

Early Intervention Council



Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	October 16th, 2018	
Chair/Facilitator	Mary Kugler	Time	8:30am-4:00pm	
Location	Jackson, WY	Scribe	Judy Juengel	
Members In Attendance	Last	First	From	Represents
	Detavernier	Brian	DFS	DFS
	Escobedo	Kathy	WY Dept of Health, Behavioral Health Division	Agency For Early Intervention Services
	Gamble	Wendy	Converse County	Service Providers
	Haynes	Kenya	Wy Dept of Ed	Homeless Education
	Kugler	Mary	Wyoming Child & Family Development, Inc.	Head Start Agency
	Rising	Holly	Campbell Co	Service Providers
	Warren	Wendy	WIND	Personnel Preparation
	Wasserburger	Jeff	Wyoming Legislature	Legislative Representative
	Rone	Alisha	Child Development Center of Natrona County	CDC Directors
	Pepper	Tonya	Wind River Reservation	Tribal Rep
	Pederson	Kelli	Cheyenne	Parent Rep
	Members Absent	Kim Bock, Shawna Pena, Jamin Johnson, James Bush, Jennifer Davis, Denise Burke, Jeff Wasserburger		
Guests	Christine DeMers, Judy Juengel, Davey Hough, Robbi Farrow, Becca Steinhoff			

Discussion Items

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The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am by Mary Kugler, WY EIC Chair.

Wendy Warren reads the mission.

Tonya Pepper reads the charter.

Charter is approved.

Introductions of Guests and EIC Members

Alisha Rone, CDC Director, Child Development Center of Natrona County- is a member of CDS of Wyoming. Busy playing catch up after legislation was dropped to move EIEP to WY Dept of Ed. This bill died in committee. DFS, Wyoming Family Services, etc will not be moved to Ed.

Casper program- count is down approximately 35 kids. Concerned with school districts taking on pacesetters- they are working on the 50/50 ratio.

Part C count is fine.

Wendy Gamble- Early Childhood Liaison, Converse County- they are getting into the school year. Working with Wyoming Child and Family Development kids. Figuring out how to serve them best. Working with Raising Readers, WIND- targeting newborns in hospitals.

Holly Rising, Children's Developmental Services Birth to Three Program- Part C count is down. They hold screenings every Friday to try to increase count.

Kenya Haynes- Dept of Ed- McKinney Vinto State Coordinator

Early Childhood- federally funded Title 1 Preschool

Foster and homeless youth have access to programs.

This is her last EIC meeting as she is leaving her position at the end of the month and going to the National Center for Homeless Education- homeless administration program.

Mary Kugler, Wyoming Head Start Association, Wyoming Child and Family Development- Head Start has been busy with CDC partners doing referrals, evaluations, observations, etc. There is a 294 million dollar grant available for expansion for duration services- longer services for those enrolled. Moving to a longer day- from current four hour day to a 6-8 hour day. Money is scheduled to be awarded after the 1st of the year.

Tonya Pepper- Tribal rep for council from Head Start program on the reservation. The casino is opening up a child care facility for up to 300 kids with 24/7 childcare.

Wendy Warren, WIND and Echo Education- Autism, behavior supports, secondary transitions

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Autism- 8 sessions focusing on the Early Start Denver model.
Trauma informed care, opioids are other topics.
Early childhood education has been very popular.
Free virtual education- STAR, outreach credits.
Recorded sessions are available.

Davey Hough- Region 4 Special Ed Director Teton & Sublette

Robbi Farrow- Teton County Program Coordinator for Special Ed Is an OT.

Christine Demers, Part C Coordinator- will provide updates later.

Kathy Escobedo, EIEP Unit Manager- will provide updates later.

Brian DeTavernier- DFS Social Services Analyst. DFS is working on improving services. Doesn't have a lot of details at this time.

Christina Taylor, Maternal Child Health- sitting in for Jamin, the Child Health Program Manager.

