Attendees
Jordana Ash  Mental Health Center Serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties
Agnes Brown  Early Years Center, Longmont YMCA
Danielle Butler  ECECBC Coordinator
Steve Callandar  Co-Chair ECECBC & Boulder Day Nursery Association
Karen Carr  Family Literacy
Matt Eldred  The Acorn School for Early Childhood Development
Callie Fisher  Boulder Community
Richard Garcia  Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition
Linda Gottschalk  Gateway Montessori
Janet Gutman  St.Vrain Valley School District
Maria Harper  Boulder County Head Start
Tikki Heublein  Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition and Center for Alternative and Responsible Education
Debbie Heppler  City of Boulder, CYF
Janice Hirsch  CDHS, Division of Child Care
Joan Holtz  Imagine! Early Intervention
Darcy Johnson  City of Boulder, CYF
Linda Miron  BCAEYC
Judi Morosohk  ECECBC Professional Development Manager
Rocio Perez  Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition
Pamela Piekarski  Forever Young
Laurene Phillips  The Elm Tree Toddler Center
Karen Rahn  City of Boulder, HHS
Mary Rozaklis  Boulder Institute of Psychotherapy Research
Francie Schilling  ECECBC Administrative Specialist (meeting minutes)
Kate Johannes  YWCA Children's Alley, Director/Program Manager
Catherine Swearingen  YWCA of Boulder County
Lenny R. Sigwarth  Dental Aid
Kirby Stone  Boulder County Dept. of Social Services
Denys Vigil  Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition and Center for Alternative and Responsible Education
Erika Winter  Commerce Children's Center
Karen Wolfe  Longmont YMCA

I. Welcome & Introductions
At 12:15pm, the meeting was called to order by Co-chair Steve Callandar.

II. ECECBC Updates
ECE Legislation and the City of Boulder Social Sustainability Strategic Plan
Karen Rahn discussed the focus of the Social Sustainability Goals of the City of Boulder on youth for the next few years. The two policy goals for ECE are to expand availability and affordability and to support Boulder County in their development of a comprehensive ECE system.
The comprehensive plan for ECE has passed. This enables ECE to reach new heights when the city has the budget. As plans are finalized they will be published on the Web.

The HB 1062 is on the ECECBC Website and the City of Boulder plan is on the COB Website: Social Sustainability. Your input with regards to implementation will be greatly appreciated.

Email your ideas and suggestions for the September Strategic Planning Retreat to Danielle. Contact: Karen Rahn, COB, HHS Co-Director, rahnk@bouldercolorado.gov

Implications for ECECBC
The HB 1062 passed in May and went to the Governor for signature in June. It has gone to the House Rules Committee for the rule making process. This is an important step that defines how the bill is interpreted and implemented.

Highlights include:
A policy declaration framed ECE as ages 0 to 5 years old.
Pilots have certain waiver ability.
Existing councils are maintained.
A specific council membership structure was defined to ensure representation. This topic will be addressed at the 9/25/07 strategic planning retreat.
Governance of the councils will come from the Lt. Governor’s office.
An independent evaluation of the state system will be funded by the state.
Please note, if you do not see an issue or topic discussed, it does not mean that it has not been addressed. Contact: Steve Callander, Boulder Day Nursery, steve@boulderdaynursery.org

Systems Planning, Expert Committee Update
The Expert Committee had their last meeting on June 21st where they completed the presentation of a series of goals and strategies to enhance services in the domains of health, mental health, early care and education, and family support. They also discussed what priorities might be for the next five years.

Their recommendations are being summarized in a written report that will be available for the Experts to review next week.

The Experts will have a recognition meeting on September 20th where they will see the revised version of their report. Contact: Alison Birchard, ECECBC Systems Planner, abirchard@comcast.net

Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) Grant Update
ELOA is winding down. The work of mental health, health and quality enhancement are complete. The CSPC will be submitting their cultural brokering guide by Aug 1. CU is finishing work on their video. The Finance Task Force had a one day workshop in May to determine the parameters for costing the comprehensive ECE system. In September, Dr. Rick Brandon will give a presentation to the community on the cost of the system. The Expert Committee-charged with recommending the system program/services components, has completed their work. Alison and Bobbie are working on the ECE in Boulder County report which will be ready for publication in early fall. Contact: Bobbie Watson, ECECBC Director, watsonb@bouldercolorado.gov

ECE Quality Improvement Committee Update
HB 1238 Update
The second year of the grant cycle has begun with current participation of 6 sites (one home and 5 centers). One home disenrolled in April. We are considering to add another home.

