

Early Intervention Council



Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	July 7 th , 2020	
Chair/Facilitator	Kelli Pedersen	Time	1:00PM	
Location	Google Meet	Scribe	Judy Juengel	
Members In Attendance	Last	First	From	Represents
	Bush	James	WDH	State Medicaid Director
	Cranmore	Shannon	WDE	Homeless Coordinator
	Earnshaw	Mavis	WY Dept. of Insurance	Health Policy analyst
	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			
Guests	Christine Demers, Judy Juengel, Jamie Beastron, Kim Bock, Bradley Bakken, Heather Babbitt			

Discussion Items

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The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Kelli Pedersen, WY EIC Vice Chair.

Christine Demers reads the EIC Mission.

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Christine Demers reads the EIC Charter.

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

Shannon Cranmore, WDE- Homeless Coordinator. Just finished STAR conference and it went very well. Trying to figure out what homeless program will look like this fall depending if children go back to school. Anticipate homeless numbers increase because of COVID.

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

Jamin Johnson, PHD, Child Health Program and Children With Special Healthcare Needs- in MCHU we are wrapping up needs assessment. Identified five new priorities for our unit to work on moving forward, everything from working on maternal mortality, childhood obesity, and adolescent population- reduction of suicide and a whole host of other issues. Public comment on priorities and will send a link to the survey and would like it sent out to group of people we serve.

Helena Wagner, Dept. of Workforce Services, Head Start Collaboration Office. Not too many agency updates. PDG update- needs assessment is coming together. In strategic planning phase. Entities coming together to address gaps in services.

Jamie Beasstrom, R3 Part C Coordinator- we are slowly doing re-entry out of COVID and have had some families that have decided they don't want services for the summer. Trying to get back into homes and those that don't want that come into the center. Lots of sanitizing. Preschool numbers pretty low for the summer.

Mary Kugler, Head Start Association- for all of Head Starts- have not been meeting because of COVID. Working on plans for reopening in the fall. People are taking time to think of processes to keep everyone safe. WCFD- new grantee for Laramie County HS and Early HS. We are in the process of hiring staff and because we are a new grantee all current staff had to resign their positions and now are in the process of hiring new employees. Many have applied to the new organization. Remember Laramie County Head Start in the fall. Trying to reach full enrollment in the fall. Refer to HS. If you have any questions contact Mary.

Shawna Pena, Public Health- been pretty busy with COVID and things are starting to wind down. Community services block grant- getting possibly 4.9 million dollars to help families that are 200% or higher with poverty. Trying to get money out along with annual money which is 3.5 million dollars to help people stay in their homes, pay bills etc. Looking at trying to bring in mental health first aid which is preventative tool. Not diagnostic but helping people with anxiety, depression. This is a train the trainer model. Telehealth huge increase in April and May with people signing up. Increase in Zoom licenses. Not getting as many providers as we were and are now trying to maintain and some are continuing with Telehealth.

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Mavis Earnshaw, WY Department of Insurance- here is we have any questions. Not a lot going on right now other than hopeful to get another insurance company that would cover more such as cochlear implants, autism, behavioral analysis. It would be a real benefit to WY consumers and if everything goes well they would be ready to go in January.

Dr. Bush, Medicaid Medical Director- Nat'l Governor's Association- Jen Davis asked me to be on it regarding ACES. Exciting to move forward on this work. Working on immunization rates. First meeting with Utah around maternal mortality and working on maternal morbidity as well. Working on neonatal mortality. A lot going on around detection and prevention. A lot of coordination around state agencies.

Alisha Rone- Executive Director of CDC in Casper. Open for ESY. We have over 100 students in ESY. Going really well with protocols in place. Really pushing screenings and evaluations right now since they are catching up from the COVID closures. Started screening promotion. Some parents are considering homeschool which is concerning for numbers.

