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Nevada Children's Commission Education Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Friday, September 30, 2022

TIME: 12:00 P.M.- Adjournment

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CONFERENCE ID: 905 486 342#

1. **Call to Order** – Janice Wolf, Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Dr. Jesus Jara, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner
The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions (Roll Call)** – DCFS Staff
Members Present by Video: Janice Wolf, Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Laura Obrist

Members Absent: Dr. Jesus Jara, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner

DCFS Staff: Elvira Saldana, Dr. Jacqueline Wade

Public: Jodi Thornley

3. **Public Comment and Discussion**
There was no public comment.

4. **For Possible Action:** Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2022
Janice Wolf asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Laura Obrist stated she has a word correction on her part. It stated incorporated education support and independent living programs. Laura Obrist stated she was not talking about adding more independent living programs. It should say “in independent living programs.”

Janice Wolf asked if there was a second to the motion as corrected by Laura Obrist.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she seconded the motion with Laura Obrist's amendment.

Elvira Saldana asked what page the correction requested is on.

Laura Obrist stated it is the second line on the third paragraph, on page 3. It should state "in independent living programs."

Action: The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting minutes of August 19, 2022 were approved.

5. For Possible Action: Committee Priorities and Recommendations – Janice Wolf, Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Dr. Jesus Jara, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner

- Review, discuss, and edit the committee priorities and recommendations document
 - Vote and approve the committee priorities and recommendations document
- Janice Wolf asked committee members if they reviewed the document and if there are any amendments, corrections, or suggestions.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated the notes from everyone were compiled. If anything was missed, it can be adjusted.

Janice Wolf suggested an addition for a recommendation to create a dashboard which helps Administrators, school police, and mental health crisis providers identify children with disabilities, for example youth with 504 plans, youth with trauma history, and kids in foster care or homeless prior to arrest for the purpose of strategic intervention and support. Janice Wolf's purpose in proposing the addition is to try to avert arrests where people who are in a position to make critical decisions on kids have access to trauma and disability history.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she agrees.

Janice Wolf stated another recommendation is on page 2(c) subsection 4, amending it to include screening and reading through high school.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated it would be an asset to adding. Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked Elvira Saldana if Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner or Dr. Jesus Jara provided any additions.

Elvira Saldana stated no. Elvira Saldana asked Janice Wolf if on page 2, under section c, the request is to add.

Janice Wolf stated yes, screening and reading through high school.

Laura Obrist stated she thinks it is item 2 which starts on page 2; however, c is on page 3.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated if it is approved, she could go back and review the document for grammar and formatting errors.

Janice Wolf stated the other suggestion from their Education Attorney was under the comments regarding lessons from DAAY Court on page 1, to spell out the lessons, importance of providers meeting families where they are, having licensed RBTs providing ABA therapy in the classroom for kids with autism and FASD, and ease of access for families and kids with IEPs to get services.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated if they can create the working document, they could maybe have a conversation to not only opening the DAAY Court but to a specialty court in regard to disabilities in general.

Janice Wolf stated she agrees. Janice Wolf asked committee members if there were any other additions, comments, or discussion.

Laura Obrist stated all the main things were covered.

Janice Wolf asked for a motion.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she would like to make a motion to move forward with the committee priorities and recommendations document with the additions that have been noted.

Elvira Saldana requested the corrections be specified and in what sections they will be included.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked Janice Wolf where she would like them placed.

Janice Wolf stated she has no preference. The dashboard amendment could go under collaboration/interventions or staffing. Janice Wolf asked if data collection would be a more appropriate place.

Laura Obrist asked what the current item number was.

Janice Wolf stated it is page 2.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked if the committee would like to add another notation where it states the DAAY Court maybe in parenthesis, a possible expansion of the DAAY Court.

Janice Wolf stated yes. Janice Wolf stated they are looking at trainings, subsection 1- Child Welfare, bullet point 3.

Elvira Saldana asked what will be added in the section.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated they are looking to see if they can add a blurb or parenthesis to either expand the DAAY Court to all disabilities or create a disabilities specialty court.

Janice Wolf stated they can frame it in the alternative, frame one expanding DAAY Court to include other disabilities in the alternative creating a new disabilities court to deal with other disabilities outside of autism. The committee is talking about expanding DAAY Court or creating a new court.

Elvira Saldana asked if the committee would like to add to the third bullet point, expand DAAY court to handle other disabilities besides autism.

Janice Wolf stated it could be dyslexia, FAS, or any other disabilities that would keep kids out of the school to delinquency pipeline.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated another piece they had on their paper was to give information to the family court judges on educational options as well as medical in case there were any disabilities.

