

**Early Childhood and School Readiness (ECSR)
Mental, Physical, and Behavioral Health Working Group**

August 26th, 2014; 2-4 p.m.

DHS - 1200 Federal Blvd. Room 4097

Objective: Generate legislative proposals related to children's physical, mental and behavioral health for the ECSRLC by September 2, 2014

Meeting Roles:

- Facilitator: Barbara Smith
- Recorder: ? (need a volunteer)
- Timekeeper: Marie Hueston

Work Group: Co-Chairs: Rep. Beth McCann, Barbara Smith; Commission support: Marie Hueston; Jordana Ash, Talmi Ayelet, Whitney Connor, Sarah Ehrlich, Ardith Ferguson, Geneva Hallett, Sarah Davidon Hoover, Bill Jaeger, Sara Odendahl, , Dan O'Connell, Sheryl Shushan, Stephanie Wasserman, Molly Yost

Agenda

2:00 Introductions; Purpose of Work Group

2:15 Purpose of the Meeting: Generate proposals to advance to the ECSRLC by September 2, 2014

2:20 Update from email and first face to face meeting

2:30 Agree on meeting process for developing proposals

- Process Option: Break into 2 small groups to develop proposals:
 - Physical Health (recorder?)
 - Mental and Behavioral Health (recorder?)

Think about the "lens" for proposals:

- *It provides a statewide benefit, or one that is geographically and/or demographically diverse.*
- *It impacts a large number of children (preferably the age group of 0-5) or families with children.*
- *Its cost-benefit ratio is high ("big bang for the buck").*
- *It is a proven, research-based strategy.*
- *It is really necessary.*
- *It fits in well with other legislation (current or proposed) and/or fills a gap in public policy.*

3:30 Convene as large group to reach consensus on proposals to advance as well as next steps

4:00 Adjourn

Background information on back

Planned timeline for the ECSR:

- **September 2, 2014:** ECSR will hear and prioritize proposals from each working group and may thereafter request draft bills.
- **Second week of September:** working groups/stakeholders whose efforts have resulted in bill creation will be called upon to answer questions raised by the bill drafters.
- **September 22, 2014:** each of the proposed bill(s) heard and voted on by the ECSR. From this vote, up to five bills can be advanced for next year's legislative session.

Marie Hueston is supporting the work of the work groups and sent a very helpful suggestion to all the work group co-chairs about the **“lens” we should use in generating recommendations**. Below is her quote:

... it may be helpful for the ECSR working groups to use a "lens" to evaluate bill proposals from stakeholders. Here are some important aspects you may want to consider for your working group's lens for bill proposals:

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Link to the ECSRLC web site and the ECSRLC charge:

<http://colorado.gov/lcs/schoolreadinesscommission>

ECSRLC Statutory Charge

Pursuant to state law, the ECSRLC must meet at least four times per year to study issues concerning early childhood and school readiness. Topics to be studied include: health care, mental health, parental involvement, family support, child care, and early learning. The commission is required to solicit input from the public, especially from those who have expertise in early childhood and school readiness issues. The commission is also required to meet with the Early Childhood Leadership Commission, which is a group focused on improving outcomes for young children ages birth to eight, to discuss policy concerning early childhood and school readiness.