



Approved Minutes September 9, 2021 11:30-1:00PM

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1) **Call to Order:** Pam Heays, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM

2) **Establish Quorum:**

MCCCC Members Present (8 of 10 members):

- Pam Heays, Consumer of Child Care (*Chair*)
- Danielle Dublino, IMACA Preschool Teacher (*Vice-Chair*) *joined at 12:06 PM*
- Molly DesBaillets, First 5
- Annaliesa Calhoun, First 5
- Sofia Flores, Behavioral Health
- Brittany Nelson, IMACA Staff
- Brooke Bien, MUSD
- Kelly Conboy, IMACA CCC Director

MCCCC Members Absent (2 of 10 members):

- Julie Winslow, Kids Corner
- Jacinda Croissant, Health Department

LPC Coordinator:

Courtney Powell, Mono County Office of Education

Public:

Stacey Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools

Leslie Gaunt, Mono County Social Services

3) **Public Comment:** Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. **No Public Comment.**

4) **Evacuation Bags :** Members heard an update about the MCCCC Evacuation bags purchased at the end of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. 33 kits are being distributed. 18 to child care providers, 2 to Husky Club, 2 to Kids Corner Drop off and 11 Trust Line FFNs. Mammoth Kids Corner received 3 bags, one for each classroom. In each bag was one First Aid kit, 1 MCCCC Pen, 1 MCCCC Antibacterial whip packet, an evacuation checklist from CA childcare Health Programs (CCHP) (In English or Spanish) and kids evacuation bags. The number of kids evacuation bags varied by site. There are 11 Kits remaining in the inventory. If you think of a FFN, child care provider or after school program that could use one, please contact the MCCCC Coordinator, Courtney Walsh . (*Information*) *pg. 2*

5) **QCC Updates:**

- a) Members will have the opportunity to review the 2020-21 QRIS ratings for Mono County. This item was tabled for the next meeting. No discussion. (*Information*) *pg. 3-6*
- b) Members heard an update about the Workforce Pathways Stipend Program. Courtney explained that the deadline to apply for this program is September 19th. New to the stipend levels this year are two bonus



options. The first option is \$150 bonus if some participating in the Mono Alpine Workforce Pathways Stipend Program takes an infant and toddler class. This bonus was added to encourage the workforce to take these units, so they could teach in an infant or toddler classroom. The second option is for \$250 bonus for completing practicum/ field experience. This bonus was added to help support the workforce because we learned through this program that completing practicum in a rural community is a challenge. Some of the berries to completing practicum were; taking time off of current job, having to travel to another program to complete course work and cost associated with live scan at a new site. *(Information) pg. 7-8*

Mono County Children’s Summit: Members heard about the Mono County Children’s Summit from the Mono County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Stacey Adler. Dr. Adler shared that summit is planned for some time in the summer of 2022 and will be presented by the Mono County Office of Education. This was an idea that came from Mono County Supervisor Bob Gardner and chair of the First 5 Commission. The idea is to host one day that is dedicated to discussing the how the county is doing in regards to children birth to age 18. Identifying what the needs and gaps are for children in Mono County and then develop a plan of action or next steps. We are at the beginning stages of developing the summit. Through the collaboration and generosity of Mono County Social Services they had contracted with Richard Knecht for support with Data collection. At this time, they are looking at what they need or want to collect data on. Pam Heays asked Dr. Stacey Adler about what role the Mono County Child Care Council can play in the Children’s Summit. First is that the MCCCC Coordinator will be part of the planning team and that all members of the council would be invited and included in the summit. *(Information)*

6) Needs Assessments:

a) Members had the opportunity to review the five-year needs assessment template and hear an update from the Coordinator. (The current Needs Assessment can be viewed online <https://www.monocccc.org/mccccouncil-projects>). The Coordinator shared that number 13 of the document is where it highlights having a county wide facilities needs assessment done. This is why she thought it would be a good idea to do a facility needs assessment prior to doing our overall five year-needs assessment. The coordinator did share that to her knowledge there has not been a facility needs assessment done, but if you agency has done one, please let her know so she can contact them. Council members Annaliesa Calhoun asked a question about how we will obtain the data that is requested in the document. Annaliesa specifically referenced number 4 and waiting list. Courtney did clarify that some questions within the templated state where we need to specifically obtain the data from, example CELNAR or AIR. The rest of the data collection would be our own method. Pam shared that we brought this to the council to start an early review and next steps as our needs assessment expires in 2022. She also shared that the town has also thought about doing their own needs assessment around child care. We are trying mindful and productive with the data we are trying to collect and may need to consider contracting with a consultant.

