

Committee Members Present:

Teresa Mathews-PECC/Children First
 Cindy Bernal-PECC/Children First
 Rosemary Breckenfelder-PCC/ECE
 Brenda Rodriguez-Children First
 Tess Lira-Spanish Peaks
 Nina Casteel-Catholic Charities
 Pamela Doyle-Healthy Communities
 Maria Subia-East Side Child Care Center
 Christine Steele-Ascension Preschool
 Julie Zabolio-Spanish Peaks
 Tricia Neff-Spanish Peaks
 Donald L. Bruestle-Community member

Brandi Young-Colorado Bluesky Enterprises
 Tina Sauer-PECC/Children First
 Lois Illick-CSU-Extension
 Donna Guerrero-Washington Children’s Center
 Kerry Taylor-Trinity Lutheran Childcare/Preschool
 Angie Shehorn-Children First
 Trish Blake-ABCD
 Georgia Gardner-Nurse Family Partnership
 Heather Rider-Housing Authority
 Amanda Aragon-Spanish Peaks
 Dayna Higgs-Healthy Communities/Pueblo StepUp
 Kim Swope-Southside Children’s Center

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. None 	
Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nina states she misspoke while reporting out during the August 30th meeting and that the Family Support Workgroup met on June 20th. Tess motioned to approve the minutes from August 30, 2012 with amendments, Nina seconded, all in favor, motion passed. 	
State Reports	<p>A. Early Childhood Councils Leadership Alliance (ECCLA): Cindy reports that the Department of Labor is conducting audits of child care centers to ensure they are in compliance with Department of Labor rules. Cindy gave the example that a center in Denver had to pay \$41,000 in back wages plus fines. Early childhood and cattle professionals were chosen for the audit. Centers cannot deny access to the auditors and early childhood centers are getting checked, family child care homes are not unless they have an</p>	

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	<p>employee. Auditors are interviewing all employees one on one, directors are not allowed to be present during the interviews. Programs in Colorado Springs are being audited now and it appears the auditors will continue to move south. Please let Cindy know if your program has been audited so we can notify other centers. She does not know how they are selecting centers and they are more than likely selecting large centers. Teresa will email out the Department of Labor information. Cindy added that the Division of Child Care tried to step in and was told by the Attorney General that they could not. Rosemary asked about the requirement for the two Early Child Education (ECE) classes. For example, who pays for the classes and the employee's time if it is an evening class? Cindy says that is question she could ask. Angie suggested bringing someone from the Colorado Workforce Center to talk about the Department of Labor rules. Cindy reports ECCLA will meet again in mid-November and they are in the process of putting together their 501©3 application to submit by the end of December. This will give them a mechanism to apply for funding. In the future, they could become a grantor for Early Childhood Councils.</p> <p>B. New Office of Early Childhood Update: Cindy reports they have hired a new executive director and Cindy says she will email out her information. The department has been revamped and it will be broken out into two divisions; Early Childhood Councils will fall under the Community and Family Division. Teresa will send out the email again with the information. The New Office of Early Childhood will still go through legislation and is currently doing what it can without legislation. The bill to develop the new office was defeated, so the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Director of CDHS have moved forward with the new office without legislation. The bill will run again during the new session. If legislation does not pass for the new office, then the office can be done away with if a new administration decides to do that. But if the office is in legislation, then it is not so hard to go away. It would have to go back through the legislative process to take it away. Cindy says she knows we send out a lot of emails but please pay attention to the emails we send out because it affects all of us.</p> <p>C. Early Learning Challenge Grant-Race to the Top: Cindy reports the final guidelines came out and Colorado is applying for almost \$3 million dollars and there is a team working on the application. Some of the work will be coming through the Early Childhood Councils. Discussion with the writers of the grant</p>	

