

## **Minutes: Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council August 28, 2015 Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Council Members Present:** Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Carol Benson, Amy Bunnell, Jennie Cole-Mossman, Pam Dobrovolny, Julie Docter, Barb Esch, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Dawn Mollenkopf, Dawn Murphy, Christy Pelton, Julie Rother, Tammy Stevenson, Susan Strahm, Salene Ulrich, Nicole Vint, Kathleen Zadina

**Council Members Absent:** Sue Adams, Lois Butler, Sian Jones-Jobst, Emily Kluver, Julie Mizner, Cathy Mohnike

**Also in attendance:** *Council Staff:* Holly Johnson; *Facilitators:* David Hubbard; *Technical Assistants:* Jennifer Auman, Amy Bornemeier, Kaye Bourn, Pat Frost, Cole Johnson, Connie Shockley, Kim Texel, Becky Veak

### **Committee Meetings & Orientation**

The Family Leadership Team met in a working session beginning at 8:30 A.M.

Melody Hobson and Amy Bunnell provided a PowerPoint and presented about procedures and duties of the council members, technical assistants and council staff. They also discussed meeting procedures and expenses.

Amy informed the council that NDE plans to contract with Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) for an orientation on November 19 from 1 – 4pm. The orientation will mainly focus on how to support the IDEA Part C, however, Melody will fill in the gaps with the other regulations that the council supports. At the orientation, the council will begin some action planning at the end so we can begin to decide what the structure should look like for the next year. The action plan will be finished and voted on the next day by the council.

Melody and Holly then informed the council about current openings. Holly will be sending out an email with the positions opening to the full council and technical assistants.

All other committees met in working sessions from 10:45 AM-11:45 AM before opening the Council meeting. The Full Council meeting convened at 11:00 AM.

### **Welcome**

Pam Dobrovolny, chairperson of ECICC, convened the meeting at 11:00 AM. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available at the front table. Pam welcomed everyone and had all Council members, technical assistants, and guests introduce themselves.

## **A. Action Items**

### **Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2015 Meeting**

The minutes of the May 1, 2015 meeting have been provided to Council members. Pam asked for a motion from the Council to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2015 meeting as presented. Julie Rother moved to approve the minutes and Mike Adams seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion passed by roll call vote: 19-voted yes, 0-voted no, 1-abstained.

*Voting Yes:* Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Carol Benson, Amy Bunnell, Jennie Cole-Mossman, Pam Dobrovolny, Julie Docter, Barb Esch, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Dawn Murphy, Christy Pelton, Julie Rother, Susan Strahm, Salene Ulrich, Nicole Vint, Kathleen Zadina

*Voting Abstain:* Tammy Stevenson

### **Approval of Recommending Mike Adams as Chairperson to Governor's Office**

Pam asked for a motion from the Council to recommend Mike Adams as the next chairperson for the council. Barb Esch moved to approve and Melody Hobson seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion passed by roll call vote: 19-voted yes, 0-voted no, 1-abstained.

*Voting Yes:* Laura Arp, Carol Benson, Amy Bunnell, Jennie Cole-Mossman, Pam Dobrovolny, Julie Docter, Barb Esch, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Dawn Murphy, Christy Pelton, Julie Rother, Tammy Stevenson, Susan Strahm, Salene Ulrich, Nicole Vint, Kathleen Zadina

*Voting Abstain:* Mike Adams

### **Annual Approval of Technical Assistants**

Pam asked for a motion from the Council to approve the listing of technical assistants for the council as provided in their packets. Kathleen Zadina moved to approve and J.P. Holys seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion passed by roll call vote: 20-voted yes, 0-voted no, 0-abstained.

*Voting Yes:* Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Carol Benson, Amy Bunnell, Jennie Cole-Mossman, Pam Dobrovolny, Julie Docter, Barb Esch, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Dawn Murphy, Christy Pelton, Julie Rother, Tammy Stevenson, Susan Strahm, Salene Ulrich, Nicole Vint, Kathleen Zadina

## **Working Lunch**

The council listened to a family story provided by Jenny Inness over their lunch.

## **Public Comment**

Mike Adams wanted to remind all the council members about the 5th Annual Divots for Down Syndrome. It's September 17<sup>th</sup> at Indian Creek Golf Course in Omaha.

Tammy Stevenson recognized Mark Smith as a technical assistant. The August meeting will be his last as a technical assistant and the parents will really miss him.

## **ii Committee Report Outs**

### **Family Leadership Team**

Tammy Stevenson reported for the Family Leadership Team. The committee discussed their concerns about parent reimbursements and came up with next steps to move forward with those concerns. The committee continued their conversation about The First 100 Days and know that the booklet would be helpful for families navigating through such an overwhelming time.

### **Regulation and Standards**

Christy Pelton reported for the Regulations and Standards Committee. The committee noted that Rule 51 was currently under revision. They primarily discussed what is happening with regulations and standards, discussed very little about the meeting topic or insurance. The committee discussed LB 81 and noted that the Federal poverty level increased.

### **Early Childhood Services and Systems**

Julie Rother reported for the Early Childhood Services and Systems Committee. The committee discussed their letter about asking the Governor for a website. Through discussion, they found that TFKF also has a group talking about the need for a website that families and providers can go to. The committee is going to speak with the TFKF group and see where things go from there. The committee is also researching barriers for getting kids in EHS, Sixpence and other programs similar.

