

Committee Members Present:

Teresa Mathews-PECC/Children First
 Angie Shehorn-PECC/Children First
 Rosemary Breckenfelder-PCC/ECE
 Tess Lira-Spanish Peaks
 Nina Casteel-Catholic Charities
 Pamela Doyle-Healthy Communities
 Darlene Bermudez-Pueblo City Schools
 Tricia Neff-Spanish Peaks
 Kim Swope-Southside Children’s Center
 Dayna Higgs-Healthy Communities
 Josette Urioste-Southside Children’s Center
 Icey Jackson-Life Center Academy
 Deb Abdulla-Early Head Start
 Kathy Serena-Children First

Jon Drake-Washington Children’s Center
 Tina Sauer-PECC/Children First
 Lois Illick-CSU-Extension
 Donna Guerrero-Washington Children’s Center
 Georgia Gardner-Nurse Family Partnership
 Ginger Stringer-ABCD
 Cindy Bernal-Community Member
 Kristie Phillips-Colorado Bluesky
 Marty Rahl-Pueblo District 70
 Jackie Fields-Life Center Academy
 Brenda Rodriguez-Children First
 Debra Owen-Early Head Start
 Dana Richardson-Life Center Academy
 Sonia Negrete-Winn-Colorado Bluesky Intern

Committee Members Absent:

Guests:

Minutes taken by: Tina Sauer

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Introductions / Additions to agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order by Rosemary Breckenfelder PECC Chair, at 11:05 am. Introductions were made. Tess added August Mini Conference under New Business and under the Professional Development Workgroup for the next meeting. 	
Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tess motioned to approve the minutes from December 3, 2012, Cindy seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Dayna motioned to approve the minutes from January 28, 2013, Donna seconded, all in favor, motion passed. 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children’s Framed Artwork: Angie reports that at the last meeting she reported that Colorado Department of Human Services is renovating their building and is requesting children’s framed artwork. Angie says she is going to Denver on March 20th and will be more than happy to deliver children’s artwork from our community but it needs to be at the next PECC meeting on March 18th. Artwork submitted should include the child’s 	

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	<p>name, site, and community. Also, any artwork submitted will not be returned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colorado Children’s Campaign Dolls: Angie reports the deadline to turn in dolls to the Children First office is close of business tomorrow. Teresa asked about the parameters for turning in a doll and Angie says the dolls need to be realistic looking along with a story about the child and how services improved their life. Ten dolls have been distributed and none have been returned. ● Resource Sharing Day debrief: Teresa reports Resource Sharing Day went very well for being quickly thrown together and approximately 110 people attended. There were approximately 20 display tables and there were good reviews based on evaluations. Teresa praised Brandi for stepping up and emceeding the event on late notice and doing a good job. Teresa said there will be discussion with the committee for what we will be doing next time. An email will be going soon about planning the next Resource Sharing Day. Jon said he thought the event went smoothly and Tess added that the giveaways were great. Rosemary liked how participants were given numbers to win the door prizes and that it was classy that if someone from Children First won they donated the basket back for someone else to win. Teresa added that we only received 47 evaluations after the event. Comments included the day was too long and should end earlier, have the presenters speak longer, and all presenters should have a PowerPoint presentation. Lastly, Teresa says the next Resource Sharing Day will more than likely have a keynote speaker. ● Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference March 1st and 2nd: Angie reports that there are still volunteer opportunities available for the conference. Individuals that volunteer all day on Friday are able to attend sessions for free on Saturday or volunteer for half day on Friday and attend free half of the day on Saturday. Angie will send out the volunteer information. 	
New Business	<p>A. Legislative Update: Angie reports that legislative updates will now be emailed out to Council members from this point forward. An updated bill watch was emailed out before today’s meeting and it included a link to the Colorado Children’s Campaign website to sign up for their <i>KidsFlash</i> newsletter. Rosemary asked if Angie was aware of any critical stuff and Angie said not at this time, but if something is critical she will bring the information to the Council. Angie added if anyone is interested, she can</p>	

