Thursday October, 26, 2017
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
3801 M.L.K. Blvd., Auditorium
Denver CO 80205
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Join the Conference Call: 515-739-1223 Code: 690666

Meeting Objectives:
● Approve meeting minutes from August 24, 2017
● Hear about the Education Leadership Council
● Discuss Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission Draft Bills
● Learn about recent Health Care Updates
● Hear from the Early Childhood community during Public Comment

9:30 – 9:35am  Welcome (Anna Jo Haynes)

9:35 – 10:30am  Business Meeting (Anna Jo Haynes)
  ● ACTION: Approval of August 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes
  ● Education Leadership Council (David Padrino)
  ● Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission Updates (Kristina Mueller)
  ● 2017 Annual Report (Kristina Mueller)

10:30 – 11:20am  New Business (Anna Jo Haynes)
  ● Health Policy Update (Rachel Reiter)
  ● Early Childhood Policies and Strategies (Bill Jaeger and Sarah Barnes)

11:20 – 11:30am  Public Comment (Anna Jo Haynes)

11:30 – 12:05pm  Department Updates (Anna Jo Haynes)
  ● Colorado Department of Human Services (Jerene Petersen)
    o Office of Early Childhood Updates (Mary Anne Snyder)
  ● Colorado Department of Education (Melissa Colsman)
  ● Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (Erin Ulrich)
  ● Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Tom Massey)

12:05 – 12:25pm  ECLC Subcommittee Updates
  ● Data Subcommittee (Charlotte Brantley and Susan Steele)
  ● Communications Subcommittee (Elsa Holguin and Tom Massey)
  ● Program Quality and Alignment Subcommittee (Letty Bass, Anna Jo Haynes and Melissa Colsman)

12:25 – 12:30pm  Co-Chairs' Final Thoughts and Adjourn (Anna Jo Haynes)
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**ECLC Meetings:**

The next **ECLC Meeting** will be held on December 14th, 2017 at HCPF 303 East 17th Avenue, 11th Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO

For information about future meeting dates, times and locations, visit [www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org](http://www.earlychildhoodcolorado.org).
Meeting Objectives:
● Approve meeting minutes from June 22, 2017
● Review Subcommittee and Working Group Membership Policy and Procedures
● Appoint Data Subcommittee, Communications Subcommittee, and ECPD Advisory Working Group
● Learn about Early Childhood Mental Health Progress and Current Research
● Discuss Future Early Childhood Vision for Colorado
● Listen to the early childhood community during public comment

Attendees:
Jeanne McQueeney (by phone), Jeff Kuhr (by phone), Cindy Schulz (by phone), Letty Bass, Anna Jo Haynes, Elsa Holguin, Tom Massey, Melissa Colsman, Erin Ulric, Heather Craiglow, Susan Steele, Mary Anne Snyder, Kristina Mueller, Charlotte Brantley, Gerri Gomez Howard, and Julia Anderson

Welcome and Business Meeting
Anna Jo Haynes called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

• Approval of minutes from June 22, 2017
  Anna Jo Haynes called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2017 meeting. Charlotte Brantley moved to approve the minutes as distributed, Melissa Colsman seconded the motion; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

• Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission Update
  Kristina Mueller provided updates on the Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission (ECSRLC). This year the Commission will be able to run up to five bills if they choose to do so. She noted that there will be two full day meetings on September 19, 2017 and October 3, 2017 with morning and afternoon sessions to discuss the bills. She will send additional information to Commissioners once available. Susan Steele suggested outlining legislative priorities earlier in the year to better prepare Commissioners. Kristina Mueller commented that this would be addressed later in the agenda.

Department Updates
• Colorado Department of Human Services - OEC Updates (Mary Anne Snyder)
  Mary Anne shared her Wildly Important Goals (WIGS) for the office are to improve Quality of Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs) in Early Intervention, increase Provider Engagement with Colorado Shines, and increase Visits in SafeCare.

• Colorado Department of Education – (Melissa Colsman)
  Melissa Colsman introduced Dr. Floyd Cobb, the new Executive Director of the Teaching and
Learning Unit. He will oversee the School Readiness unit. She stated the Department of Higher Education and the Department of Education are working to develop solutions to the teacher shortage. Information from the Early Childhood Workforce 2020 Plan is being incorporated in this work. The Education Standards Review and Revision process for Colorado have a deadline of July 2018. Final adoption of standards will be released in Spring 2018. Melissa shared that the team is looking at the P3 Spectrum and incorporating reading standards into preschool.

The Department is working on how to accurately calculate student achievement. Although parents can opt students out of state assessments, calculations must include all students. Students who do not participate in state assessment are required to be included in achievement calculations. As a result, the identification of low performing schools may be inaccurate. The Education Commission of the State plans to release a report the afternoon of August 24, 2017. Melissa will send to Kristina Mueller to distribute to Commissioners.

