

Illinois Early Learning Council
Family and Community Engagement Meeting
January 30, 2014 11 am – 12pm
Illinois Action for Children
4753 N Broadway, Chicago, IL 60604

Committee and Subcommittee co-chairs:

Maria Whelan (IAFC), **George Davis** (City of Rockford Human Services), **Carie Bires** (Ounce), **Leah Pouw** (IAFC), **Granada Williams** (CEDA), **Choua Vue** (IAFC), **Martin Torres** (Latino Policy Forum), **Elisa Westapher** (National Association of Charter School Authorizers)

Meeting Participants:

Maria Whelan, Carie Bires, Gail Nelson, Beth Berendsen, Fiona Anderson, Leah Pouw, Edna Navarro-Vidaurre, Bob Cammarata, Bernard Cicernoe, Nubia Rodgriguez, Granada Williams, Adrienne Stewart, Dawn Thomas, Traci Ocomy, Vicki Hodges, Angela Farwig, Donna Emmons, Kathy Villano, Jill Bradley, Liz Dougherty, Shanta Baker, Scott Kibler, Cerathel Burnett, Madelyn James, Martin Torres, Kim Collins, Kathy Stohr, Choua Vue, Kelly Rauscher, Dan Houseman, Saleem Hue Penny

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Approved minutes from October 16, 2013

II. Presentation

- a. Illinois Family Engagement Framework (Kelly Rauscher, ISBE)
 - i. Co-Chairs encouraged members to read ISBE's 3 year PFA Report

III. Committee Discussion

- a. Governor Quinn's 'State of the State': Outlined three prong approach over 5 years... Prenatal, Universal Pre-K, Improve quality throughout EC system
- b. Co-Chairs encouraged members to read Shriver Report 'Women on the Edge', for future Committee Discussion

IV. Early Learning Council Updates

- a. ELC Communications Committee will be meeting to develop messaging and talking points about Gov. Quinn's EC plan
- b. Executive Team had retreat, focused on structure of ELC and relationship with OECD

V. State Agency Updates

- a. Governor's Office Early Childhood Development (OECD)
 - i. Awards of Excellence language has been streamlined, now all 5 Awards using a common framework. Will be posted on OECD website
 - ii. Doing work coordinating PD, working with Child Trends to identify indicators across EC domains (will roll this out at future ELC meeting)
 - iii. First Year Race to the Top report due February 14, 2014, will be made public
- b. Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
 - i. New RFP for monitoring Prevention Initiative
- c. Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
 - i. Launching CCMS
- d. Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
 - i. Collecting readiness data on children

VI. Local Agency Updates

- a. Chicago Public Schools (CPS)
 - i. Centralizing enrollment process; begins March 3, 2014. Department has learned a lot from working with group responsible for magnet enrollment system in Office of Access Enrollment.

VII. FCE Subcommittee Reports

- a. Principles and Practices
Choua Vue & Granada Williams
 - i. Subcommittee discussed Governor's Awards of Excellence. Addressed OECD's four concerns. FCE Subcommittee moved, seconded. Will pass to ELC Exec/Full ELC for approval.
- b. All Families Served
Carie Bires & Leah Pouw
 - i. Subcommittee discussed DCFS recommendation for homeless children. FCE Subcommittee moved, seconded. Will pass to ELC Exec/Full ELC for approval.
- c. Capital/Infrastructure
Martin Torres & Elisa Westapher
 - i. ISBE PFA transportation survey to be released soon.
 - ii. Reviewing transportation regulation research for EC systems.
 - iii. Waiting for CPS Early Childhood Construction Grant awards to be announced

VIII. Next Steps/ Upcoming Meetings

- March 12, 2014...9 AM-12 PM @ IAFC, 1340 S. Damen, 3rd Floor
- May 14, 2014...9 AM-12 PM @ IAFC, 1340 S. Damen, 3rd Floor