

## Early Childhood Council of La Plata County Meeting Minutes November 10, 2011

**Attendance:** Charlotte Pirnat, Lindsay Sherman, Tamara Volz, Barbara Dodds, Carol Blatnick, Jessica Keitz, Sara Campano, Tanya Campbell, Heather Hentz, Erika Grant, Laura Melot, Laurie Kloefer

### Meeting Outcomes:

- Partners share information on EC Council Projects & Activities
- Participants gain an awareness of the work of the EC Council in relation to building and supporting local early childhood system infrastructures
- Participants gain a deeper understanding of the local systems assessment process & how the EC Council goals incorporate early childhood systems building to positively impact young children & families.

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| <p style="color: red;">Introductions,<br/>Partner Agency<br/>Updates &amp;<br/>Announcements</p> | <p><b><u>Welcomes/Updates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tamara Volz</b> welcomed Shannon Bassett and Sara Campano to the ECCLPC staff. Shannon Bassett has taken over Childcare Resource and Referral for the 5 county area, and Sara Campano is now the Administrative Assistant for the Council.</li> <li>• <b>Laura Melot</b> selected as ERS Rater, she will attend ERS training at the Clayton Institute in Denver during the first week of December. Congratulations Laura!</li> <li>• <b>Barbara Dodds:</b> pre registration has begun for the Spring semester.</li> <li>• <b>Heather Hentz: 190</b> Early Childhood Professionals participated in the SW District CAEYC conference! The response to the conference was overwhelming, initial estimates were for under 100 participants. 6.5 training hour credits were offered to those who attended.</li> <li>• <b>Jessica Keitz</b> announced that the La Plata County Family Center's Coalition has a new Executive Director. Rachel Cameron is currently the interim ED.</li> <li>• <b>Amy De Prospo Davlin</b> is now on the Professional Development Committee as co-chair with Lindsay Sherman.</li> <li>• <b>Charlotte Pirnat</b> just completed (in October) a 3 year federal review for Tri County Head Start/Early Head Start.</li> <li>• <b>Carol Blatnick</b> reports that BEEP's first audit went well.</li> <li>• <b>Laura Melot</b> is looking forward to ERS training in early December!</li> <li>• <b>Laurie Kloefer</b> announced that 9-R will have a training this Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at Florida Mesa Elementary School. The topic will be Autism, presented by Kelly Rubin, and <b>OPEN to community ECE professionals who would like to attend. Please RSVP to Laurie Kloefer.</b></li> </ul> | <p>Contact info:<br/><b>Shannon Bassett:</b><br/><a href="mailto:shannonb@ecclaplata.org">shannonb@ecclaplata.org</a><br/>970 247 5960 x25</p> <p><b>Sara Campano:</b><br/><a href="mailto:sarac@ecclaplata.org">sarac@ecclaplata.org</a><br/>970 247 5960 x 16</p> <p><b>RSVP to Laurie Kloefer:</b><br/><a href="mailto:lkloefer@durango.k12.co.us">lkloefer@durango.k12.co.us</a> if<br/>you would like to attend this<br/>Friday's presentation on Autism at<br/>Florida Mesa Elem</p> |
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| <p>Updates on Projects, Programs and Activities</p> | <p><b>Acronym Activity</b> and updated list of acronyms distributed</p> <p><b>Updated membership, Staff &amp; Orientation:</b><br/>           Tamara presented a power point, and distributed new updated materials (Kids Count Data, ECC brochure, History of State &amp; Local Early Childhood Council activities, Active partner membership forms, Organizational chart, Committee membership, Colorado's Systems Building Inventory, Strategic Plan Summary, and Budget Allocations)</p> <p><b>Committee Updates</b><br/> <b>It's About Kids</b> – Eileen Wasserbach submitted a Public Will Building Grant to the Colorado Children's Campaign on behalf of the local <i>It's About Kids</i> Core Team/Committee.<br/> <b>Health Integration</b> –The CARES Project Quarterly Report &amp; Data evaluation from Angela Atkinson distributed<br/> <b>Professional &amp; Workforce Development</b> – new co chairs Lindsay Sherman and Amy DeProspero Davlin are working with the Professional Development Committee to visit and survey licensed centers and home providers regarding interest in community based trainings. Criteria for presenters and survey questions are currently being developed.<br/> <b>Social Emotional Development Team</b> –Lindsay Sherman reported that the team met in Oct and will meet in early December. In Oct the team discussed grant opportunities upcoming and pending, the SE models currently being explored, and what the community need is for SE training for staff (and families). United Way Funds for Pyramid Model Training will be available in March of 2012. Pyramid Model Training for community ECE teachers of children birth-8 yrs is currently the first phase of implementation. The SE committee will work to establish criteria for participation, plan for further implementation of SE programs, and explore other opportunities.<br/> <b>Child Care Resource &amp; Referral</b> –report from Shannon Bassett</p> <p><b>Outcomes of Committee Activity:</b><br/>           A rich discussion around the work of the Professional Development (PD) Committee took place. The level of collaboration was outstanding. Topics included: Laurie Kloefer's willingness to offer 9-R's professional development opportunities to local ECE teachers, plans for the PD committee to inventory local provider interest in new training opportunities, and the possibility of a partnership to provide an additional day long training (in addition to the recent SW CAEYC conference).</p> | <p>Contact <b>Tamara</b> for more information on any of these topics.<br/> <a href="mailto:tamarav@ecclaplata.org">tamarav@ecclaplata.org</a></p> <p>If you would like a copy of the CARES Project Quarterly Report &amp; Data evaluation please contact <b>Angela</b> at:<br/> <a href="mailto:aatkinson@centurytel.net">aatkinson@centurytel.net</a></p> <p>If you would like an electronic copy of the CCR&amp;R report please contact <b>Shannon</b> at<br/> <a href="mailto:shannonb@ecclaplata.org">shannonb@ecclaplata.org</a></p> <p>Contact Lindsay or Amy if you are interested in serving on the Professional Development Committee:<br/> <a href="mailto:lindsays@ecclaplata.org">lindsays@ecclaplata.org</a>, or<br/> <a href="mailto:amd819@mail.harvard.edu">amd819@mail.harvard.edu</a></p> |
| <p>Other Items Identified</p>                       | <p>Next Early Childhood Council meeting<br/> <b>December 8, 2011 3:00 – 5:00pm</b></p>  |   |