

Montana Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

July 20, 2022

Location: Zoom

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Attendance

Council Members Present:

Meghan Ballenger, Lucy Beltz, Patty Butler, McCall Flynn, Kari Harris, Leigh Ann Holmes, Caitlin Jensen, Kim Latrielle, Brandi Loch, Meghan Peel, Ashley Pena-Larsen, Kathy Rich, Adam Schafer, Brock Tessman, Rachel Wanderscheid

Council Members Absent:

Taylor Boylan, Beth Branam, Charlie Brereton, Jennifer Burckhard, Stacey Clement, Kristen Day, Lesa Evers, Laurie Lincoln, Tobin Novasio, Darlene Schottle, Wendy Studt, Christie Twardoski

Staff and Guests Present:

Sandy Cade, Darla Dexter, Jacqueline Isaly, Kristal Jones, Jody Lehman, Amy McDonald, Kirsten Smith, Sally Tilleman

Called to order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Council Chair, Kim Latrielle

Kim introduced herself and Patty Butler, Acting Administrator for the Early Childhood and Family Support Division. Each council member, staff, and guest present had a moment to introduce themselves.

Updates:

Patty Butler gave an update regarding the Early Childhood and Family Support Division. Patty defined the purpose of the special meeting to review the rule package change for child care licensing.

Kathy Rich gave an update regarding Head Start and SNAP eligibility update. A draft was presented on Head Start data points. When it is finalized, this information will be available to the public.

Jacqueline Isaly presented an update on the Family and Community Health Bureau.

Darla Dexter presented an update regarding ARPA funds and where the division is with obligating and disbursing those funds.

Sandy Cade discussed the new section in the Early Childhood and Family Support Division: Early Intervention and Prevention, along with an update on Part C.

Presentations:

Patty Butler, Acting Administrator for the Early Childhood and Family Support Division, and Kirsten Smith with Bloom Consulting presented on child care licensing rule package proposal and process for adoption and implementation.

Open Discussion

Discussion occurred throughout the meeting regarding the presentations and updates. The council was encouraged to consider the child care licensing rule package change and encouraged to share their thoughts.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned for the day at 11:48 am by council chair Kim Latrielle.