Early Childhood Education
Spring 2022 Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 31, 2022
Time: 9:01-10:16am

External Participants: 5
Tina Holtz – Family & Consumer Science – DeKalb High School
Kim Lamz – CCR&R Acting Director 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care
Samantha McDavid – Family & Community Engagement Team Lead – DeKalb County Regional Office of Education
Jami Nguyen – Executive Director – Land of Learning Child Care
Kristin Schulz – Interim Director of Campus Child Care – NIU

Internal Participants: 6
Jud Curry – Dean, ACSS
Terry Lyn Funston – Director of Curriculum & Program Development
Anna Harvey – ADJ Instructor, ECE
Kim Jordal – Administrative Specialist II
Jessica Santillan Reyes – Associate Dean, ACSS
Maria (Lombard) Trotter – Director, Early Learning Center

will bring increased attention and enrollment to ECE statewide

- x Presented need for additional ECE adjunct faculty.

II. Curriculum & Instruction Updates
Competency Based Education (CBE) Update:
- x Competency-Based Education revision of ECE is temporarily on hold due to Early Childhood Education Consortium and Equity (ECACE) curricular work for statewide transferability.
- x ECACE will help facilitate statewide focus on Gateways competencies as core curricular components. It is intended to increase education and credentialing of incumbent workers, to expand ECCE workforce, and to bridge 2-year and 4-year ECE programs/degrees through curricular alignment
- x Scholarship and workforce development tasked with higher education navigators to work across counties with staff and help navigate and get started on program applications, scholarships, and pathways which are best for them then pass off to point person from there.
- x Kish (and other ECACE participating colleges) has received grant funding to facilitate education of incumbent workforce, to expand course offerings through Illinois Community Colleges Online (ICCO), and to provide Coach/Mentor position for ECE student support.