnership Economic Development
- Make this an ongoing agenda item

Program Updates-

1. Budget-Erion awarded us \$10,000 for Loveland scholarships. THB referral grant is being submitted. Group Publishing grant is also being submitted; kind of open ended on requests.
2. Annual Report- purpose is to share the organization's work with the community; there will be a page dedicated to the "Council" and Anne will draft something on this. Each program at the ECC will have a page; also one for the board of directors. What about including a community profile (demographics, birthrate, how many children of child care age)?
3. Professional Development- 42 fall scholarships have been awarded with almost half of them new to the THB program. Lorna is working on a collaboration with Richard Wagner at FRCC to partner with paraprofessionals in TSD with the Erion funding for school.
4. Training/Technical Assistance- see written report in handouts
5. Child Care Referral- current supply and demand (for referrals, not for child care) data available in handouts and also by contacting the council. Linda can run these reports for smaller areas (by zip code) for people that need them. Still have not received approval for the QA process; waiting to hear.

New Business-

- Would like to extend the council meetings till 11:30 starting next month; we continuously run out of time.
- October meeting is typically in Estes Park. Anne/Linda will follow up with this.