



Early Childhood Advisory Council of West Virginia

July 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Welcome (ECAC Executive Committee)

Brittany Doss asked for introductions of the Committee. Each member gave a brief introduction of themselves, the program they work for and any sub-committees they sit on.

Head Start Update (Brittany Doss, Head Start State Collaboration Director)

Update on HS programs, re-entry process for COVID-19 and new grant funding for EHS/CCP expansion. Programs are working closely with their partners on re-entry and are searching for PPE and cleaning supplies to ensure the health and safety of their children and staff. Grant funding is now out, and we have 3 programs that are planning to apply for these expansion funds.

Childcare Discussion/Update (Lisa Ertl, Director, WV DHHR Division of Early Care & Education)

Update on Child Care centers and concerns they are facing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed funding provided to centers to assist programs in the continuation of providing services due to lack of enrollment. Some centers have not open back up yet, any program that re-opens will have to apply and receive a critical care license to hold in-person services.

WVDE Update (Monica DellaMea, Director, WVDE Office of Early & Elementary Learning)

Update on BOE classrooms and re-entry plans for the 20-21 school year. They are working hard to make sure schools are safe for students and teachers. Each county has until August 14th to submit plans for review.

NIEER Study Update

The team has been meeting with researchers monthly for updates. We would like to give an update to the full ECAC team. Monica will send out a doodle poll to hold a meeting with the full council and the research team for updates and to answer any questions the council may have.

Committee Updates

Health Committee- This committee continues to meet regularly. Sub-committees are meeting in September to develop work plans and will begin to submit those and have meetings to start moving forward with their plans.



Professional Development Committee- Has not met.

Higher Education Committee- Has not met.

Other Business

Monica shared the blue-ribbon reading website with the council. This is a great reading resources that is available for anyone to use and watch with children. (<https://wvde.us/wv-blue-ribbon-book-club/> is the website)

Visit the ECAC of WV website:
<https://wvearlychildhoodcouncil.org/>

Next Full Council Meeting: October 2020 (date TBA)

Minutes submitted by the ECAC of WV Executive Team.