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	<p>included compensating Councils for the work that is completed. Cindy says she has not seen a final draft yet but, it does include professional development and TQRIS (Tiered Quality Rating Improvement System). We will hopefully know more in mid-December.</p> <p>D. Family Friend and Neighbor state effort: Cindy reports that we sent out the information for a community meeting and 18 individuals attended. The group is in the process of putting together a final report and we will receive a copy. Four regions in the state were targeted for this project and the intent was to educate unlicensed child care providers. Hopefully the providers will get CPR and First Aid certified and or attend child development classes. Head Start was a big supporter of this project and gave the flyer to their families.</p> <p>E. School Readiness Project: Cindy reports School Readiness is in process with three sites participating; Giggles and Wiggles Learning Center, Washington Children’s Center, and Mother’s Day Out. Each site is either getting prepared for, or has just had, their Qualistar rating. Giggles and Wiggles Learning Center received their rating and Brenda announced they received a 3-Star rating. Everyone applauded for Giggles and Wiggles rating. Mother’s Day Out will have their rating this month and Washington Children’s Center will get rated in January.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Pueblo City Schools/Student ID numbers: Cindy reports that we now have student ID numbers for this year and for previous years to track children in School Readiness programs. Teresa has been working very diligently with Pueblo City Schools on this project and we have approximately 1,800 ID numbers for current and past children. We will now begin working with District 70 to get ID numbers. Unfortunately, District 70 uses a different system to track children. Maria asked what will be done with the numbered children that we are tracking who move from a School Readiness site or the Colorado Preschool Program to Head Start. Discussion followed about flagging those children who move and parents who may object to numbering their children. <p>F. Kid Connects Grant Opportunity: Cindy reports the Foundation for Children and Youth has funds from Temple Hoyne Buell to look at social emotional development in early childhood programs with young children. Pueblo has been selected as a site to participate in</p>	

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	<p>this effort. They will hold training about the Kid Connects effort. The first half day will be for anyone interested in early childhood and the second full day will be for mental health specialists from Spanish Peaks. We will send out the dates when we know them. Discussion followed about how this is a good opportunity for our local mental health specialists</p>	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="667 410 1528 727">A. Court Care: Cindy reports Court Care is on pause. This group wants to have a child care center in the new judicial building. What happens is people going through the court system bring their young children to court because they don't have child care or in hopes to receive leniency from the judge. Carla Sikes heads up this project and wants to model it after the program in Colorado Springs. There is no money to fund this project and half of the attorneys are against it and half of the attorneys are for it. Cindy will keep us updated. Don added that the County and District judges are not in agreement either and that this could also benefit those who report for jury duty who do not have child care. <li data-bbox="667 735 1528 792">B. PECC Contract: Cindy reports we got it signed and can now begin drawing down funds. <li data-bbox="667 800 1528 954">C. CO Trust Grant Application: Cindy reports we finally sent this off and focused on our same priorities of oral health and early childhood mental health. We should know by early December if we got funded or not; this is a competitive grant. Trish Blake with ABCD met with Cindy and Teresa to help write the grant. <li data-bbox="667 963 1528 1190">D. 2012 Public Health in the Rockies Presentation: Cindy reports that Health Departments from around the state have an annual conference and before Sarah retired from the Health Department she submitted a proposal to speak about working the Early Childhood Councils. Her proposal was selected to be presented and Cindy and Lynn Procell gave the presentation to a standing room only crowd and it went over very well. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="667 1266 1528 1484">● MIECHV System Building \$20,000.00 Grant update: Cindy reports from the 20T grant we received funds to develop a community plan and other systems building efforts. Now they want to give us \$20,000 for three years for systems building. In return, they want us to have training on data and due to low enrollment for the first training it was cancelled. The new date for the data training is November 29th and if you are interested in attending 	

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	<p>please call Tina at 719-549-3407.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PECC Marketing Training: Teresa reports that the Executive Committee talked and we need an elevator speech, tagline or something that briefly explains the Council. Teresa said we are trying to make marketing the Council a priority to bring in more people. Nina says she invited the Housing Authority to our Council meeting to share resources and information. ● ECCLA Update MOU between PECC and partnering agencies: Teresa reports that we are in the process of drafting MOUs for our partnering agencies. We will get samples from other Councils and have the Executive Committee review and tweak for agencies to sign. 	
Work group Highlights:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health Advisory: Pam read the mission statement and reports at their last meeting they talked about the Community Baby Shower in May and they will continue working with the CSU-Pueblo Nursing Students. Pam says anyone and everyone is welcome to participate. They will focus on oral health as well as immunizations. The next meeting will be November 13th, location TBA. ● Mental Health: Tess reports they are focusing on Healthy Halloween on October 31st at Washington Children’s Center gym. Child care center and early intervention children are invited to attend and participating agencies are asked to give out a small toy or healthy snack. The group is discussing merging the Pyramid Leadership Team and the Mental Health Workgroup. The next tentative meeting is November 7th. Tess says she will keep the Council updated on what the group decides. Teresa added that anyone interested in participating in a workgroup please feel free to jump in. ● Professional Development: Donna reports that they had 19 participants at their <i>Engaging Children in Your Learning Centers</i> training in October. Participants wanted a lot more time for the training. There is training scheduled for November 10th with Darlene Blackford and the title of that training is <i>All the Smart Science Moves</i>. This training will be held at Washington Children’s Center. The next meeting will be November 17th at 10:00 am at the 5th and Main Espresso Bar. D. Public Awareness: Maria reports they still plan on having a Children’s Summit for business leaders, Kiwanis and Rotary members. The group is also looking forward to presenting at the Latino Chamber of Commerce luncheon in January and The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in March. Maria and Don will begin 	Written reports emailed to the council members

