

Minutes: Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council May 6, 2016 Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nebraska

Council Members Present: Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Teresa Berube, Carol Bowen, Amy Bunnell, Julie Docter, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Sian Jones-Jobst, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Cathy Mohnike, Dawn Mollenkopf, Dawn Murphy, Christy Pelton, Julie Rother, Tammy Stevenson, Susan Strahm

Council Members Absent: Susan Adams, Lois Butler, Jamie Thavenet, Emily Kluver, Senator Kolowski, Julie Mizner, Salene Ulrich, Nicole Vint, Kathy Zadina

Also in attendance: *Council Staff:* Holly Johnson; *Technical Assistants:* Amy Bornemeier, Becky Veak, Belle Scheef, Cole Johnson, Connie Shockley, Kaye Bourn, Kim Texel, Lynne Brehm, Jennifer Auman, Lauri Cimino, Lynne Cook; *Others in attendance:* Satish Iyer

Welcome

Mike Adams, Chairperson, convened the meeting at 9 AM. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available at the front table.

Approval of February 19, 2016 meeting minutes

The minutes of the February meeting have been provided to Council members. Jenny Auman asked that her name be on the attendance. Joan Luebbers motioned to approve the minutes with the amendment. Dawn Mollenkopf seconded.

The motion passed by roll call vote: 14-voted yes, 0-voted no, 1-voted abstain.

Voting Yes: Mike Adams, Teresa Berube, Carol Bowen, Amy Bunnell, Julie Docter, J.P. Holys, Sian Jones-Jobst, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Cathy Mohnike, Dawn Mollenkopf, Dawn Murphy, Tammy Stevenson, Susan Strahm

Voting Abstain: Christy Pelton

Mike Adams asked Holly Johnson to begin with the panelist. The panelist will speak about each of the previous Recommendations to the Governor. Holly provided a slideshow with graphs of the results from the poll that 20 people from the Council participated in.

Professional Development

Lynne Brehm and Teresa Berube started with Pyramid and Rooted in Relationships. They provided additional handouts to help explain what has been accomplished with the programs.

Jenny Auman talked about Nebraska Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (N-MIECHV). She provided information about what has been done and where the program is headed.

Step Up to Quality/Parent & Public Engagement

Lauri Cimino continued the conversation with an overview about Step Up to Quality. A questions was asked about section B of the Recommendation. Belle Scheef explained there was no more funding to pursue. Holly Johnson added a bit of extra information about the Emspace contract for Step Up to Quality. There was a bit of conversation about how all of the coaching comes together between Step Up to Quality, Rooted in Relationships and Pyramid.

P - 16 Initiative

Satish Iyer, project manager working for NDE, gave a presentation about the Nebraska Early Childhood Integrated Data Systems (ECIDS). ECIDS will be the focus of the data work in the Early Childhood arena.

Focus on Infants & Toddlers

Joan Luebbers gave an update about the Early Head Start Partnerships and provided a handout. Amy Bornemeier provided a few handouts regarding Sixpence and explained them.

Holly Johnson went over a few of the additional recommendations from the survey.

Mike Adams allowed everyone to take a 5 minute break before the council broke out into their small groups to discuss.

Public Comment

When the council reconvened, Mike opened the floor up for Public Comment. Tammy Stevenson wanted to update the council on the Family Leadership Team. Connie Shockley had found the original charter for the team and wanted the minutes to reflect that the team was a functioning committee. Tammy will send the documents to Holly for the Steering committee to review and provide feedback.

Breakout Group Report Outs

Group 1:

#1 – Supporting Early Childhood Professional Development including the learning collaborative for Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Training Cohort II.

#2 – Supporting High Quality EC Programs

- Such as EHS/HS, Sixpence, MIECHV, Public School Pre-K)
- Educating parents and the public on what high quality EC programs include
- Supporting Circle of Security-Parent Model (COS-P)

#3 – Support ECIDS

#4 – Promote a central website that is user friendly and let public know about it.

#5 - Sustain current investment and promote private and public collaboration for continuous funding of EC programs.

