

Illinois Early Learning Council
Executive Committee Strategic Planning Advisory Group
December 17, 2019, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Ounce of Prevention Fund
33 W. Monroe, Chicago IL
12th Floor, Rooms Piaget North 1203 & Piaget South 1204

In attendance:

Zachary Allen, Karen Berman, Patricia Garcia-Arena, Phyllis Glink, Cornelia Grumman, Dan Harris, Theresa Hawley, Keith Hollenkamp, Eboni Howard, Carisa Hurley, Jamilah R. Jor'dan, Brenda Koenig, Maggie Koller, Tom Layman, Janice Moenster, Lauri Morrison-Frichtl, Artiya Nash, Edna Navarro-Vidaurre, Lori Orr, Bethany Patten, Teresa Ramos, Diana Rauner, Aisha Ray, Elliot Regenstein, Lesley Schwartz, Callie Silver, Sara Slaughter, Cynthia Tate, Dawn Thomas, Jesse Ruiz, Cristina Pacione-Zayas, and Yolanda Williams

Minutes

1. Introduction and Overview of the Meeting - Dr. Aisha Ray

Cynthia Tate introduced Aisha Ray, the facilitator for today's meeting. Aisha asked that everyone in the room state their name and the organization they represent. She then stated that the goal for today is to prioritize strategic goals in four areas (Access, Coordination, Quality, and Workforce) for the Statewide Strategic Plan and to come up with quantifiable targets for each of the domains.

2. Governor's Office: Five Major Strategies - Assistant Deputy Governor, Dr. Theresa Hawley

Theresa Hawley presented the overarching education goals from the Education Team. She then introduced five strategic areas: bring intensive home visiting to scale; double the number of infants and toddlers in high-quality care; ensure all low-income three and four-year-olds have access to a high-quality preschool program; establish stable funding for local early childhood systems; and produce a to be determined number of new early childhood teachers/professionals.

3. Needs Assessment: Major Findings - Dr. Eboni Howard

To help frame the day's breakout activities, Eboni Howard and Patricia Garcia-Arena from American Institutes of Research (AIR) presented on the PDG B-5 Needs Assessment federal guidance domains (required by the grant), some initial findings of the Needs Assessment, the federally required alignment between the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan, the list of all strategic plan documents that have been reviewed to date, and AIR's process for culling and organizing all of the goals that emerged from existing strategic plans in Illinois that will guide today's activity.

4. Breakout Groups: Task Instructions - Dr. Aisha Ray

Aisha Ray then walked everyone through the ground rules and task instructions for the breakout workgroups. Four groups were formed (Access, Coordination, Quality, and Workforce). Each was paired with a facilitator from GOECD and given a set of 17-20 strategic goals in their domain area. Groups were tasked with coming to agreement on the 6-8 priority strategic goals and to establish one or two quantifiable targets for each domain.

5. Breakout Groups and Facilitators

- a. Access - Lori Orr
- b. Quality - Tom Layman
- c. Coordination - Lesley Schwartz
- d. Workforce - Bethany Patten

6. Regroup: Debrief and Next Steps - Dr. Aisha Ray

Everyone reconvened. Each group read aloud their 6-8 priorities and one to two metrics. The group decided that it would like to be involved in the next steps of the process, which are to match the decided upon strategic goals with actions steps and determine the priority areas/lowest hanging fruit.

7. Adjourn

Aisha thanked everyone for their time and hard work. The meeting was adjourned.