



## Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

October 24, 2019

2 P.M.

Graduate Columbia, 1619 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### **Members Present (16):**

Julie Hussey, Vice Chair  
Senator Greg Hembree  
Representative Jerry Govan  
Shelley Canright  
Walter Fleming Jr.  
Tim Holt  
Mary Lynne Diggs  
Angel Johnson-Brebner (by phone)  
Jennifer McConnell  
Roger Pryor (by phone)  
Mike Leach  
Sue Williams  
Mary Poole (by phone)  
David Mathis  
Rick Toomey  
Amy Williams

#### **Members Absent (4):**

Representative Rita Allison  
Senator Gerald Malloy  
Alexia Newman  
Josh Baker

#### **Others Present:**

Georgia Mjartan	Cassie Barber
Samantha Ingram	Beth Moore
Zack Catoe	Kristine Jenkins
Debbie Robertson	Martha Strickland
Chelsea Richard	Laura Wade
Pamela Gillam	Rieta Drinkwine
Lavinia Tejada	Micah Rea
Tammy Compton	Kate Roach
Sarah Eargle	

#### **Call to Order/Quorum Call**

Ms. Julie Hussey called the Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.



Dr. David Mathis introduced a motion to approve the meeting agenda as written. Mr. Walter Fleming provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Senator Hembree made a motion to approve the August 15, 2019 minutes as written. Dr. Amy Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Mathis gave the Interagency Collaboration Committee (ICC) report. Dr. Mathis stated that there was good attendance at the ICC meeting and the group discussed, at length, the statewide longitudinal data system. Dr. Mathis noted that the Department of Education would apply for a federal grant to support a statewide longitudinal data system.

Ms. Mjartan stated that the ICC will meet on a regular basis and serve as mechanism for state agencies to gather and collaboratively apply for federal grants like the Preschool Development Grant.

Ms. Mjartan briefed the group on Palmetto Pre-K and the partnership among SC First Steps, Department of Education, Head Start and the Department of Social Services to provide a portal for families to find subsidized programs for three and four-year old children. Ms. Mjartan said the site would go live with eligibility screens by the end of the year and in time for the recruitment cycle in January.

Ms. Mjartan then explained another initiative of the ECAC, First Five. Ms. Mjartan stated that the First Five web portal would provide a single point of entry where families and service providers to locate and learn about services offered for children ages birth through five by agencies of the Early Childhood Advisory Council. Ms. Mjartan noted that agencies other than ECAC agencies, such as Department of Mental Health, Commission on Higher Education, SCETV and the State Library will also provide information regarding their services within the web portal.

Ms. Mjartan announced the Fall Pre-K Jamboree where attendees will receive free professional development in Conscious Discipline's "Managing Emotional Mayhem".

Ms. Mjartan pointed the group to the flow of funds chart in their packet which showed the funding streams in South Carolina that support early childhood efforts.

Ms. Mary Lynne Diggs stated that early childhood must be thought of as a holistic approach to continue to make gains.

The group discussed the need for further collaboration among the ECAC.

With no further business, Mr. Tim Hold made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Jennifer McConnell. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.