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	<p>send information about how a bill becomes a law.</p> <p>B. Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) Report: Angie handed out the Early Childhood Leadership Commission 2013 Annual Report.</p> <p>C. I'm Moving, I'm Learning Training: Angie reports that last week three Children First staff attended the <i>I'm Moving, I'm Learning Training</i>. The training focuses on incorporating more physical activities into what teachers are already doing in the classroom. Staff will be training the community soon. Teresa asked how long the training will be and Angie says they are two hour trainings. Child care providers who live in Pueblo County will be allowed to attend trainings for free and those living outside of Pueblo County will be charged \$10.00. Jon asked about the <i>Spark PE Program</i> and points because he has recently implemented the program at Washington Children's Center. Discussion followed about licensing level points, Qualistar rated programs, estimated roll out dates, the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and Race to the Top. Angie added that a few weeks ago she received a call from the Lieutenant Governor's office and they wanted to set up meeting regarding Race to the Top funds. They asked that individuals representing the four domains from the <i>Early Childhood Colorado Framework</i> be in attendance. Angie says they had about 10 people from the Pueblo community in attendance and that it was a really good meeting. Pam says she felt that they really listened to what we had to say. There were a lot of suggestions and how things are different outside of Denver. Jon asked who represented early childhood and Angie said there were representatives from School District 60 and 70, the Pueblo City-County Health Department, Healthy Communities, Catholic Charities, Spanish Peaks Behavioral Health, Department of Social Services, Children First and the President of Pueblo Community College Patty Erjavec. Jon repeated his question about who was there representing early childhood Angie said she, Teresa, and Rosemary were in attendance. Cindy asked if anyone took minutes of the meeting and Angie said someone from the Lieutenant Governor's office took minutes and Cindy asked if we could get a copy. Angie said she would look into getting a copy. Darlene asked if they visited any programs and Angie said they did not because of the timeframe.</p> <p>D. August Mini Conference: Tess reports that the Southeast District of CAEYC in partnership with Children First, the Council and hopefully the new family child care association are planning a mini conference on August 3rd at Pueblo Community College. They are seeking someone to present on cultural and individual diversity. They will be working with the Professional Development workgroup for planning. Rosemary asked when</p>	

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	<p>the Professional Development Workgroup gets together and Donna says they meet the third Saturday of every month at the 5th and Main Espresso Bar from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Teresa asked about the Professionalism training on March 16th and Donna says they will meet after the training. At this time staff from the Life Center Academy joined the meeting and introduced themselves. Rosemary added that she attended the first meeting of new family child care association and they had good representation from both centers and family child care homes. There was a lot of networking and have already outgrown their physical space; they had 50 people attend.</p>	
<p>Work group Highlights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Support: Nina read the mission statement and reports they meet the last Tuesday of every month from 2 pm to 4 pm at Catholic Charities and the next is tomorrow. Right now the meetings have evolved into a group sharing information. Nina invites everyone to attend and share information about their agency. ● Health Advisory: Pam reports they are ramping up for the Community Baby Shower with the first meeting on March 13th at CSU-Pueblo, time TBA. This is a partnership with the CSU-Pueblo nursing students and everyone is welcome to participate. Teresa asked if they were still doing the bib packets and Pam said yes and that they are going to discuss updating the information in those packets at the next meeting. Pam gave a brief overview of the Community Baby Shower and how last year it was held at the Praise Assembly Church. Elmo was there handing out immunization information and they had a wonderful fruit snack. Teresa asked who could have a table at the Community Baby Shower and Pam said there was no criteria as long as they are serving young children. ● Social Emotional: Tess reports they are planning some Pyramid trainings but, no dates have been set yet and they are working on the Early Childhood Mini Conference. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 6th at Colorado Bluesky at 1:30 pm. ● Professional Development: Donna reports the group met and has decided to use the state's version of the professional development plan. The plan is missing information regarding Universal Precautions and CPR/First Aid and they will take a page from the Pueblo Professional Development plan and add it to the state plan. They will also include a section about staff training hours. They are having training on Saturday, March 16th and it is 	