Janice Wolf asked Elvira Saldana if she got it.

Elvira Saldana stated to let her know how she would like it worded. Since it is a public meeting and the committee will be taking a vote, the changes made to the document need to be clear.

Janice Wolf stated the section they are talking about DAAY Court, they could add an additional bullet. Janice Wolf asked if it made sense to add a separate bullet that would say expand DAAY Court to include other disabilities or in the alternative, to create an alternative disabilities court.

Laura Obrist stated for ease of reading, she thinks it would be clear.

Janice Wolf asked Elvira Saldana if it was clear.

Elvira Saldana verified that a bullet point would be added to state expand DAAY Court to include other disabilities or in the alternative, to create an alternative disabilities court. Elvira Saldana asked if the next change will be on page 2, under section c- interventions, in addition to state screening and reading through high school.

Janice Wolf stated it was correct.

Elvira Saldana asked if there were any other changes besides the two mentioned.

Janice Wolf stated the third one is the dashboard.

Elvira Saldana asked if it would go under data collection.

Janice Wolf stated she is open to any suggestions from the committee as to where the best section is. Janice Wolf stated it seems data collection makes the most sense.

Laura Obrist stated she agrees with it.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she agrees as well.

Janice Wolf asked if it made sense to add a roman numeral 6 under data collection, section A.

Laura Obrist stated it made sense.

Janice Wolf stated it seems the most logical place to add it. Janice Wolf asked Kimberly Palma-Ortega if she has any thoughts on it.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she agrees with what Janice Wolf and Laura Obrist stated.

Janice Wolf asked Elvira Saldana asked if she knew what they are talking about.

Elvira Saldana asked if the addition is to create a dashboard.

Janice Wolf stated the wording is to create a dashboard that helps Administrators, CCSD Police Department and mental health crisis providers identify children with disabilities and youth with trauma history prior to arrest for purpose of strategic intervention and support.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she included what Janice Wolf had sent in the chat.

Janice Wolf asked if there was any further comment or discussion.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked if she could make the motion with the amendments that have been noted on record.

Elvira Saldana stated yes. The changes will be the three that were documented.

Action: Kimberly Palma-Ortega made a motion to approve the committee priorities and recommendations document with the amended changes discussed, seconded by Janice Wolf, and carried to approve the document.

6. For Possible Action: Discuss and Decide Upon Next Steps – Janice Wolf, Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Dr. Jesus Jara, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner

Janice Wolf stated the next step will be to get the finalized document submitted to the Co-Chairs. Janice Wolf stated she wants to bring up additional members Kimberly Palma-Ortega wanted to add to the committee.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she was waiting on the formality of the process. Jodi Thornley would like to be a part of the committee.

Janice Wolf stated the committee did receive permission from the Commission Co-Chairs to add members.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated she would obtain contact information and provide to Elvira Saldana and Janice Wolf.

Janice Wolf asked committee members if they would like to meet at the beginning of December.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega stated depending on what the outcome of the full Commission meeting is, the committee can meet to recap.

Janice Wolf asked now that the committee has approved the priorities and recommendations document, what is the hope or expectation the full Commission would do. After it is submitted to the Commission Co-Chairs what will take place afterwards.

Laura Obrist asked if they would need to approve it.

Janice Wolf stated she is not sure where it goes after the approval from the committee, whether they have to request the full Commission to approve it. Janice Wolf asked Elvira Saldana what the next step is.

Elvira Saldana asked if the priorities listed are ones the committee will be working on.

Janice Wolf stated it is correct.

Elvira Saldana stated she did not think it would go to the full Commission.

Janice Wolf stated she did not think so either and it would be submitted as a report on what the committee is working on.

Kimberly Palma-Ortega asked if feedback could be obtained from the Co-Chairs.

Janice Wolf stated she thinks the question the committee members are asking; is how they take the report and implement it. Part of the transition section is complete, i.e., the Children's Attorneys Project has developed an app called Rise which has roadmaps and pathways available to all youth in transition in Clark County.

Laura Obrist commented it is a good app.

Janice Wolf stated when the committee starts to work on implementation, one of the steps might be to figure out how to expand the app to the North and statewide.

- Assign Tasks to Committee Members (if needed)
Tasks were not assigned.
- Specify Agenda Items for the Next Meeting
No recommendations were made.
- Confirm Next Meeting Date/Time
Friday, January 6, 2023

A meeting may be scheduled prior to January.

7. Public Comment and Discussion

There was no public comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.