April 23, 2020
10:00am - 12:00pm
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Welcome from Michelle Barnes
Executive Director of Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)
Old Business
Business Meeting

• Review Meeting Objectives

• Approval of February 27, 2020 and March 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
ECLC Organizational Structure Update
Kristina Heyl
ECLC: Early Childhood Leadership Commission

Co-Chairs:
- Susan Steele
- Tom Massey
- Elsa Holguin

Program Quality and Alignment Subcommittee
- Anna Jo Haynes
- Melissa Colsman
- Letty Bass

Data Subcommittee
- Charlotte Brantley
- Susan Steele

Communication Subcommittee
- Gerri Gomez Howard
- Tom Massey

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- Susan Steele
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EC Professional Development Advisory Working Group
- Heather Craiglow
- Pamela Harris
- Rebecca Kantor
- Jennifer O'Brien

Framework Working Group
- Letty Bass

Waiver Review Subcommittee
- Heather Craiglow
- Susan Steele
- Jeanne McQueeney
Vote on changes to Working Group Structure:

• Home Visiting Investment Strategy Working Group

• Colorado Shines Brighter Strategic Plan Working Group

• Early Childhood Professional Development Advisory (ECPD) - RECLASSIFICATION as Subcommittee (rather than Working Group)
COVID-19 Response to Support Early Childhood
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CDPHE Maternal and Early Childhood
COVID-19 Support

Presented to the Early Childhood Leadership Commission
April 23, 2020

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Chief, Nutrition Services Branch
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Today’s CDPHE Update

- Safe & equitable childbirth care during the pandemic
- Support for children & youth with special health care needs
- WIC support for families
- CACFP support for child care
- Farm to child care
- Health & safety in child care
- Child maltreatment prevention
Child birth during COVID-19

CDPHE convened maternity care providers and community partners to:
- Understand new barriers
- Achieve equitable, safe, patient-centered care practices, including breastfeeding support
- Guide hospitals, community delivery settings, and the public
Support for children & youth with special health care needs

COVID-19 resources:
● For families
● For organizations serving children & youth with special health care needs

COVID-19 Resources for HCP Care Coordinators & Families
WIC is open and supporting families!

- Serving families remotely
- Referrals increasing
- Rapid implementation of nationwide waivers
- Special waiver requests for Colorado
- Supporting families through shopping challenges
- Partnered for FEMA supplies
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Helping child care providers with food costs!

- Rapid implementation of nationwide waivers
- Submitted Colorado-specific waiver for statewide eligibility for reimbursement at the highest rate
- Outreach to homeless shelters
- Focused outreach to emergency child care
- Participation interest is up!
Farm to child care

Connecting local farmers & producers to child care centers and food vendors

- Supporting local agriculture economy
- Responding to shopping challenges experienced by child care centers
Health & safety in child care

CDPHE Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability

- FAQs for providers
- Ongoing guidance and TA for providers
- Support and partnership with local health inspectors
- Partnership with Governor’s Office to modify Executive Order D2020 035: decrease amount of time of facility closure after a positive case
Focus on child maltreatment

- Kempe center holds virtual convenings among child maltreatment professionals
- Attention to family violence and impact of racism and discrimination on COVID outcomes
- New website: [Kempe COVID-19 Resource Center](#)
Questions?

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COVID-19 Updates from the Office of Early Childhood
Emergency Child Care Collaborative
Highlights

• Current care dates: March 23 - May 17

• Licensing specialists and ECC’s are working in communities with a shortage of care

• The OEC launched a portal to track open/closed facilities, staffing needs, supplies needs, etc.

• Data updates regularly sent to stakeholders
Division of Community & Family Support (DCFS)
Highlights

• Early childhood mental health consultants supporting child care facilities

• EI and Home Visiting transitioned to telehealth

• FRC demand has spiked

• Supplies delivery from FEMA

• New resources for families being created
Division of Early Care & Learning
Highlights

• The Child Care Quality Initiatives Unit, in partnership with Mile High United Way and Early Childhood Councils, is helping to coordinate supplies delivery, including masks, to child care facilities

• Counties adopting CCCAP policy changes

• Licensing specialists supporting providers across the state
Federal Updates on COVID-19 Response
Bill Jaeger, Colorado Children’s Campaign
Public Comment & Commissioner Updates
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.
Updates from Governor Polis on Colorado’s Early Childhood COVID-19 Response
ECLC Response and Next Steps
Elsa Holguín
Co-Chair Final Thoughts and Adjourn
ECLC 2020 Meeting Schedule:

• June 25, 2020
• August 27, 2020
• October 22, 2020
• December 17, 2020
Next Meeting:

Next Meeting: June 25, 2020
From 9:30 am- 12:30 pm
Health Care Policy & Financing, 303 East 17th Avenue, Denver, 11th Floor Conference Room