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	<p>titled <i>Professionalism</i>. Rosemary will be the presenter/trainer. During this training she will present the professional development plan, talk about the Early Childhood Professional Credential, and Sheena Sutter a licensing specialist will be available to answer questions about the domains and licensing clock hours. The cost of the training is \$15.00 per person and it will be held from 9 am to noon. Discussion followed about the state's professional development plan and the group altering it. Rosemary asked if copies of the plan would be available during the training and Teresa said that they more than likely could. Discussion followed about printing handouts for the training and the flyer that would be emailed out. Tina asked if the training was for center staff only and Donna said it was for all licensed child care providers. The group meets the third Saturday of every month at the 5th and Main Espresso Bar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Awareness: Jon announced that we should all memorize the Council mission statement. He reports the group meets the second Monday of every month at Washington Children's Center in the library at 11:30 am and lunch is provided. The group met on February 11th and is in the process of planning the Greater Pueblo of Chamber Commerce Luncheon on March 14th. They talked about marketing the event by putting an announcement in the Briefs section of the Pueblo Chieftain and emailing it out through Doris Kester and Teresa. If anyone is interested in attending please RSVP to the Greater Chamber of Commerce and the cost is \$20.00. The Council did get a new banner and it will be on display. The group will need 200 copies of marketing materials for this luncheon and the Latino Chamber luncheon. During lunch they are also trying to collect business cards and Brenda suggested a basket giveaway and the entry form is their business card. The group has asked Rosemary to talk about the Council and early childhood in general with statistical information. Also, they have asked Burnie Zercher to speak about EPIC Pueblo. The group also talked about Foundations for Change to take place in 2014. Lastly, Jon proposed presenting Burnie with the Children's Champion Award on April 25th during the Summit. Tess motioned to present Burnie with Children's Champion Award on April 25th, Cindy seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed. Next meeting is March 11th at Washington Children's Center at 11:30 am. Kristie says that Council members should set a goal that at least one person from each workgroup attend the luncheon. 	

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Community Reports	<p>A. Tess announced there is a free Family Leadership Summit event Saturday, March 9th from 8 am to 5 pm at the Children’s Hospital Colorado in Aurora. Teresa emailed out the flyer.</p> <p>B. Tina announced that the Cherish the Child Candlelight Vigil will be held at the Pueblo Mall on April 11th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.</p> <p>C. Donna announced that the Southeast District of CAEYC is planning and event for Week of the Young Child. It will be held on April 20th at City Park. There is a meeting on March 20th at 6 pm at Washington Children’s Center to help with the planning process.</p> <p>D. Angie announced that Cindy will be presented with the <i>Edna Oliver /Nancy Swank</i> award at the upcoming Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference in Denver. In addition, Angie will be presenting her with the award. Everyone applauded Cindy’s success.</p> <p>E. Kristie announced that Colorado Bluesky is hosting a public comments session for the change to the Early Intervention guidelines. It will be held on March 11th from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm at Colorado Bluesky Infant Toddler Center at 2003 Northmoor Terrace.</p> <p>F. Rosemary stated that the 10 ECE courses have solid numbers this spring and no courses were cancelled. The 2 hybrid courses have 20-25 students respectively and are proving to be a challenge in the technology aspect, but it is early in the semester. Rosemary has offered two trainings for students to increase their online skills and be more comfortable with D2L. Rosemary reported that she is networking with Donna Stinchcolm and Children’s Art Museum to embrace Math and the Arts this semester. Currently the focus is on ECE students creating Math Kits for checkout. More information to come on this collaborative effort.</p>	<p><i>Any agency wishing to make announcements about their work is welcome to report during the community announcements.</i></p>
Adjournment/ Next meeting	<p>Adjourn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm. • The next meeting will be March 18th at 11:00 am. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 am. Location: Pueblo Community College Academic Building Room 210M. • • Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Dec. 3 at 11:00 a.m. . The Executive Committee will meet at 10 am. Location TBA. 	

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