

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

May 13, 2022 from 10:30am – 12:00pm

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)
- David Feigen (Senior Policy Associate for Early Childhood, 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 10:34 AM.

2. April 2022 Minutes Approval

April Crawford moved to approve the April 2022 meeting minutes and Kierstan Schwab seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was taken and minutes were approved. A quorum was met during roll call.

3. Overview of Roadmap Contents

Sarah Abrahams shared the topics that will be included in the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) Roadmap that will be shared with and approved by the [Texas Early Learning Council](#) in January 2023. The work group will focus on three specific areas, including recommendations for potential use cases that will be shaped by stakeholder feedback in the fall, a timeline of next steps, and an executive summary to share the work. The ECIDS Roadmap outline was created with the support of [Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five Technical Assistance](#) (PDG B-5 TA).

4. Inputs to Draft Policy Questions

Sarah Abrahams outlined prior stakeholder efforts that were reviewed as a starting point to draft the initial set of draft policy questions. The two primary stakeholder engagement efforts included surveys and interviews from [Texas Ready Communities, Ready Schools, and Ready Students \(TXR3\)](#) and surveys and focus groups from the Texas Early Learning Council’s Needs Assessment and [Strategic Plan](#). Other sources reviewed included policy questions from other states, policy questions from the [Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems](#), and the results-based accountability dashboards created by Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) grantees.

5. Stakeholder Feedback Themes

Sarah Abrahams reviewed the themes that emerged from the prior stakeholder engagement efforts around data needs and reasons for data use.

6. Policy Questions

Sarah Abrahams provided an overview of the six goals in the [Early Learning Strategic Plan](#) (developed by the TELC in 2019 with Preschool Development Grant funding support) to guide how to prioritize the policy questions that will be included in the roadmap.

Sarah Abrahams provided the policy questions. The policy questions included one recommended foundational question and six other common questions that emerged. The work group discussed the questions and made suggestions for edits.

Megan Schneider launched a poll asking panelist and participants to rank the policy questions. Participation in the poll was voluntary, and results of the poll were for information purposes only.

7. Public Comment

No requests for public comment were submitted.

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be June 17, 2022 and is posted on the [Texas Early Learning Council website](#). This work group will then bring recommendations to the next Texas Early Learning Council meeting on July 15, 2022.

9. Adjourn

Sarah Abrahams adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.