

3rd meeting - San Juan County Childcare Directors Network

Minutes & Clarifications from Nov 17 4-5 pm in person Artifacts Gallery & Hybrid

The purpose of this group is to build relationships, connections, and share information.

Present: Kristen Santesson, Leslie Hawkins, , Barbara Tedrow, Kathy Price, Clarice Yazzie, Lyndy Torres, David Bowman & Hybrid: Theresa Liebert, Andrea Turman, Rebecca Roser, Nanette Allen, & Tara Maxwell

- Introductions
- The SJC ED coalition applied for the grant (there were about 20 applicants and they will fund about 20 so we have a great chance of getting it!) The position will be a contract with NWNM First Born as fiscal agent. We find out for sure on Nov 30 and will advertise the position in December for a January start date. Next EC Coalition meeting is by Zoom on Dec 7 11-1 pm.
- David Bowman shared the NMREC1.org site childcare tab is up and running for parents and providers. There is a discussion forum you can sign up on and the password is **4Ckids** Please take a look and register!
- Barbara has been busy writing and presenting a quarantine safety plan to be approved and put in place by the state. She met today with state officials, including Children's Cabinet Director Mariana Padilla who works in the Governor's office and we all hope this goes through quickly. This is a big issue for centers with conflicting information from rapid response, guidelines, etc. creating a lot of stress for staff and parents
- Another item Barbara brought up was to explain the ECECD budget bill and how unfortunately the cost estimation was based on an employee salary of \$12.50 an hour. The LFC committee asked the secretary to please come back with a budget that reflects higher wages of \$18.50/hour. Staff have been added in order to review and report to the LFC on the unprecedented monies and expenditures ECECD has.
- We discussed the one-time incentive payment and the issues that especially family providers have been having. PMS has to deal with employees not listed due to background checks housed differently. Home visiting programs and schools are not eligible.
- Hooray for the \$7.7 million dollars the stabilization grant brought to our county last month. We hope to be more visible as a valuable industry needing more representation in business and government circles.
- Other topics talked about were the Farm to Table program, 100% Community (everyone got the book Anna Age Eight), Clarice dropped off vaccine posters from PMS, and we briefly talked about programs for Early Childhood SEL. Kristen is developing a program she is using at Fundamentals. At a national meeting this week Kathy talked about this resource. Check out: <https://www.housmaninstitute.com/begin-to-ecsel>
- Do you want to meet in December? Leslie suggested a new coffee shop on Auburn, Encore coffee...it could be a brief but fun holiday gathering...we forgot to poll those at the meeting **so please let us know your opinion in the forum!**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and thank you for coming!