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	<p>writing a grant to American Furniture Warehouse to help fund the luncheon. Don added that the closed meeting with the civic groups will include individuals from PEDCO and United Way. Also, they had a productive meeting with Commissioner Chostner and he has invited us to make a presentation to the Pueblo County Commissioners this week. The presentation will be to outgoing Commissioners, but Commissioner Chostner will be the District Attorney for our judicial district and he feels that he can be a champion for early childhood. Cindy added that she, Don and Dr. Debra are doing the presentation Thursday morning and the bad part is they only have 15 minutes to present. The next meeting will be Monday, November 12th at Washington Children’s Center at 11:30 am.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Support: Nina reports that the next meeting is October 30th at Catholic Charities at 3 pm. The group met on September 25th and discussed the new <i>Bright Beginnings</i> brochures. They also discussed giving out a resource list to parents and posting it on a website which is still in the works. Nina also talked about the video on traumatic brain injury that Parkview shows to parents. The video is also available on You Tube. 	
Community Reports	<p>A. Pam announced that there will be enrollment changes to Medicaid beginning January 1, 2013. The Medicaid income threshold will increase from 100% poverty level to 133% poverty level for children six to 18 years old. This change means that fewer families will have one child on Medicaid and one on CHP+. Also, when a child renews for CHP+, that child will more than likely move over to Medicaid. Dayna added that they just received a report that approximately 1,000 children in Pueblo qualify for CHP+ and are not on it.</p> <p>B. Trish announced that <i>Assuring Better Child Health and Development</i> held a continuing medical education event on Saturday and 25 health care providers from across the state attended including two from Pueblo. Brandi sat on the parent panel and spoke to why it is so important to connect with community partners, and why screening and early intervention is so important. Brandi and the other parents on the panel knocked the ball out of the park on the importance of connecting with community partners. Kudos to Pueblo and Brandi! Everyone applauded.</p> <p>C. Rosemary announced that registration for spring classes begins in</p>	<p><i>Any agency wishing to make announcements about their work is welcome to report during the community announcements.</i></p>

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	<p>early November. Based on discussions with the council over the past year and needs of director's in centers, preschool's and Head Start, for their teachers to be at work during the day, almost all ECE (Early Childhood Education) classes have been moved to the evenings. She reported that a new course ECE 125: Math and Science for Young Children and ECE 256: Working with Parents, Families and Community will be offered as hybrid classes. They meet every other week, with the off week using Desire2Learn (D2L) for homework and discussions. This will offer a challenge and a new approach to teaching and learning. She stated the department will conduct a student survey in April to evaluate the hybrid approach. Rosemary is working with and supporting Adams State on moving Early Childhood Education toward a Bachelor degree with K-3 licensure. The new reported plan is to have the licensure and non-licensure cohorts start out together and then split in two degree tracks. At this time she is unsure if the plan will be approved. For now all will remain the same; licensure cohort is full online and non-licensure cohort meets one weekend a month. The non-licensure Bachelor degree will still be available and continues to be a viable program. She states that the ECE dept. is optimistic for solid spring enrollment.</p> <p>D. Kim announced that Southside Children's Center will be having their 2nd Harvest Festival on Friday, October 26th at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds from noon to 8 pm.</p>	
Adjournment/ Next meeting	<p>I. Adjourn: The next meeting will be December 3rd at 11:00am. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 am. Location TBA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Dec. 3 at 11:00 a.m. . The Executive Committee will meet at 10 am. Location TBA. 	