The Department is in the process of updating their Strategic Plan. Key initiatives include improved early learning and literacy for all children. Other initiatives include closing the achievement and opportunity gap for historically underserved students.

- **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**
  Kristina Mueller introduced Erin Ulric, the new Deputy Director of the Prevention Services Division. Erin Ulric provided an update on the Nutrition Service group's current project. The group is working on a WIC modernization project which will increase access and quality of services. She announced an Early Childhood Obesity Stakeholder meeting will take place in September. Erin will send an agenda to Commissioners once available.

- **Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing**
  Tom Massey announced the completion of the revision of IT and Billing Systems. Interim payments have been set up for providers. Request for Proposals have been gathered for Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) and are currently in the evaluation stage. A legislative agenda is being reviewed at the Governor’s Office and will be able to share at the next ECLC meeting. Reauthorization of the Children’s Health Plan could be pushed back to December. If reauthorization does not occur, 77,000 children will be affected in Colorado.

**ECLC Subcommittee Updates**

- **Subcommittee and Working Group Membership Policy and Procedures**
  Kristina Mueller reviewed the Subcommittee and Working Group Policy. She noted a template was created to describe the charge and legislative duties of each group. The policy also sets a standard for appointing and reviewing members. Kristina asked the group to consider the template as the Communications and Data Subcommittee charges were discussed.

- **Communications Subcommittee**
  Elsa Holguin announced the plan to reconvene the Communications Subcommittee. The recommended membership for the Subcommittee was presented. A motion was made by Elsa to approve the appointed members of the Communication Subcommittee, seconded by Charlotte, all approved by unanimous voice vote.
• **Data Subcommittee**
  Charlotte Brantley provided an update on the committee's progress and the goal to follow a more formalized process and around using data. The Subcommittee will champion the ECLC’s vision to use appropriate data to inform decisions. A motion was made by Charlotte to approve the Data Subcommittee. Seconded by Melissa, all approved by unanimous voice vote.

• **Program Quality and Alignment Subcommittee**
  Nancie Linville shared the ECPD Advisory Working Group’s work on the current EC Workforce 2020 plan. The main goals of the plan are recruitment, retention and compensation. A motion was made by Letty to appoint the ECPD Advisory Working Group, Melissa Colsman seconded, all approved by unanimous voice vote. Kristina Mueller requested feedback on committee templates.

  Letty Bass inquired on the difference in term lengths for members on subcommittees verses working groups. Kristina responded that since the work group is developing a three-year plan, three years is the necessary commitment. Heather Craiglow requested the subcommittee template show how the ECLC’s strategic priorities and goals align with the groups charge. Kristina Mueller will work with the cochairs to update the templates and bring them back to the Commission.

**Public Comment (Anna Jo Haynes)**
There were no public comments.

**New Business (Anna Jo Haynes)**

• **Early Childhood Vision in Colorado (Kristina Mueller)**
  Kristina Mueller initiated the discussion surrounding the State's ongoing early childhood vision as we look ahead. Commissioners agreed on the importance of having a vision and a plan to meet that vision. The Commission decided to develop a working group to determine a vision and plan which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Anna Jo Hayes determined no motion was needed, and requested consensus and recommendations for members of the workgroup.

  Mary Anne Snyder recommended Lindsey Dorneman to participate from the OEC. Elsa, Susan, Nancie, Bill and Anna Jo agreed to sit on the working group. Kristina Mueller suggested engaging the school districts as well for members. Kristina will pull a meeting together within the next two weeks with the recommended members and will include Mary Anne Snyder.

• **Rules Package Updates (Erin Mewhinney)**
  Erin Mewhinney provided an updated on the proposed rule package for child care licensing. She informed the Commission that the biggest change will be an increase in licensing fees. Larger centers will have a per child fee with a cap of $1800. Home child care centers will be capped at $75. Fees will increase over a period of three years. Public comment is open until August 31st. Comments can be registered online. There was discussion surrounding the impact of raising fees. The fee system is comparable to other states and will be introduced
gradually. Anna Jo encouraged all to submit a public comment if they had feedback.

- **Colorado Shines Quality Improvement Alignment Strategy (Stacey Kennedy)**
  Stacey Kennedy presented on the alignment strategies that have occurred within the Quality Rating Improvement System. In the future, Colorado Shines will better align three funding streams- school readiness quality improvement, infant and toddler quality improvement and targeted quality grants. Susan inquired about the role of the schools and the councils in the development of their strategic plan. Stacey Kennedy responded that the plan should be completed as a partnership between the councils and the schools.

