

# CKLECC Meeting Minutes

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FEBRUARY 4, 2019

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

EADS

MEETING CALLED BY	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly CKLECC Meeting
FACILITATOR	Dennis Pearson, Chairman
NOTE TAKER	Julie Witt, CKLECC Coordinator
TIMEKEEPER	
ATTENDEES	<p>Phone: Jennifer Paintin (Baby Bear Hugs); Alex Arellano (Morgan Community College); Amber Ellis (Parent/Eastern CO Bank); Cindy Ferree (Limon Child Development Center); Ryan Wollert (Prowers County Public Health); Theresa Kocsak (Centennial Mental Health)</p> <p>On Site: Dennis Pearson (Kiowa County DHS); Julie Witt (CKLECC Coordinator); Haley Leonard (CKLECC Representative); Carole Spady (Quality Improvement Coach); Lisa Thomas (About FACE)</p>

**MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: January Meeting Minutes were approved, with the amendment of adding Ryann Wollert as an attendee to the January meeting, by the council with a motion from Alex and a second by Lisa.**

## Agenda topics

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CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK PRESENTATION

HALEY LEONARD

DISCUSSION	<p>Haley presented on car seat safety in Colorado. Haley is a certified car seat safety technician. Three out of four kids are not properly installed in car seats. Children should be placed rear facing as long as possible. Height and weight requirements should be listed on the tag of a car seat. The back seat is safer because in the front the air bag could be dangerous. The back seat is safer for children up to age 13. Never put a rear facing car seat in the front seat. There is a used car seat safety check list online. There is a car seat recycle program in Limon and Lamar. In Colorado there is a fine of \$82 for not properly using a car seat. Care givers should do the inch test when buckling children into seats. Straps shouldn't be so tight they don't move. Coats should never be worn in a car seat. The chest clip should be at arm pit level. If anyone is interested in becoming a car seat tech there will be a training in Colorado Springs on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like car seat safety checks done at an event contact Haley to make arrangements.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS			
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COORDINATOR REPORT

JULIE WITT

DISCUSSION	<p>Julie submitted quarterly reports to the state on January 31<sup>st</sup>. She attended the Early Council Childhood Leadership Alliance (ECCLA) meeting in Broomfield on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. ECCLA has taken over the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program which helps with workforce challenges, retention of ECE staff, compensation, and support to the students. There are three levels of the T.E.A.C. H. Scholarship – Licensing, Associates, and Bachelors. It covers 3-9 credit hours per contract. The minimum is 3 and the maximum is 9. Participants with a "C" or better receive bonuses. T.E.A.C.H. pays for 90% of the program, the center/child care program pays for 10%, and the student is responsible for 5% of tuition. Buell funds the rural area. Currently there is a waitlist. Julie received information on the ECHO – Outdoor Learning Environments initiative. The initiative focuses on making outdoor play space more natural with natural play surfaces, etc. Seed site grant applications are due in February. Sites must have a child care license in order to be eligible. Julie suggested that E.C.H.O. would be a great training session at the provider training day CKLECC will be scheduling this spring. Julie, Carole Spady, and Cindy Ferree had a booth at the Limon 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair in January. They presented on the different career pathways of Early Childhood. Julie reported that CKLECC is in the process of finalizing its Early Childhood Professional Development Scholarship Application. Funds are available to support costs of ECE courses being taken.</p>		
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## GRANT APPLICATIONS

JULIE WITT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Julie will be partnering with the early childhood councils of Kit Carson, Yuma, Washington, Logan, Phillips, and Sedgwick counties on the ECE Workforce Innovation Grant. The proposal will be to get council staff trained in each council region to offer the Child Care Development Specialist Apprenticeship Program. This program would help early learning programs get early childhood teachers qualified in a shorter amount of time and would recruit new interest to the ECE field. Julie reported that the Board recommended Julie contact the El Pomar Foundation about the possibility of submitting a grant proposal. Julie requested ideas from the council on what the proposal could consist of. It has been suggested to consider a planning grant for the healthy child screening day idea, to request funds for training, speakers, etc., to request funds to continue to support scholarships and the work CKLECC is doing now.		
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## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

JULIE WITT

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Julie will be revising the CKLECC Strategic Plan to correspond with the Scope of Work and budget documents due to the state for SFY 2020. Julie reviewed the plan and mentioned that some changes should be made to Goal 2: Improve the Health and Well-Being of Children and Families/Objective 2. Objective 2 states by the end of June 30, 2019 CKLECC will have identified the health and well-being needs of children ages 0-8 and have agreements in place to participate in health child screening clinics. The Council suggested the plan be revised to state that by the end of June 30, 2020 CKLECC will increase partnerships with child find and work towards collaboration on supporting families.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	
<b>CKLECC STAFF WILL WORK ON CONNECTING WITH CHILD FIND</b>	<b>CKLECC STAFF</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	

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CHILD CARE RESOURCE REFERRAL & QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT COACH UPDATES

JULIE WITT/CAROLE SPADY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Carole has a Pre-Licensing class scheduled on February 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> in Cheyenne Wells, on February 28 <sup>th</sup> and March 1 <sup>st</sup> in Hugo, and dates will be scheduled in March for Eads. Carole will be scheduling BLAST Babysitting Course throughout each county in the Spring. The course is geared towards Junior High and High School aged kids. It will touch on basic safety and when to call 911.  Karli Stroble with Cheyenne Wells Preschool has completed a CCCAP fiscal agreement with DHS. Limon Child Development has applied for Quality Improvement funding. Julie and Carole are working with several sites on reapplying for their Level 2 Colorado Shines ratings. Julie and staff are working to schedule a (6) hour Spring Training Day for all early childhood providers.		
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## FUTURE MEETING

DENNIS PEARSON

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The next meeting will be Monday, March 4th in Limon at the DHS Meeting Room/CKLECC Office at 2:30 p.m.		
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>			
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<b>SECRETARY APPROVAL SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>		