

Early Intervention Council



Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	August 13 th and 14 th , 2019	
Chair/Facilitator	Kim Bock	Time	1:00-5:00 and 8:30-noon	
Location	Sheridan, WY	Scribe	Judy Juengel	
Members In Attendance	Last	First	From	Represents
	Bock	Kim	Region III	Service Providers
	Earnshaw	Mavis	WY Dept. of Insurance	Health Policy analyst
	Escobedo	Kathy	WY Dept. of Health, Behavioral Health Division	Agency For Early Intervention Services
	Gamble	Wendy	Converse County	Service Providers
	Johnson	Jamin	Public Health	Child Health
	Kugler	Mary	Wyoming Child & Family Development, Inc.	Head Start Agency
	Rone	Alisha	Child Development Center of Natrona County	CDC Directors
	Warren	Wendy	WIND	Personnel Preparation
	Wasserburger	Jeff	State Senator	Legislative Branch
Members Absent	Thom Jones, Holli Rising, Kelli Pedersen, Dr. Bush, Shawna Pena, Brian DeTavernier, Jennifer Davis			
Guests	Marsha Riley, Kathy Buchanan, Terry Dawson, Juanita Bybee, Christine Demers, Judy Juengel			

Discussion Items

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Kim Bock, WY EIC Chair.

Wendy Gamble reads the EIC Mission

Wendy Gamble reads the EIC Charter

Call for amendments to charter. Suggested revision: Remove #9 from Expected Activities which states: "Advise the EIEP on the Part B Section 619 State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)".

Motion to remove #9 from charter by Alisha Rone

Seconded by Wendy Gamble

Motion passes.

Introductions of Guests and EIC Members and Updates

Kim Bock, SpEd Director Region 3- Exciting news- a new room is being built. This is a permanent classroom so Infants/Toddlers can play and move about from room to room.

Alisha Rone, CDC Director, Child Development Center of Natrona County- represents the CDCs. News- they have partnered with EHDI. Received a grant to hire a pediatric audiologist who will travel to all CDCs to make sure equipment is up to date. This will help serve kids and she is excited to get into the CDCs. Her name is Dr. Kelli Ellis. She is the first audiologist in Wyoming to serve pediatrics. They are working on another grant to hire a dietician which is huge in serving children. They applied for private funding for both positions.

Jeff Wasserburger, State Senator- has been absent for a while due to illness. People around the state are concerned about the budget.

Marsha Riley, Director Region 2- will provide information tomorrow.

Wendy Gamble- Getting Jump Start going for kindergartners. This is a program where all kids entering kindergarten come in for a week from 8am-noon. Get services in place for a successful first day. Community event called First Thursday- vendors etc. gave info for 211, transient families.

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

Terry Dawson, Executive Director of the Parent Information Center (PIC)- here as a guest. She had looked for mug from when the EIC was formed in 1987.

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Wendy Warren, WIND and Echo Education- working on ECHO networks. Budget cuts- some ECHO sessions were removed but early childhood sessions remained. If you are interested in Early Start Denver- talk to Wendy. She is the new Act Early Ambassador for Wyoming. Echo for Autism (Early Start Denver)- people enjoyed training and the trainer will return to certify trainees.

Jamin Johnson, Public Health- in the thick of the 5 year Needs Assessment

Mavis Earnshaw, WY Dept. of Insurance- no updates at this time.

Judy Juengel, EIEP Contracts and Data Specialist- will provide updates later.

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

Call for Additions to Agenda- none

Review minutes from April meeting

Motion to approve minutes from April meeting

Motion to approve- Alisha Rone

Seconded by – Jeff Wasserburger

Motion passes.

Old Business

Christine Demers

Physicians- we provided document to physicians and received positive responses back. It was a letter explaining what regions do- inform the public, conduct screenings, advise children and families as children get older.

Key Principles Document- Christine reviewed this document. Emphasis on all the partners that work together to serve children. Email from a physician acknowledging this document and the principles. This is the beginning of a journey to respect providers providing EI services.