- **Early Childhood Mental Health: Progress and Next Steps (Jordana Ash)**
  Jordana Ash provided an update on the Early Childhood Mental Health Unit’s Strategic Plan. The Unit is looking at long term funding, coordination and alignment across systems, and aligning capacity, skills, and knowledge to support unit priorities. An update was provided on the Finance Workgroup’s progress.

  Jordana provided an update on CO Project LAUNCH work which includes developing an e-learning session on bias, reflective practices, piloting a suspension and expulsion study in rural and urban settings, building out Colorado System of Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation, translating Pregnancy Related Depression materials into Spanish, providing DC 0-5 training for 150 specialists, social emotional and resilience messaging, and sustainability planning.

  Jordana also provided a review of the Colorado Adverse Childhood Experiences Study report.

- **Co-Chairs’ Final Thoughts and Adjourn (Anna Jo Haynes)**
  Anna Jo thanked all for their hard work. Gerri Gomez Howard motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Elsa Holguin. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

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• 2017 Annual Report
Federal Health Policy Updates & CHIP

Presented to the ECLC

Rachel Reiter, External Relations Division Director - Office of Policy, Communications & Administration

August 22, 2017
Presentation Agenda

• First the Good News

• Overview of Recent Federal Actions

• Update on Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

• Resources for Partners
The Good News...

1. Historic Gains Maintained
About 97% of Kids are Covered
93.5%
2017 Colorado Insurance Rate
Colorado has retained its historic level of health insurance coverage despite political uncertainty in the marketplace and rising insurance premiums. The 2017 insurance rate is 93.5 percent, essentially unchanged from 2015. The uninsurance rate is 6.5 percent, also basically unchanged.

2. Five Million Strong
More than five million Coloradans now have health insurance — 5,040,164 to be exact — the first time Colorado has topped the five million mark.

3. Pre-ACA and Post-ACA: 600,000 Additional Insured
Almost 600,000 more Coloradans have health insurance in 2017 than in 2013, just before the launch of the Affordable Care Act. This is about the combined populations of Colorado Springs and Fort Collins.

Source: Colorado Health Institute's 2017 Colorado Health Access Survey available at: coloradohealthinstitute.org/
Connect for Health Open Enrollment Reminders

• Open Enrollment runs from November 1, 2017, to January 12, 2018

• Consumers need to enroll by December 15 to have coverage in place by January 1, 2018

Visit ConnectforHealthCO.com
### Federal Actions with State Impact

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*Requires agency rulemaking to guide state implementation, rulemaking at the federal level can take many months and has a set process: draft rules, feedback, revised and final rules.*
Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

- Enacted in 1997, CHIP is public health insurance for low-income children and pregnant women
- CHIP is jointly funded by federal and state governments
- CHIP funding pays for:
  - Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), Colorado’s CHIP
  - Medicaid expansion children and pregnant women (MCHIP)
- CHIP federal financing was only authorized through September 30, 2017
CHP+ Program Overview

CHP+ Kids by Age

- Younger than 1: 2%
- 1 to 3: 20%
- 3 to 5: 16%
- 6 to 9: 23%
- 10 to 14: 11%
- 15 to 19: 2%

CHP+ Caseload as of September 30, 2017

- 74,549 Kids
- 785 Pregnant Women

Data Note: Breakout by age is based on 2016 annual caseload, the latest monthly County by County Caseloads available at Colorado.gov/hcpf
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NR = The number is too small to be reportable per federal privacy rules.
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<td>Coverage for <strong>74,549</strong> kids and <strong>785</strong> pregnant women currently enrolled in CHP+ would end</td>
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Department Contingency Planning

• Current law allows states to continue to spend unspent federal fund allotments collected before October 1, 2017
  ➢ We estimate funds will run out January 31, 2018
• No immediate changes to CHP+ eligibility, enrollment, renewals, or benefits on October 1, 2017.
  ➢ CHP+ applications and redeterminations will continue to be processed
  ➢ CHP+ members will be able to use their benefits and access care
• If program ends, system will automatically check to see if CHP+ members qualify for other Medical Assistance or a subsidy to purchase private insurance through Connect for Health Colorado
Resources for Partners

• For Latest Visit Future of CHP+ site
    - CHP+ Member & Applicant Resources
    - CHP+ Provider Resources
    - CHP+ Stakeholder & Advocate Resources
    - County & Eligibility Partner Resources

• *Future Resources - FAQs, webinars, samples of member letters and other resources

*May change based Congressional action
EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICIES AND STRATEGIES
Bill Jaeger & Sarah Barnes
Public Comment
Public Comment

• Each speaker may take up to five (5) minutes to make his or her comments. This time constraint may be modified by the ECLC co-Chairs.

• Any opinions, advice, statements, services, offers, or other information or content expressed or made available by stakeholders or members of the public during public comment does not constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the ECLC.
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