### **Professional Development and Workforce**

Dawn Mollenkopf reported for the Professional Development and Workforce Committee. The committee had Susan Sarver come speak with them. She primarily focused on the survey that the Buffett Early Childhood Institute (BECI) conducted. They looked at both 2 and 4 year colleges and have found that 2 year colleges seem to be a little more diverse than 4 year colleges. They are also conducting a survey about what the early childhood workforce needs. In October, BECI will meet with many individuals in the higher education field to see what things need to be

addressed. BECI has been working with 2 and 4 year institutions to improve the ability for students to transfer credits between 2 and 4 year colleges. Susan also reminded the committee about the achievement gap work BECI has been doing.

### **Family Actions Matter Everyday**

Connie Shockley reported for the Family Actions Matter Everyday Committee. The committee discussed parent representative needs and supports that should be available to all. The committee would like to recommend that committees meet in the afternoon after the speakers. This way there may be better conversation topics from the speakers' information.

### **IDEA Part C Updates**

Amy Bunnell and Cole Johnson gave an update on Part C – IDEA.

Amy explained that NDE has submitted their revised policies to the federal government and received full approval. This was the first time ever that Nebraska has received “full approval”.

They have also submitted their annual report and the federal Office of Special Education (OSEP) provided a rating. Amy explained that OSEP uses both compliance and results Annual Performance Report (APR) indicators the first year. OSEP looked at 4 components to see if the data set was complete, data anomalies, compared child outcomes data to other states (note: we are the only state that uses Teaching Strategies GOLD® for B-3), comparison to FFY 2012 data. This is the first time ever that Nebraska is in the Needs Assistance category. This appears to be partially because OSEP is not able to being able to compare Nebraska's B-3 GOLD data with data from other states, and because the fed's are familiar with what Teaching Strategies GOLD data should look like for B-3.

Amy told the council that the APR and the planning region teams (PRT's) performance is available on the Early Development Network (EDN) website and wanted Council members to know that EDN is working with OSEP to get in compliance.

Christy Pelton asked what other states are using instead of GOLD. Amy explained that GOLD was chosen by the Results Matter Task Force 2 years ago. The federal office did approve at that time but they just aren't familiar with what GOLD data looks like for B-3 as they have only seen GOLD data for 3-5.

Cole talked about the Results Driven Accountability (RDA). The federal RDA is required by OSEP. Phase 1 was due April 1, accepted and approved so NDE and the Department of Health and Human Services Part C staff are now moving forward with Phase 2. Phase 2 will include:

- Improve state infrastructure
  - Require PRT's to submit improvement plan
    - EDN will assist the PRT's by:

- Schedule ( Results Based Interview RBI & Individual Family Service Plan IFSP outcome trainings to ensure ongoing fidelity
- Build internal capacity
- Build data collection system
- Support implementation of new practices
- Support implementation of evidence based practices
- Evaluate the plan

Holly Johnson will provide the council with Amy and Cole's full Power Point.

Amy also announced that Christy Pelton, Mike Adams and Connie Shockley will go to the National Family Leaders Institute October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. An action plan will be developed there and they will be able to bring it back. The council will provide recommendations before sending to the federal office for approval.

### **Mike Adams & Pam Dobrovolny Report Out**

Mike started with an overview of his trip to the OSEP Conference. They discussed a lot of data collection and the collaboration with state agencies and schools. He would really love to see more sessions and information there for parents.

Mike and Pam reported out about their visit with the Governor. They both thought it went very well and wanted to thank Becky Veak and First Five Nebraska for helping prepare for their meeting. They spent some time explaining ECICC to the new Governor and why this meeting occurs every two years. A staff member in the Governor's office has a child that was just diagnosed with ADHD. Pam and Mike agreed that might have helped put a face with some of the issues in the state and make a connection with what the purpose of the Council.

Mike and Pam commented that the Governor's overall theme was the measurement piece. He seems have a focus on what is coming of the efforts and dollars that are being spent in the state and moving forward from there.

Pam thanked Holly for arranging the meeting and providing documents to be taken to the meeting.

### **MCH State Plan**

Paula Eurek spoke to the council about the Maternal Child Health State Plan. Paula started by providing some history about Maternal Child Health. In the late 80's, recording and planning requirements were added to the Section where each state must do a comprehensive needs assessment every 5 years, which DHHS has just completed in May.

The priorities are:

- Access to and adequate prenatal care (1<sup>st</sup> trimester)
- Reducing STD's for both youth and child baring age

- Decreasing Infant mortality
- Decreasing Infant abuse and neglect
- Increasing the number of infants that have been breastfed

Paula went over more of the specific priorities found in the document (refer to the meeting materials), then opened up for questions.

Christy Pelton asked, how we will see this show up in local areas?

There will be development of resources and tools, working with medical communities, children's mental health and screenings. There will be investments made where there is a possibility and communities may be able to apply for grants.

Pat Frost asked about cross systems.

Title 5 staff will be working with school health together on this.

Amy Bornemeier asked if there will be any individual work plans or groups?

Paula explained that they just finished the very long report. They will be getting groups together. Some have already started to form and others will come later.

To contact Paula Eurek: [paula.eurek@nebraska.gov](mailto:paula.eurek@nebraska.gov) OR 402-471-0196

### **Oral Health Update**

Jessica was ill and unable to present. This update will come at a later meeting.

### **Items for next meeting – Parent Ed & Family Support**

- Parent Café
- Successful parent support groups, possible panel
- Building protective factors in the community

### **Other Business**

Pam announced that Julie Rother won by ballot vote for Vice Chairperson.

Holly thanked Pam for her service to the council and wished her luck for the future.

The meeting of the ECICC adjourned at 3:00 PM

*Handouts:*

August 28, 2015 Agenda  
ECICC Operating Procedures PowerPoint printout  
May 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2015 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
Technical Assistants for 2015-16 listing  
IDEA Part C Updates PowerPoint printout  
Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant printout  
Step Up to Quality Swag bag

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