



NEVADA CHILDREN'S COMMISSION
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Division of Child and Family Services
3rd Floor, Small Video Conference Room
4126 Technology Way
Carson City, NV 89706

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EXTENSION: 488426

- 1. Call to Order** – Nancy Brune, Senator Marilyn Dondero-Loop, Kimberly Palma-Ortega
The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Nancy Brune.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions (Roll Call)** – DCFS Staff
Members Present: Nancy Brune, Kimberly Palma-Ortega

DCFS Staff: Elvira Saldana

Public: Dr. Leslie Murdock, Laura Obrist, Bailey Bortolin

Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum of the Nevada Children's Commission Education Committee was present.

- 3. Public Comment and Discussion:**

There was no public comment.

- 4. For Possible Action:** Meeting Minutes from February 3, 2020- Nancy Brune, Senator Marilyn Dondero-Loop, Kimberly Palma-Ortega

Action: A motion was made by Kimberly Palma-Ortega to approve the minutes, seconded by Nancy Brune and carried to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020.

- 5. For Possible Action:** Committee Goals- Nancy Brune, Senator Marilyn Dondero-Loop, Kimberly Palma-Ortega

Nancy Brune stated at the last meeting some of the items identified as part of an action plan were to create a matrix of services for kids ages 0-24 and the committee coming up to speed with the services kids can access throughout their lifespan. A gap analysis can be conducted, and the committee can work on creating baseline data.

Laura Obrist stated one of the items they are working on with the schools, is ways to reach out to students identified as potential foster youth and connect them with resources.

Nancy Brune stated the emphasis is data and providing support.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked if on any of the data collection if there are any data or numbers on those in foster care that may have a disability.

Dr. Leslie Murdock stated she is the Education Liaison for the Department of Family Services and they are working on obtaining aggregate data on their kids.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated some of the kids being diagnosed are in the late teens causing missed educational opportunities.

Dr. Leslie Murdock informed in the last legislative session Senate Bill 147 was passed in which the Board of Trustees of each school district in the state are supposed to create and carry out procedures to help children who are homeless or in foster care to be able to get full or partial credit.

Nancy Brune stated she requested the foster care educational data from Clark County School District. Nancy will follow up if they can identify, of the kids in foster care, how many have an IEP. Nancy Brune asked Dr. Murdock about the Foster Care Stakeholders group.

Dr. Leslie Murdock informed the group meets the last Wednesday of every month. The group works on educational initiatives for children in foster care.

Nancy Brune suggested hearing from people in the rural areas. For the next full commission meeting, the committee can provide a summary with items being worked on and provide a more developed plan.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated the reason she is asking for the data about individuals with different abilities in foster care, is it would allow to continue the work with other organizations and bring more people in.

Nancy Brune stated the committee will develop a workplan to provide to the full commission.

6. For Possible Action: Discuss and Decide Upon Next Steps- Nancy Brune, Senator Marilyn Dondero-Loop, Kimberly Palma-Ortega

- Assign Tasks to Committee Members (if needed)
 1. Nancy Brune will be reaching out to all school districts.
- Specify Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
 1. Review the draft plan
 2. Discuss feedback from full commission meeting
 3. Review CCSD data, if available
- Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time

7. Public Comment and Discussion:

There was no public comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.