Group 2:

#1 - Support existing recommendation #1 as first recommendation with wording as follows:

- Professional Development
 - Professionalize the early childhood workforce system by providing professional development through public and private partnerships to include training and coaching in critical topic areas:
 - The Step Up to Quality program and expanding the quality of child care programs
 - The Pyramid Model and supporting children’s social and emotional development
 - Care and education of children with special needs in inclusive settings
 - Home visiting
 - Curriculum and assessment
 - Cultural competence
 - Parent-Child Interactions

#2 - Support existing recommendation #2 as second recommendation with wording as follows:

- Focus on Infants and Toddlers
 - Sustain and increase support for infant and toddler programs in Nebraska by:
 - Sustaining the current the Sixpence Early Learning Fund.
 - Increasing state support for evidence-based home visiting programs in Nebraska.
 - Expanding Early Head Start and child care partnerships.
 - Expanding Sixpence and child care partnerships.

#3:

- Nebraska Early Childhood Integrated Data System

Group 3:

#1 - Preparing the workforce

- Supporting and facilitating LB 889 and Core Competences to create career lattice
- Support Professional Development within all State initiatives and EC programs, including Mental Health initiatives and NE Association for Infant Mental Health (NAIMH) and being mindful of cultural competences of professionals
- Focus on initiatives and programs for Infants and Toddlers (such as Sixpence- Child Care Partnerships and EHS-CCPs)

#2 - Public and Family Engagement

- Supporting efforts with Step Up To Quality, Sixpence, MIECHV, and EHS/HS
- Supporting efforts with Circle of Security-Parenting Model
- Collaborating with EC Mental Health initiatives and NE Association for Infant Mental Health (NAIMH)
- Awareness of cultural comp across EC initiatives

#3 – Improve State EC infrastructure capacity

- Full funding and expansion of ELC systems
- Support for ECIDS
- Cross system coordination with MIECHV, HS/HS, Sixpence, Rooted in Relationship, Public School Pre-k, and all State coaching initiatives.

#4 -Public and Private Partnership for data and Early Childhood programs

GROUP 4:

1) Professional Development

- a. Need to identify ways to simplify participation in programs/PD for providers
 - i. Accountability
 - ii. Collaboration
- b. PD Topic: Early Childhood Mental Health

2) Parent & Public Engagement

- a. Identify a single source for management and oversight of Answers 4 Families website
 - i. Who funds and maintains the site?

3) Infants & Toddlers

- a. Special Care Training
- b. Intentional Training (? No idea what they meant by this)
- c. Need for ongoing professional development
- d. Awareness of early childhood mental health

4) Step Up to Quality

- a. This area should be about a broad range of programs, not just Step Up to Quality

5) P-16 Initiative

- a. This is too specific. Can it just be about systems in general and not just data systems?

6) Additional Items for Consideration

- a. The group felt that the over-riding theme for each recommendation area should be...
 - i. “Linking statewide systems across...”
- b. We need to connect each of the priorities on the status of each one of these recommendations on a regular basis rather than once every two years.

Report Out Discussion

Sian Jones-Jobst asked if we get feedback from the Governor's office about the format of the report. It was decided that when the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson meet, they should ask those questions each year. This will provide feedback for the next report.

Within the report out discussion, it was requested that some meetings not be shortened to the three hour limit. The time range for the meeting will be more conducive to the agenda in the future.

Since time started to run out, it was decided that another meeting needed to be set to approve the Recommendations. Holly will send out a Doodle poll to find a date that works best and set up logistics for an offsite location.

Melody Hobson motions to have a special meeting, time and date to be determined and to possibly have offsite capabilities.

Julie Rother seconds.

The motion passed by roll call vote: 16-voted yes, 0-voted no.

Voting Yes: Mike Adams, Laura Arp, Teresa Berube, Amy Bunnell, Julie Docter, Melody Hobson, J.P. Holys, Sian Jones-Jobst, Stephanie Knust, Joan Luebbers, Dawn Mollenkopf, Dawn Murphy, Christy Pelton, Julie Rother, Tammy Stevenson, Susan Strahm

Schedule Dates for 2017

The following dates were scheduled for 2017:

- February 17
- May 5
- August 18
- November 17

Other Business

No other business to discuss

The meeting of the ECICC adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Handouts:

May 6, 2016 Agenda
February 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes
(additional handouts to be added at a later date)