Alisha Rone- received another letter from a pediatrician in Casper stating it was inappropriate to use the Battelle. May want to discuss how to educate doctors. Physicians still feel they should direct care. Medical oversight is not needed to provide EI services.

Discussion on knowledge sharing in communities. Targeted outreach. Adopting medical homes as standard practices.

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Additional Old Business:

Community work to enhance what we do. Clear communication, how to work together. PIC can support committee work.

Dr. Rose, the physician who spoke at our last meeting, may help.

Kathy Buchanan, Sped Ed Director Region 2- Family to Family is part of this.

Inequality of Funding: for services. Alisha Rone- last cost study was done in 2005. A new cost study would have to be approved by legislature. It was stated that it is the state's responsibility to know the costs. If we do not know the costs how it the per child amount determined? School districts get \$18,000 per child, CDCs get \$8,500. No increase in per child amount despite increased costs of all aspects- salaries, transportation, etc.

Christine shared FY18 contract funding information

GOETZE study- 2005 was brought up by member.

Break 2:10pm

Meeting called to order by Kim Bock at 2:20pm

OSEP Highlights

Kim Bock- impression was it was a good opportunity to get a different viewpoint

Chance to see what's coming from OSEP's end

Learned that some Part C programs are funded under a split between Health and Education

Comparing state to state is "crazy"

Resources and make up of individual states is very different

Very eye-opening experience

Kathy Escobedo- EIEP Updates

Recap of community meetings around the state

Part B/619- process started to post the coordinator position

Drill Down- Dept of Ed- determine what region needs assistance based on data and that region will be monitored. This is the first year for the new RDA process

Part C WAVE Conference Recap

Child outcomes- working on data. Missing data- EIEP will work with regions

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Screen for Success Campaign- we are in the process of delivering materials. Next phase- water bottles and baby bibs

Part B/C Data Review- We will meet with regions to go over indicators and understand how we can support regions to improve in their areas

UpStart Online Preschool- last met in June. WY has reached capacity for the fall- this was a need.

DD Section moving to Healthcare Financing effective 8/16/19
BHD now consists of MHSA, EIEP and the facilities

Update from Mary Kugler, Head Start- WISER update for children in Head Start
MOU sent to AG for approval

Susan will attend meeting in September to explain the process

Access immunizations- working with DOH

Used to have access, working on that again

Met with homeless coordinator in Cheyenne (McKinney- Vinto)

Referring siblings of those enrolled in services

Christine- Part C Determinations

Same process for providers as OESP gives to Part C

Christine shared PowerPoint.

Discussion on how targets are determined

State Report Cards- each region has a report card that is posted on EIEP's web page

<https://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/early-intervention-education-program-eiep/infant-and-toddler-part-c-information/>

Of the 14 regions, 12 met requirements, 2 need assistance

Kathy Escobedo- Federal Updates PowerPoint

Any federal budget updates will be provided to EIC as we receive them.

Christine- SSIP Update Phase 3 Year 4

When targets were chosen kids in Part C were not performing well on social-emotional skills.

Next phase- can choose different focus with input from EIC.

Discussion on curriculum as a resource for Part C

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Judy Juengel, Contracts and Data Specialist- Updates

AnLar Conference recap

Discussion on providing training on safety in the home- Christine mentioned the Parent Agreement Form available in Welligent

Committee Work discussion tomorrow to define need

Committee Ideas:

1. Need more parent reps- suggestion to travel with parents so they feel comfortable. Governor assigns parent reps
2. Performance topics- how we measure, targeting what's important
3. Cost to serve kids in Part C

Motion to adjourn- Wendy

Seconded by – Senator Wasserburger

Motion passes at 4:25pm

August 14th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:20am by Kim Bock, EIC Chair

Region 2 presentation by Marsha Riley and Kathy Buchanan

Region serves 175-185 kids each year

Last year- 114 in Part B, 60 in Part C

Sheridan County has about 29,000 people, the city has about 19,000

Johnson County has about 8,500

6 member volunteer board, serve in three year terms

Facilities-

345 South Linden built 1998 from donations

Preschool on Sheridan Avenue has four classrooms, in the mornings PreK. No daycare