Kelli Pedersen, Parent Rep- is a high school science teacher. Daughter is in first grade and has bilateral cochlear implants.

Denise Burke, WY Dept of Insurance- is a former educator. Former Dean of the college of Law. Very interested in early childhood. Has been interested and involved throughout her life. Is an attorney in Health Law and Policy and Insurance.

Presentation by Robbi Farrow, OT

Davey- Importance of providing services in the home for birth through age two. He worked closely with Robbi on home visits.

Robbi- has been an OT for many years. Started in Denver in county based school program.
Worked with birth through 5 kids with significant needs. Also worked in NICU.
Has been working for Children's Learning Center since 1988.

When working with children, OTs are trained to look at routines and participation with families (co-occupational- more than one person involved). Focus on practicing skills within routines.

Currently Region 4 is working on screening and evaluating kids. About ½ are Spanish speakers. They provide services in homes with interpreters. Works with premature babies and babies with Down's Syndrome also.

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Tour of Children's Learning Center 9:45-10:30am

Re-adjourn at 10:32am

Kenya moved to approve the minutes from July 2018.
Seconded by Wendy.
Minutes approved. Motion passes.

Note from Senator Wasserburger- he has no updates at this time and requested dates for January meeting.

Legislative Update from Becca Steinhoff

Becca is representing Elbogen Foundation and Wyoming Kids First.
Chair of WECSAC

There is legislature for a federal pre-K development grant. WDE is looking to apply. Looks at efficiencies- do families have access to available resources. Comprehensive needs assessment and strategic plan. One year grant and option to add years.

Coordinating systems pre-natal through school entry.
In the future, will share an outline of the grant and will reach out again to EIC.

EIC requested another update at our January meeting.

If Dept of Ed receives the grant, how will the money be disbursed? Work will need to be done at the state level then decide what work will need to be done on the ground. Looking at all councils, organizations in state for coordination.

WY ECON- Early Child Outreach Network

Also looking at family resource models.

Looking at how to get dollars into the community.

Dollars may be used to offset the cost of pre-school- not funding a state funded preschool but may give help to preschools.

Christina Taylor would like to discuss TANF- preschool concerns offline. Restrictions on use of funding.

Note that some daycares charge a full rate even if they are attending preschool part time.

Kathy Escobedo- EIEP updates

Early Childhood bill update- bill to move Part C and Part B/619, funding, positions, etc. Bill died before going to vote.

WISER IDs for Part C- we will work with Head Start on Part C.

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Child Outcomes review- we are continuing with the BDI.
Linden- new printed materials and Facebook page
Professional Development- New Directors Orientation
Part C- PD program with a new vendor
Federal Grants training coming up in November.
Welligent is the vendor for the new data system. Once contract is approved it will be a 6 month rollout.
Head Start manual- this work in continuing
Early Childhood conference is in the planning process.
Christine will email out her updates on improving service provision.

Break for lunch at 11:33am.

Meeting called to order at 12:59pm.

Presentation from Anlar, LLC- the contractor for Part C Professional Development

Allison Lafavre, Project Director and Sarah Geldart, Content Expert, presented on the project.

Presentation from Shauna Crane, Associate Director of Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE)

Plus/Delta

Alisha will invite Affie Ellis to speak on upcoming legislation at January meeting.

TAESE- positive to know that we are on track for what's required of the council

Conversation on Child Find numbers- compared to surrounding states we do not identify a higher percentage of children.

January meeting- define committees in the council's areas of need

Motion to change by-laws- when a member isn't able to attend, they can send a representative in their place.

Motion by Wendy
Seconded by Kathy
Discussion- none
Motion passes

Delta- a long presentation at the end of the day is hard- the TASES presentation would have been more of a benefit to new members.

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Suggestion for future meetings- look at cameras that point at the person speaking.

Motion to adjourn by Holly Rising

Seconded by Kenya Haynes

Motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm