

**PDG B-5 Cross Agency Child Council**

**Strategic Planning Meeting**

**September 30, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

**Guests:**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Betancur Santamaria	Catalina	DECAL Family Ambassador
Binderman	Mindy	Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS)
Bolton-Gary	Cynthia	University System of Georgia
Dooley	Caitlin	Georgia Department of Education
Fener-Sitkoff	Erica	Voices for Georgia's Children
Hutchins	Tre'	Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) Family Ambassador
Kasfir	Elisabetta	Department of Early Care and Learning
Mousinho	Colleen	Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services
Osmani	LaToya	Georgia Department of Public Health
Rickman	Dana	Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education (GPEE)
Setterlind	Allison	Georgia Head Start
Turner	Kimberly	Governor's Office for Student Achievement
Williams	Miranda	Office of the Governor

**Carl Vinson Institute of Government Facilitators:** David Tanner, Beverly Johnson, Melinda Moore, Theresa Wright, Michael Moryc, Jennifer Inglett-Hendershot

**DECAL Staff:** Susan Adams, Deputy Commissioner of Pre-K and Instructional Supports; Bentley Ponder, Deputy Commissioner of Quality Innovations and Partnerships; Elisabetta Kasfir, Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs; Rob O'Callaghan, Senior Research and Policy Analyst; Clayton Bassett, Preschool Development Grant Director

**Meeting Minutes**

On September 30, 2020 the Cross-Agency Child Council (CACC) for the Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five (PDG B-5), facilitated by the University of Georgia's

Carl Vinson Institute of Government (Institute of Government) was called to order at 10:00 am by Deputy Commissioner Susan Adams.

David Tanner and Dr. Melinda Moore opened the meeting with a welcome and introduction of staff from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) and an overview of what is going on in Georgia within the birth through five field.

Deputy Commissioner Bentley Ponder and Deputy Commissioner Adams then gave an overview of the PDG B-5 needs assessment data pre-pandemic.

Cross Agency Child Council (the Council) members then participated in a feedback process regarding the needs assessment data.

Deputy Commissioner Ponder gave a short overview of how the PDG B-5 grant is funding additional research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through a series of surveys and focus groups with early childhood care and education populations

Deputy Commissioner Adams reviewed the PDG B-5 grant overall, describing the parameters of the grant, the activities the grant can fund, and the limitations of the funding. Then, Deputy Commissioner Ponder gave a short synopsis of the PDG B-5 logic model.

Council members were then asked to introduce themselves briefly by sharing their name, agency, and to provide any insights their agencies have learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After the introductions, the Council members were sorted into smaller breakout groups for two collaborative activities: a Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Risks (SOAR) analysis and identifying goal areas for the Council to address. Institute of Government facilitators moderated the breakout groups. After the SOAR analysis, the breakout groups sorted the opportunities, aspirations, and risks into short-term, mid-term, and long-term items. Following the sorting, Council members voted on the items most important for consideration in the strategic plan. The Council then reviewed the votes and identified goals and themes for the next strategic planning meeting.

After the collaborative session, Deputy Commissioner Adams thanked the Council members for their insight and time. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.