Buffalo CDC built 2010. No preschool in Buffalo as community has other quality preschools

25 staff

10- preschool

15- full time professional staff

1.8 million dollar budget

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3% match, small amount of donors
Community relations- good relationships with schools, doctors, etc
Good support from legislators

Kathy Buchanan- Part C

Three ways to find eligibility- medical diagnosis, Informed Clinical Opinion, Developmental Delay

Opportunity to partner with families. Individual delivery model based on what family says they need
Meet on 6 month basis as needs change often
Provide services mostly in the home, also in daycares
Therapists all highly qualified and they want to be here
Working with parents- parents become empowered
Screenings every two weeks- Part C- late afternoon screenings work well for families

Presentation from Linden Press on Screen for Success Campaign

Requesting more information on where to go next with the campaign
Next- need video on screening process for Facebook page

Region 9- has a video where father talked about screening and that worked well

Facebook campaign has seen a lot of growth and others share the map

Other materials- point is so that parents have something to take home

Coloring books- parents work with their child to color

Facebook stats- reach has increased
1500-5200

31,000 people saw the post

#1 post is the map and link to the web site

Request from Marsha- let regions know when new things are coming out
Judy will work on updating the web page

Jamin Johnson, Public Health- engaging parents, forming Parent advisory council. Working with Jennifer Davis on fatherhood piece

Screening- hearing and vision is very important

In Region 2, multiple people are involved in each screening

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Region 9 does about 1,400 screenings each year
Region 3 includes dental screenings

Requests- share resources from other regions
Watch for newsletter- 1st one coming in September to all childcare providers listed on DFS website

Break 9:05am
Re-adjourn 9:15am

Presentation by Wendy Warren: Learn the Signs Act Early

Wendy applied and was accepted as the Act Early Ambassador for Wyoming

Act Early WY Page has been updated
Developmental milestones- step before screenings
Work with home visiting nurses who visit moms for the first time on what to watch for
Training for different people

This program is for parents
A lot of parents have no idea what a developmental screening is

Additional resources- Go to website

Milestones Matter Community- Facebook page

Family to Family offers travel stipends to parents to go to Laramie for training or it can be done via Zoom

Suggestion to link site to EIEP page

SCOPE- opioid work with other states. Trauma informed care.
ECHO session Mondays 12-1:15, starts in September
ECHO offers PTSTB credits, can be added together. STARS credits also offered

Christine showed the Parent Agreement Form in Welligent, IFSP Section 6

Committee Work

IDEAS

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1. Education and Outreach- includes parent engagements, performance, collaborating with home visiting programs
2. Target committee

Motion to accept committees- Alisha Rone

Seconded by Wendy Warren

Motion passes

Suggested to develop a newsletter to include program happenings from regions

Nominations for Chairperson of Education and Outreach Committee

Alisha/Jamin

Motion by Wendy Gamble

Seconded by Kathy Escobedo

Motion passes

Include PIC in this committee work

Performance Target Committee

Nomination for Performance Target Committee Chair

Kim Bock/Mary Kugler

Motion by Jamin Johnson

Seconded by Senator Wasserburger

Motion passes

October Agenda- update on committee work

Jamin Johnson- Help Me Grow (HMG) Update

Decided not to continue with HMG- it created a lot of role confusion across the state. It was launched as a pilot and was not the right fit for Wyoming.

Maternal Child Health at UNC- Chapel Hill providing some training and strategic action steps

Re-identifying five year priorities

211 is still working

- Leading parents to community based services

Kathy Escobedo- National Perspective on Data

Share indicators and percentages per state

Suggestion- share with legislators

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Discussion on the high identification rates in Part B and the influence of disability category
Discussion on transition process

Plus/Delta

Good coffee

Review of old business was helpful

Resources

Committees give groups a purpose

Kim did a wonderful job

Very informative

Mary- Zoom is getting so much better

Next meeting in Jackson October 9th, 2019

If you have topics for the agenda, email them to Kim and Christine

Judy will work on the venue

Motion to adjourn by Wendy Gamble

Seconded by Senator Wasserburger

Meeting adjourned 10:41am