

## ***Texas Early Learning Council Early Childhood Data Roadmap Work Group Meeting Minutes***

April 6, 2022 from 9:00am – 10:00am

Teleconference via Zoom

### **Attendance**

- Sarah Abrahams (Deputy Chief Officer of Prevention and Early Intervention, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services)
- April Crawford Ph.D. (Co-Director of the Children’s Learning Institute, UT Health Science Center at Houston)
- Stephanie Rubin (Chief Executive Officer, Texans Care for Children)
- Kim Kofron (Director of Early Childhood Education, Children at Risk)
- Kierstan Schwab (Executive Director, Texas Public Broadcasting Association)
- Laura Varnell (Director of School Training, Primrose Schools)
- Allison Wilson (Director of Child Care Policy & Quality Initiatives, Texas Workforce Commission)

### **1. Call to Order**

Sarah Abrahams called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

### **2. Introductions**

Members introduced themselves, and this was used as the roll call. A quorum was met.

### **3. Overview of Early Childhood Integrated Data Systems and Roadmap**

Sarah Abrahams shared a definition of Early Childhood Integrated Data Systems (ECIDS) and provided examples of what an ECIDS might look like and questions that an ECIDS can help states answer.

Sarah Abrahams shared how the work ties into Goal 6 of the [Early Learning Strategic Plan](#) (developed by the TELC in 2019 with Preschool Development Grant funding support).

### **4. Work Group Charges**

Sarah Abrahams provided the primary charges of the work group, including providing input on drafts of the Texas ECIDS purpose and goals and one pager, establish goals for the ECIDS roadmap stakeholder engagement efforts, decide on the stakeholders to engage, recommend and implement the stakeholder engagement plan, synthesize this feedback, and support the identification of policy questions and use cases to include in the ECIDS roadmap. The work group will provide updates to the full Texas Early Learning Council during their quarterly meetings.

The work group discussed the scope of their work.

### **5. Review of ECIDS from Other States**

Megan Schneider provided examples of ECIDS websites from other states, including Minnesota’s [Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System](#) and Georgia’s [Cross Agency Child Data System](#).

## **6. Texas ECIDS Purpose and Goals**

Sarah Abrahams presented a draft of the purpose and goals of a Texas ECIDS that was presented at the January [Texas Early Learning Council quarterly meeting](#).

The work group discussed the scope of the work, the purpose and goals, and how this work relates to the Texans Care for Children School Readiness Dashboard currently in development. No edits were suggested to draft purpose and goals. The work group discussed the need for a data inventory or landscape and will add this to an agenda in a future meeting.

## **7. Stakeholder Engagement Plan**

Sarah Abrahams outlined the high-level assumptions for the stakeholder engagement efforts, who the stakeholder engagement might include, how the work group might engage stakeholders, and other considerations.

Sarah Abrahams provided a timeline and overview of next steps.

## **8. Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were submitted.

## **9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

The work group agreed to monthly 90-minute meetings in May and June. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled and posted to the [Texas Early Learning Council website](#).

## **10. Adjourn**

Sarah Abrahams adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.