## Early Intervention Council

**Meeting Minutes** 

Meeting	Early Intervention Council Meeting	Date	January 12, 2012	
Facilitator	Christine DeMers	Time	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	
Location	Cheyenne, Wyoming	Scribe	Becky Wight	
Attendees	Members:			
	Jana Reade, Bob Tranas, Christine Bolinger, Shari Jenkins, Sarah Nicholas,			
	Shawna Pena, Dr. James Bush, Jody Yelton (by phone), Laurie Westlake, Sara			
	Mofield, Sue Bacon, Diana Currah, Christine DeMers			
	Guests: Ammon Bolinger, Terri Dawson, Anissa Michaud – BHD Fiscal, Karen			
	Mahan – NICU, Carol Malisezwi – Part B Coordinator, Becky Wight – Early			
	Intervention Specialist		-	

## **Key Points Discussed**

1:10 p.m. Call to order - Jana Reade

Intro of guests: Becky Wight, Ammon Bolinger, Terri Dawson

Call for additions: None

1:20 p.m. Public comments:

Terri Dawson: Loves the supports provided by Wyoming providers. Mentioned the Parent Info Center – parents can call in when conflicts arise or when something isn't clear.

Birth - 2:

3-5: Get calls but not support or explanation of support of non-regulatory guidance.

Christine DeMers: Will open to public forum on new Part C regulations coming out.

There is one opening on the council for a parent representative. Could really use a representative from Cody.

Add to new business tomorrow: Dr. James Bush discussed the CHIPRA grant.

Developmental/behavioral screenings available to all kids in Wyoming.

THR - Total Health Record.

All physicians will have EPSDT templates.

Meaningful use - incentives.

EPICS.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break for Stride Tour.

2:30 p.m. Reconvene

Approval of October 2011 minutes – tabled until tomorrow to have full quorum.

#### Old Business:

Member to review member contact list for accurate information and get back with Christine so she can update list and redistribute.

Anissa Michaud: Travel reimbursement form. Use the form she provided for now. Include the new reimbursement rates.

Sara Mofield: Suggested for members who would like to "re-up" to start the process early due to staff changes at the Governor's office. 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Committees and Task Force break into groups. Laurie Westlake suggested putting committee lists on agendas. NICU = Sarah Nicholas, Shawna Pena, Brenda, Lori Morrow, Anedra, Christine DeMers - Advisory Newsletter = Jana Reade, Sara Mofield, Laurie Westlake, Darlena, Bob Tranas, Becky Wight Transitions = Christine Bolinger, Jody Yelton, Carol Mal – Advisory, Sandy O'Dell, Sue Bacon, Shari Jenkins Christine DeMers suggested a social dinner tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Mondelo's for those that would like to attend. 3:45 p.m. Reconvened - Dismissed - Jana Reade. Reconvene tomorrow morning at 8:30 p.m.

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Facilitator	Christine DeMers	Time	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.		
Location	Cheyenne, Wyoming	Scribe	Becky Wight		
Attendees	Members: Jana Reade, Bob Tranas, Brenda Patch, Laurie Westlake, Sue Bacon, Jody Yelton,				
	Shari Jenkins, Diana Currah, Christine Bolinger, Sara Mofield, Kim Bock (via phone), Dr. James Bush, Darlena Schlachter, Laureen Hines (via phone), Sarah Nicholas, Shawna Pena				
	Guests: Ammon Bolinger, Carol Malisezwi – Part B Coordinator, Becky Wight – Early Intervention Specialist, Joe Simpson – BHD DD Administrator				
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8:30 a.m. Call to order - Jana Reade

Task Force & Committee Updates:

Transitions - Christine

- Updated new members
- Sandy Survey Monkey
  - Reviewed 17 responses
  - Really good information
- Re-evaluate how to send parent surveys and involve the state more.
- Sheridan and Sweetwater

Suggestions:

- Part B to kindergarten
- Confidentiality
- Records lost
- Unique ID #
- School Kids need to be re-evaluated before kindergarten
- More training for parents
- Consistent staff C to B
- More from school when the transition happens
- Survey went to Resource Centers then to parents

Respondents: 3 parents, 7 special education providers, 7 service providers

- Would like to find a better response rate
- Discuss keeping survey available spring to fall
- How does transition to implementation go for everyone involved
- Jana Reade talked about C to B
- Carol M suggested to share results with Advisory Board
- Christine DeMers suggested to go to local ICC to solicit responses
- Sara Mofield suggested surveys in the schools but permission would need to come from school/districts administrators

The survey is closed right now but hopefully will have it open by next meeting. Suggestion to put it on the EIEP website.

Also to send it to PIC to send out.

Newsletter – Jana Reade \*\*insert newsletter update\*\* No comments from council.

NICU Committee -

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings – Nancy Mahan calls to counties and CDCs Monthly phone calls for 14 Regions

Quorum – review last meetings notes from Newcastle 10/13 & 10/14, 2011 Email attachments for committee approval – table until after meeting

Laurie Westlake pointed out that there weren't any attachments but members were updated.

Approve minutes:

Brenda Patch moved to approve

Christine Bullinger 2<sup>nd</sup>

All – Aye No – Nay

**New Business** 

Moved Dr. James Bush to 1st

He discussed the CHIPRA Grant (continued from yesterday):

How to get more kids screened.

A statewide:

Total Health Record - all physicians will have access to

Personal Health Record – no cost to patients

National Standards:

Health Info Exchange – You can fill out Personal Health Record and send to doctor or email it or print it out.

Implementation in Wyoming was finalized last week.

Rolling out to Public Health nurses.

Tying in to IMPROV for the waivers.

Tying in to EHDI.

CHIPRA grant is a care management record.

EPSDT - Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

All kids should be screened timely – a report will be sent if not done.

Doctors to be paid a case management fee – they are applying for a grant to pay for that – to encourage cooperation between doctors and hospitals.

Hospitals to enroll SED children as well as developmental disabled children.

Jody Yelton asked – Are CDC screenings required to go into the THR?

Yes, if language is the same.

Some challenges:

It has been hard for HIPAA to keep up.

Wyoming is an opt-out state – patients can opt-out and not participate.

How to connect waiver to THR.

How is behavioral health home collaborating with medical home.

Christine DeMers asked who is spearheading collaboration with Child Development Centers (CDC)?

9:15 a.m. - Cheyenne had to disconnect from phone callers due to severe static on the line.

Some challenges (cont.)

The more systems that connect the better – just getting everyone on board:

CDC's, Head Start, physicians, providers

ONC certified system – must use the same language.

Heather Theis is the contact for this.

ACS is the vendor.

Lindsey Riddle is going out to get people collaborated.

Emails through THR are secured so info can be sent back/forth.

Can use for all kids/patients, not just Medicaid recipients.

Over one half of all kids in Wyoming are on Medicaid.

CDC's part of the Tele-Health system? Possibly.

Jody Yelton suggested that this group (council) would be a good vehicle to educate on Tele-Health.

#### Sue Bacon:

Race to the Top Challenge fund – there is a grant opportunity in August.

Governor gave the Advisory Council the go-ahead to write proposal but not the go-ahead to turn it in yet.

The Governor's Office sent their recommendations:

1. School readiness – improve quality care and unified data systems

Using planning committee as advisory – PTAC

Coordiante between agenices

Booklet - Early Education Advisory Council

Birth to 3 early learning guidelines – implementing new guidelines, trying to align all guidelines with  $0-12^{\rm th}$  grade

Jody Yelton suggested including pediatric guidelines too

#### Christine Bullinger discussed:

Private health insurance vs. Medicaid exclusion (new health care proposals)

- Facial surgeries
- Hearing aids
- Autism

For essential health benefits - does the EIC want to be a voice?

Brenda is on the council – to discuss federal recommendations

- What Federal plans cover and not covered.
- State individual and group plan (private)
- Largest HMO plan (in-state)

Will look at all to see what is/isn't covered recommended for mandates for covered proposed.