Health and safety standards are improving with the understanding developed with the health department CHL trainings and Qualistar evaluations.

Director Roundtable topics for the 1238 sites include incenting and planning for Professional Development and strategizing for effective Family Partnerships.

Early Care and Education Quality Improvement Committee (ECEQIP) meeting e/o month. The topic July 8th was Imagine! An Overview. The September 10th topic will be either Head Start or Mental Health Tool Kit pending confirmation.

Quality milestones include the expansion of the SR to include the mental health component of the Second Step training and possible site coaching. There will be a summer conference with Deb Carter and Marge Curtis titled “Practice of Awareness: Deepening Our Observation and Reflection”.
Contact: Jane Nelson, ECECBC School Readiness Coordinator, jen2846@comcast.net

Professional Development Committee Update
Judi Morosohk reported on the finalized workplan for the Temple Hoyne Buell funding of $60K. Work is in progress as response to last year’s P.D. Forum assessment for the need of a simplified Pathways Development document. The Infant/Toddler Training completed this last quarter with 25 participants, including 8 earning college credit.

The community based training included 20 sites in the Parade of Classrooms with over 130 providers attending. Almost 80 providers participated in the training luncheon.

THB financial incentives had 38 applicants, with all qualifying and receiving 100% of requests. Credential statistics show the positive increase of: 35 credentialed child care providers in 2005 to 119 in 2007.
Contact: Judi Morosohk, ECECBC Professional Development Manager, heyjudimor@aol.com

Community Networking/ Program Sharing
Co-chair Steve Callander invited members to share information…

Boulder County Head Start
Maria Harper reported on community losses with the passing of Tom Mayer and Marcie Feinglas. The Senate passed the reauthorization bill. It added a small amount of additional funding, removed the national reporting system and other changes. There is a staff need due to two teachers on leave. The Pumpkin Patch has a child care site space ($1,200 per mo) available in Lafayette.

Children’s Alley
Kate Johannes is the new director. Kate announced that Children’s Alley has created 4 new full-time infant slots. They are seeking CCCAP children.
Contact: Kate Johannes, kate@ywcaboulder.org

Dental Aid
Lenny Sigwarth announced that Dental Aid is seeking to employ a Case Manager/Educator to work with low-income pregnant women and their children. Minority applicants are encouraged to apply
Forever Young Day Care Center
Pam Piekarski reported that the day care center reopened on June 26th, with opening in all age slots.
Contact: Forever Young at 303.828.3452.

Saint Vrain Valley School District
Janet Gutman announced available positions: Behavior Specialist (.5 FTE) for ECE and an ECSE position (1 FTE), a Part C&B Assessment Teacher.
SVVSD has received 50 new CPKP slots. A District goal is to develop the preschool program ethnicity to mirror the city profile.
Meeker would like to open a second classroom.
Contact: Janet Gutman, SVVSD, gutman_janet@stvrain.k12.co.us

Boulder Valley Family Literacy
Karen Carr announced that they have been authorized for GED classes and GED testing. At this time it is only in English. They offer Spanish literacy support for parents and ESL classes.
Contact: Karen Carr, BVFL, karen.carr@bvsd.org

MHCBBC and Kid Connects received joint funding from the Colorado Health Foundation and The Rose Foundation to provide services to a second community and write a replication manual for the Mental Health Toolkit and community readiness model.
Contact: Jordana Ash, Mental Health Center Serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties, jash@mhcbbc.org

Cultural Brokering Training will begin as the council meeting is adjourned today. If you are unable to stay for the first of this 2-part series, there is the possibility of a make-up session on September 14th. Part 2 will follow our next ECECBC Council meeting from 2-5pm. This is not cultural competency but cultural brokering training and will eventually include the Cultural Brokering Guide as developed in the ELOA Grant project.
Contact: Tikki Heublein & Denys Vigil, PASO Project, tdcare@coloradocomputer.com

V. Closing Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Butler ECECBC Coordinator
Minutes Recorded by: Francie Schilling, ECECBC Administrative Assistant

Next quarterly meeting of the greater Council will be
Thursday, October 11, 2007 Noon-2:00pm
Twenty Ninth Street Mall Meeting Room