

Early Intervention Council



Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	April 7 th , 2020	
Chair/Facilitator	Wendy Warren	Time	1:00-2:30PM	
Location	Zoom Virtual Meeting	Scribe	Judy Juengel	
Members In Attendance	Last	First	From	Represents
	Cranmore	Shannon	WDE	Homeless Coordinator
	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
	Pedersen	Kelli	Parent Rep	Parent Rep
	Pena	Shawna	Public Health	Rural and Frontier Health
	Wagner	Helena	Head Start Collaboration Office	Head Start
	Warren	Wendy	WIND	Personnel Preparation
	Members Absent	Dr. Bush, Jennifer Davis, Holly Rising, Alisha Rone, Senator Wasserburger		
Guests	Christine Demers, Judy Juengel, Debra Hibard, Jamie Beastron, Kim Bock			

Discussion Items

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The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Wendy Warren, WY EIC Chair.

Wendy reads the EIC Mission.

Christine Demers reads the EIC Charter.

Self- Introductions and Role of Guests and EIC Members and Updates

Shannon Cranmore, WDE- Homeless Coordinator. Working on COVID-19 with districts to implement CARES Act funding to give to schools.

Amy Reyes, Early Childhood, WDE- no updates.

Christine Demers, Part C Coordinator- is working from home during this time. Will share Part C news later in the meeting.

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

Jamin Johnson, PHD, Child Health Program and Children With Special Healthcare Needs- PHD has shifted exclusively to COVID work. Is on his third 72 hour on call shift answering calls about COVID.

Debra Hibard, Policy and PM in Social Services Department. DFS working very hard. Implemented some changes in practice. Making sure children and families are safe at home, and foster children are safe. Hoping this changes things for the better in the future.

Helena Wagner, Dept. of Workforce Services, Head Start Collaboration Office. Supporting Head Start families and working families during this time. Planning some summer work. PDG grant work is still happening- working on Needs Assessment. Work was stalled briefly with closures.

Kelli Pedersen- parent rep- things are going well; has a whole new job of sorts.

Judy Juengel, Contracts and Data Specialist- working from home since March 17th and it is going well. Grateful to have a job and to be staying healthy.

Jamie Beasstrom, R3 Part C- felt like the rug was pulled out beneath her. Sent out packets to families. Happy to have nice weather!

Mary Kugler, Head Start- Head Start same as school districts, closed for now. Working from home. HS has weekly contact with families. Coordinate with school districts to provide food. Children are some of the most vulnerable in the

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community and this will be tough for the families. Making sure families have what they need. Their Mental Health provider created a video for parents on what's happening and self-care techniques.

Wendy Gamble, Transition Coordinator- Surviving home learning and being on zoom all day. Doing lots of zoom and facetime meetings with kids. Reaching out to preschool providers. Head Start is on spring break this week.

Shawna Pena, Public Health- Community Services Block Grant. Decrease poverty, increase self-sufficiency. Can now apply at the 200% poverty level. Money can be used for the next two years. Federal office wants to work closely with Head Start.

Wendy Warren, WIND and Echo Education- has been working from home for the past three weeks. ECHO trainings are still being held. Early Childhood is every other Friday.

Mavis Earnshaw, WY Department of Insurance- happy to answer any questions people may have.

Standing Updates from Kathy Escobedo, EIEP Unit Manager-

We finally got moved to our new offices in the Herschler West. Love our new offices and did not want to leave. Training scheduled for Part B and C with AnLar at the end of April has been postponed. Providers have done a lot of work with COVID.

Back in January WDE hosted a transition summit focusing on preschool to kindergarten transitions. It was very well received and the CDCs worked with their districts on policies and procedures.

Part B is under a Corrective Action Plan from WDE due to a complaint that was filed against a CDC. With this there has been many opportunities for trainings.

During legislative session legislators added to a footnote that EIEP would report to the legislature in October regarding cost of providing services for both Part B/619 and Part C.

Standing Updates from Kim Bock, Part B/619 Coordinator-

Sent out guidance regarding COVID to the CDCs

Has attended lots of zoom meetings and phone calls/

CDCs sent in their Adapted Learning Plans. These have been very creative and comprehensive. Providers worked through Spring Break.

Standing Updates from Christine Demers, Part C Coordinator-

Turned in APR in February.

Review of APRs is happening now.

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Corrections/updates will come out by April 14th.

Then a determination will be made.

Determination categories: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, Needs Substantial Intervention. WY has never received a Needs Intervention or Needs Substantial Intervention determination.

ICO clarification to the council will occur at the next face to face meeting.

Discussion and approval of minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Mary Kugler

Seconded by Jamin Johnson

Minutes approved.

No public comment.

Call for Additions to Agenda- none

New Business

Christine-

Application was sent out.

Budget changes every year.

Application has been signed by Director Ceballos.

Comments about Part C Application- none

Setting new targets-

New SPP and targets July 2022.

In January 2020 plan was extended for one year.

We performed better than expected on child outcomes so likely will want to set new targets.

SSIP PowerPoint Presentation

Part C COVID Update

Packets were sent out to families.

Services happening via phone/computer.

Allow centers to do tele therapy with children and families. Coaching model. Families decide if they want services or not during this time.

Advised centers to send out OWN indicating services have changes. Regular services will resume at a later date.

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The guidance allows medical diagnosis to be used for eligibility for referrals during this time.
Allows the use of Interim IFSPs.
Allows Part C children who have turned three to continue to receive Part C services using state funds.

Discussion on using the At Risk category in the future.

Wendy Warren-

WIND has been hosting Q&A calls for COVID-19. Has been working with people on how to use Zoom and EI providers are doing really well. Some therapists are getting a tele health license.

EIC Committee News- none

Next meeting July 7th & 8th in Laramie

July 7th-8th in Laramie

Motion to adjourn by Mary Kugler
Seconded by Kathy Escobedo
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned 2:20PM