

Early Intervention Council
November 10, 2010
Cheyenne Based Conference Call
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Jana Reade	Mercedes Tolle
Kristi Collins	Shari Jenkins
Sara Mofield	Laurie Westlake
Darlena Schlachter	Diana Currah
Sarah Nicolas	Anedra Selley
Lori Morrow	Chris Bullinger
Charla Ricciardi	Mike Massie
Bob Tranas	Laurene Hines
Brenda Patch	

Guests:

Chris Newman	Carol Maliszewski
Rodney Wilhelm	Christine DeMers

Chairperson Laurie Westlake called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and asked for introductions. Chris Newman was introduced as the Administrator of Developmental Disabilities Division.

Additions to Agenda:

No additions to the agenda

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

Council priorities. Three priorities from previous meetings were reintroduced for discussion: Transition, common Part B indicators with the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities, and developing an Annual Report from the EIC.

After some discussion on the transition priority, a workgroup was formed to address strategies, parent perspectives, challenges, collaboration with WAPSD, and fact gathering before a position paper is developed. The members of the workgroup will be: Carol Maliszewski, Laurene Hines, Chris Bullinger (Chair), Lori Morrow, Anedra Selley, and Mercedes Tolle. Lori Morrow offered to share with the group the results of a similar discussion to be held at the next Wyoming Association of Special Education Administrators in December.

Christine reported that the WAPSD is willing to collaborate with the council on priorities at the January 13, 2011 meeting in Cheyenne. Progress on increasing communication to other groups include: sending meeting announcements to other groups, collaborating with UPLIFT, and inviting local ICCs to meetings to share projects. Other council members suggested sending meeting announcements to the local newspaper, tv channel, and local ICCs.

Developing an Annual Report. After some discussion on the purpose of the Annual Report it was agreed to use it as a PR tool, a record of EIC activities, and a tool for the public to be aware of the existence of the EIC. Diana Currah motioned to publish an Annual Report in July. Jana Reade seconded. *Motion passed unanimously.* Laurie Westlake asked for task force volunteers to begin work on developing the Annual Report. This task force will include: Jana Reade (Chair), Laurie Westlake, Sara Mofield, Christine DeMers, and Diana Currah.

Other priorities were tabled until the above mentioned priorities were well established or completed.

Legislative position on EIC. Mike shared with the council some thoughts on filling the legislative position as well as stating that he has enjoyed being on the council. He suggested contacting Elaine Harvey (Lovell), Tim Stubson (Casper), and John Astor (Green River) for any interest in serving on the council. Kristi stated that she knew Elaine personally and thinks she would be interested. Christine said the Division can take care of communicating to potential candidates.

Task Force and Committee Updates

NICU committee: Christine reported the next steps for the committee would be to develop a guidance paper for the CDCs on referrals from NICUs and developing an interim IFSP as well as meeting with hospital staff on this process.

ECSII update: Laurie reported that she attended the training to this counterpart of the CASI and hopes it will help with the Medicaid Waivers.

SpecialQuest update: Laurie reported that this grant ended in September but the website is still available and possibly inviting the representatives to the annual conference in June. Laurene reported that she used some of the videos for a staff training and Bob said it was one of their local ICC priorities. Jana said their parent group in Wright was using the materials.

New Business

Educational Issue. The Early Hearing and Detection Intervention group has expressed wishes to attend the January 13, 2011 meeting to present their materials and projects for the council to review.

Part C State Performance Plan Targets. Christine reported the current targets of the SPP, what they signify, and that some of them need to be adjusted for the next two years of the plan. Some of them have to be at 100% while others have a goal percentage. Her suggestion on these latter ones is to raise them by one percent the last year of the plan which ends in 2013. After some discussion on the research base of the targets, how services in the field are affected by the targets, it was agreed that another conference call in December is necessary to give council members time to review the information and form opinions on how to proceed for the January meeting's approval of the targets. Lori Morrow motioned to conduct a December phone conference meeting. Darlena seconded. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Carol reported that the Part B SPP Indicator 6 target also needs to be set for 2012. Some of the other indicator targets were met this year while some others were not. This will be discussed in future meetings as well as the Part C targets.

Next Meeting via phone conference in December, 2011 TBD

Continuous Feedback for Improvement

Lori Morrow provided the only comment on how well the meeting went via phone conferencing.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Rodney Wilhelm

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