#### Old Business - Tabled until next meeting

- 2. Governor going through Govern's Council to put a voice out there Jody Yelton
- 3. Dr. Bush only send to Governor what pertains to mission including being careful of language (medical) used.

Break - 10 minutes

10:05 a.m. Reconvene

Call to order from break

## New Business (continued)

- 1. Travel forms can use the old form for now (this meeting) but use new form from now on. There is a hard copy plus an electronic form that can go out via email
- 2. Updates for Part C: Christine DeMers reviewed the APR data.

Jody Yelton suggested the State to pick the random sample and not the CDCs.

We might get a "needs assistance" again this year.

We are closely looking at frequency & intensity of services.

Quality of outcomes

Progress notes.

- 3. Updates for Part B: Carol Maliszewski reported on the 7 indicators.
  - #6 Preschools are still not reporting on that data is being collected on the 'least restrictive environment'.
  - #7 COSF Did not meet all targets. We are similar to the national average. COSF data base is closing so the data will be moved into the SEAS database.
  - #8 Parent involvment surveys the target is 25% return rate and we are at 47.5% for B. Overall the target is 80% and we are at 75.2%.
  - #11 60 day timelines. Target is 100% and we are at 98.9% up from 98.2% last year.
  - #12 Transitions (IEP in place by 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday) we are currently at 97.6% up from 95% last year. This has steadily increased over the years.
  - #15 Monitoring The target is 100% program compliance and we are at 71.2% program compliance. 4 Regions did not finish their compliance plans.

Joe Simpson – presented EIEP's role and his concerns/target areas for improvement.

- 1. We insist on Evidence Based Practices.
- 2. Increased service levels 1hr a month is unexceptable, should be closer to 10hrs per month.
- 3. Selective indicators show program compliance/levels are around 40-50% should be higher.
- 4. Corrective action plans how long are regions allowed to be on a CAP? Suggest 1 year but 2-3 years is too long. What are consequences for regions? Pull contracts?
- 5. Quality Customer Service the way State staff is being treated by providers is unacceptable. Both parties to work on relationships.

Christine Bullinger commented that as a parent, she has found that there are not enough hours allotted to each child but there are also not enough providers to provide services.

Jana Reade commented that as a parent, don't pull contracts for regions out of extended compliance without having a replacement provider. Also, remember that classroom (social) time is just as important than therapies for children.

Jody Yelton asked what does the value of the information Joe Simpson provided give to the council and what does the council need to do with the information and respond to the EIEP staff?

Part C's focus is to increase the intensity and frequency of services.

Sue Bacon asked if a region is not in compliance, is it a secret?

Sarah Nicholas suggested posting results so people can help non-compliance regions by reaching out and lifting up. Not all ICC's are strong enough to help with this alone but can be a resource.

Jana Reade suggested going to the local ICC's for ideas for active standards.

Next meeting: April 12-13 in Fort Washakie. It is closest to stay in Lander. Christine DeMers will talk with Lauren Hines about a meeting place.

Continuous feedback for improvement:

Christine Bullinger suggested listing the committee members on the agenda.

Bob Tranas suggested updates on who is representing.

Laurie Westlake likes sub-committee work be dismissed from committee work. She was also pleased that Joe Simpson came today.

Sue Bacon suggested a schedule for the entire year. We will discuss at April meeting. We will be meeting in Kemmerer in July, the 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

Jody Yelton suggested clear expectations of members in interim.

Shawna Pena suggested we go down the legislature next January to introduce the council to the legislature.

Sarah Nicholas suggested we review the priorities of the council for the coming year. Last year's included 1. Local ICC involvement. 2. NICU and 3. Immunizations before 2.

Jana Reade added to new business for next time to discuss the new priorities.

Diana Currah stated that she felt that emotional discussions are healthy and you have to put issues on the table in order to progress.

Sue Bacon moved to adjourn. Shawna Pena 2<sup>nd</sup>.