Kim Bock, Part B/619 Coordinator- we have been really busy. Our unit has been busy this summer. Working on training module similar to Part C. Reviews all of the components of the program. Offers activities and quizzes to help viewers understand the content. Emailed out info yesterday. Partnered with virtual training this fall. Attendees will receive PTSE credit. This will make it easier for regions to send more participants. Set up some data teams. Plan to touch base on a monthly basis and go over information with the data- things that we need, things we are seeing.

COVID- regions submitted adapted learning plans. In anticipation of possible resurgence this fall we will be meeting on how to maintain evaluations. These were postponed for a while this spring. We have a couple of regions on a CAP and have been working closely with them and with PIC on training and technical assistance.

Heather Babbitt, BHD Deputy Director

Budget Update

EIEP sits within WDH.

Mental Health also in the Division.

Share where we are at as it relates to Part B/C.

State is in a dire budget situation. Go onto legislative website and tune into joint appropriations meetings and explains it well.

As a result of everything we were directed by Governor Gordon to reduce costs. Hiring freeze, new process for contracts over \$100,000 of SGF and some were denied. In addition, directed to prepare 10% budget cuts with another 10% cut after that. Directives given to all state agencies.

State general funds for WDH is a lot of money. GF budget for biennium 960 million dollars.

So much of the GF money sits in BHD.

About 250 million in BHD for 2 years.

Prepared proposal for senior administrator to go to Director's Office. Governor is reviewing. We know we have to implement a reduction in contracts but we do not know where or how much. Hoping for an update from governor and director this week. Developmental preschools 68 million GF for the biennium.

Question- is reduction for two year contracts? We are anticipating receiving budget and dividing it into the two years.

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Is that how it worked under Governor Mead? We did have to cut funds on contracts that were executed.

Senator Wasserberger

Legislative Update

Updates-

Fiscal conditions- current projected deficit is 1.5 billion dollars and total budget in a biennium is 3 billion dollars for two years. 50% of the funding is what we have. We do have some money in the budget reserve account. The issue is how we are going to address that deficit. Many times in the past legislature has approached issues by breaking it up into smaller chunks. Governor has called for 10% cuts and prepare for another round of cuts. Community colleges are making cuts. All of the state agencies are going to feel the cuts and it's going to be an unpleasant time. State revenue sources are not doing well, partly because of what pandemic has done to tourism. Price of coal is down as well as total production. Every revenue source is low and it's going to be a very difficult time. Predicted that State of WY could run out of money in nine months' time. We do have significant reserves- 1.7 billion in rainy day fund. If you use this you lose the investment returns- generates approximately 400 million per biennium. Land investment- coming out of mineral trust fund. Purchase of the land- bill in special session for legislative review. Governor vetoed bill but AG review- we could purchase that land as an investment. Occidental land is being predicted to generate 100 million dollars in royalty payments. 4 million acres- largest purchase since purchase of Alaska. Land has only been up for sale three times since 1800's. Governor considers if he is being a prudent investor. Get mineral rights with the land as well as lease funds. May create more revenue than ever before.

Discussion and approval of minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Mary Kugler

Seconded by Alisha Rone

Minutes approved as written.

No public comment.

Call for Additions to Agenda- none

Christine Demers, Part C Coordinator

Part C services still available for the summer.

Most people are doing it through the center if approved by the family or they are doing it with a variety of virtual platforms. Some people mailed materials to family. Another thing we have done with EI is allowed families who are referred to Part B/619 and have not been able to complete evaluation have continued to be served under Part C state services. Centers are offering that to some families. We anticipate that to continue through the summer.

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New Business

Christine Demers

Sent out chart that shows determinations for center according to APR measurements. We are required to give local determinations. The state received Meets Requirements which is the best rating that can be given. Two programs got needs Assistance and 12 programs got Meets Requirements. Outlined what needs to be happen if you got Needs Assistance- have two years to address it.

EHDI Presentation

Bradley Bakken

Next meeting – virtual meeting October 20th at 1:00pm

Tentative Future Meetings (virtual vs in person meeting TBD)

January 5th, 2021

April 6, 2021

July 6, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Alisha Rone

Seconded by Mavis Earnshaw

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned 2:39PM.