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b) Members had the opportunity to review and consider adding additional data collection point to the comprehensive child care list. Pam Heays shared that this list was created with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. These were things that they wanted to know and understand before moving forward with a project. Pam added that we would like to document which item on the list are already being collected by another agency and create a second document. Courtney shared that agenda item 7a are the state requirements, however, our council can choose to collect additional data that is not highlighted in the template. Annaliesa Calhoun mentioned she would like to add workforce to this list but did not have specific data points. Molly shared that she will get together with Courtney and provide what data they have related to this document.

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7) Facilities & Child Care: Members had opportunity share information pertaining to child care birth though age 12 and facilities. Pam Heays shared that the Town has a meeting with the Mono County Office of Education on September 10th to discuss the Early Start Building located off of Forest Trail. Brittany Nelson shared that she



will be meeting with the developers for the parcel this month and identify what the tenant improvements would look like and potentially cost. She will report back in October. *(Information)*

8) Resource & Referral Updates:

a) IMACA CCC provided an update for Resource and Referral. They are still spreading the word about Guardian formerly Trust Line for Family, Friend or Neighbor care. Families can reach out to IMACA to get approved through Guardian. They are able to still enroll essential works for child care through June 30, 2022. They have 12 Guardian (Trust Line) providers and 8 Family Child Care Home providers. They just got a new licensed child care provider. They are working on getting more families enrolled and they are serving 31 families and 51 children at this time. *(Information)*

b) The Coordinator brought back the most recent version of the Licensed Child Care Provider List. This version included the Child Development Center on the base located in Walker/ Coleville. Brittany noted that the times for the IMACA site in Coleville just changed to 11:15 and need to be adjust on this document. Molly shared that in the past there was an internal document that had the waitlist numbers and licensed slot numbers. Courtney shared that she will bring the capacity list back in October. *(Information)*
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9) **CDBG:** Members heard an update about Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) from First 5 Director, Molly DesBaillets. There were connection issues with Molly's audio as she was traveling while calling in. Previously Molly learned about the CDBG opportunities from the Rotary Club Mammoth Lakes. There is a NOFA that is posted. You have to read though what amounts a jurisdiction is eligible for and in Mono county there are two jurisdictions, Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County). Both jurisdictions have both qualified in the best for the NOFAs to plan for child care, construct child care facilities and operate child care facilities. Funding limits change from NOFA to NOFA. The process for the funds. Typically, once a NOFA is posted there is a public hearing to hear from the community. In the past Molly has contacted the jurisdiction to find out when their public hearing is schedule and shows up with the ask or plan. Then there is a subsequence public hearing where staff review the request. In Molly's experience once the request is granted, she works with the CDBG staff member in that jurisdictions to develop the application. If the application is granted then you have to go through contracting and meets the CDBG requirements. That need to be redeveloped each time that you apply, for the Bridgeport preschool it is every 2 years. She also shared that the biggest challenge with using the funding for child care services is the lag in funding. You want to partner with an agency that can provide some of the funding upfront while you are waiting for the funding to come through. The question was posed how these funds could be used for the other state preschool programs that operate half day programs. We learned that Benton and Bridgeport were chosen for the funds based on need. At the time neither zip code had child care. There was discussion that this council could serve as a good forum identify and execute ways to help the IMACA sites become low or no cast full day care. A model to reference is that the Bridgeport preschool is fully funded between state preschool and CDBG back fills the remaining need.
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10) **Agency Round Table:** Members are given an opportunity to update the Council on what their agencies/ centers have done since the last Council meeting in regards to child care and child health and safety.
(Information)

- Pam Heays, Consumer of Child Care (*Chair*): No updates.
- Danielle Dublino, IMACA Preschool Teacher (*Vice-Chair*) *joined at 12:06 PM*: They are in the process of hiring an aide for the Lee Vining classroom. They will be able to expand their enrollment. She is excited to get a few more kids in the mix because the 6 are starting to get annoyed with one another. She expressed her struggles with not having longer hours.
- Molly DesBaillets, First 5: No updates.
- Annaliesa Calhoun, First 5: Working on beginning of the year meetings for Mono and Alpine child care quality system participating sites.



- Sofia Flores, Behavioral Health: Club House Live for Mammoth will be back in person start on Monday. Holding it Monday and Friday 3:30-5:00. Flyer to come in the next few weeks. A wellness staff members is trying to get a Club House Live going at the Bridgeport school. They are rebuilding their wellness calendar, flyer to come in next few weeks. Some activities will be offered in person.
- Brittany Nelson, IMACA Staff: The aide position for the Mammoth classroom is still open. They are in the process of hiring an aide for the Lee Vining classroom. They will be able to expand their enrollment and are looking at ways to extend their day. Brittany shared an update that her staff have to wear their facemask outdoors now.
- Brooke Bien, MUSD: Huskey club is back to normal. They have filled the open aide position but are still looking to hire the directors position. Brooke did share that it is a fulltime position with retirement and health benefits.
- Kelly Conboy, IMACA CCC Director: No updates.

11) Meeting Adjourned: 12:37 PM