

Early Intervention Council



Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	October 12, 2021	
Chair/Facilitator	Kelli Pedersen	Time	9:00am	
Location	Google Meet	Scribe	Judy Juengel	
Members In Attendance	Last	First	From	Represents
	Bush	Dr. James	WDH	Medical Officer
	Davis	Jen	Governor's Office	Other
	Earnshaw	Mavis	Wyoming Dept. of Insurance	Health Policy analyst
	Hibbard	Deb	Dept of Family Services	Policy Manager
	Kugler	Mary	Wyoming Child & Family Development, Inc.	Head Start Agency
	Pedersen	Kelli	Parent Rep	Parent Rep
	Pena	Shawna	Public Health	Rural and Frontier Health
	Reyes	Amy	WDE	TANF
	Rone	Alisha	CDC Casper	CDS/Providers
	Serelson	Sara	Wyoming Children's Trust Fund (WCTF)	WCTF
	Wagner	Helena	Head Start	Collaboration Office
	Warren	Wendy	Wyoming Institute of Disabilities (WIND)	Personnel Preparation

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Members Absent	Shannon Cranmore, Senator Wasserburger, Wendy Gamble, Dr. Bush, Jen Davis, Jamin Johnson, Jamie Beastro
Guests	Judy Juengel, Kim Caylor, Matt Petry, Ragen Latham, Brittany Thaler, Sarah Fitzgerald, Bradley Bakken

Discussion Items

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02pm am by Alisha Rone, Wyoming (WY) Early Intervention Council (EIC) Vice Chair.

Reading of the mission by Mary Kugler

Reading of the charter by Judy Juengel

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

Amy Reyes, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) Early Learning Specialist- Working on a lot of different grants at this time.

Alisha Rone, Child Development Center (CDC) Director – Preschool is in full swing. Screening like crazy to meet numbers from last year. Usually have 445 kids and 150 pace setters. Also have 25 TANF kids- worked with Amy to find funding for those. Officer Danny who passed away will be greatly missed. His sister worked at the center and Danny often came by to talk to the kids. Was chosen as a stakeholder for inclusion in WY- therapy-based classrooms where they take kids in for inclusion.

Has 15 kids who are deaf/HH in their center right now- this is a huge influx and we are working with a Teacher of the Deaf and Christie Fritz.

Bradley Bakken, EHDI Program Co-Coordinator- working on replacing some EHDI equipment. 3,000 children have been screened this year, since July. 40 have resulted in referrals to doctors or audiology.

Dr. Bush- Medicaid Medical Director. Partnering with public health. Doing ECHO clinics to increase screening rates. Rates are very good for birth to two but then it goes downhill.

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Jennifer Davis, Policy Advisor for Governor Gordon- Working on ARPA funds. Proposals for Survive Drive phase. Working on budgets for upcoming budget session.

Kelli Pedersen, Parent- no updates at this time. My daughter is in fourth grade now and I teach high school science. Wyoming's budget outlook is supposed to be better in upcoming years.

Sarah Fitzgerald, EHDI Program Co-Coordinator- working on the WEII, WDE outreach, Hands and Voices, focusing on intervention. ODDACE-five regions participating and 50 assessments have been completed.

Jamin Johnson, Maternal and Child Health- just wrapped up annual block grant application and annual report. Splitting our time across the Division and providing support for COVID response. HRSA access grant to provide support to healthcare providers to give them support and backup. Dr Bush is working on a system and has a quote from Array. Was going to use other federal funding but we could use this grant to enroll mental health providers. Temporary at will position being hired to support grant.

Mary Kugler, Head Start Representative- work with WY Child and Family on Head Start, TANF, paid preschool. Focusing on 45 day screening deadline. Making sure enrollment numbers are where they need to be. There are a few openings in Head Start but are close to full. Finding families that are disadvantaged during COVID. We are not offering virtual services at this time unless a class has been quarantined.

Mavis Earnshaw, Policy and Planning Advisor, WY Dept of Insurance- working with federal guidelines on mental health parity and making sure it's enforced. Also working on No Surprises Act.

Deb Hibbard, DFS- Family 1st Act of 2018- working on this as it went into effect October 1st and is moving right along.

Brittany Thaler, DFS- program analyst for McVee grant. Parents as Teachers grant recipient. Contracting with CIA's for Plans of Safe Care.

Helena Wagner, Head Start Collaboration Office- most relevant update is working with small group on WISER ID system. More direction by the end of the month. Comment- every child is assigned a WISER but we never receive data as to how it correlates.

Wendy Warren, Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Coordinator- currently working on ECHO trainings for EI, ACES, ECHO in student health, ECHO in early childhood.

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Sara Serelson- WY Children's Trust Fund Executive Director. Quick update- 10/1/21 new Y19 prevention grants. Variety of components for working with families and kids. Mandatory reporting. Parent story telling. Some stories highlight awareness on how to get help and resources.

Shawna Pena, Public Health, Rural and Frontier Health, interim unit manager for EMS- Community Services Block Grant- new services started 10/1/21. Some providers have CARES funds to help families not lose their homes. School based health clinics- children, youth, families- stakeholder group to work on that

Standing Updates

Ragen Latham, Operations and Projects Administrator- Kathy and Christine both retired this summer. Working on hiring for both positions and we will let everyone know when those positions are filled. Part B/619 Monitoring statewide Corrective Action Plan- we will be hosting a lot of upcoming trainings. RFA- went to all districts and DFS and only CDCs applied. Working on Healthstat end of year binders.

Kim Caylor, Part B/619 Coordinator- working on statewide corrective action plan and arranging trainings. Have plans for making the system more robust. Considerig eligibility categories. This has consumed the Part B program.

Judy Juengel, Contracts and Data Sprecialist- working on onsite monitoring for Part C, data for upcoming submissions for both programs and the APR/SSIP which we will discuss later.

Question- have we heard about the Part B ARPA funds yet? Yes, we received \$28,000. The 611/619 funds are distributed to districts as well so that is why our portion is smaller/

Call for additions to agenda- none.

Review of minutes

Mary moves to accept the minutes as presented.

Ragen seconded the motion.

Motion passes.

Public Comment- None.



Old Business

Part C Family Survey

How did Cheyenne have such high response rates? They have parents complete the survey at appointment on paper or iPad during session or at IFSP meeting.

Suggestion- add more demographic information such as salary range and number of people in household, age of parents, highest level of school completed, marriage status, rent/own etc.

Survey

Rated Questions

Question 1

Spell out IFSP

2. No changes

3. No changes

4. Change to "I've received information and resources that will help me support my child's development".

5. Change to "I've received support on how to make changes in my family's routines that will benefit my child's needs".

Think about addition question: "I am able to provide input on how to make changes that will benefit my child's needs".

6. No changes

7. No changes

8. No changes

9. Change to "I have access to services and supports that my child needs."

10. no changes



11. Change to "I feel comfortable communicating with the people who work with my child and family."
12. Consider moving this question. The questions could be re-grouped.
13. No changes.
14. Change to "I was given information on routines, activities, and physical settings that support my child's needs."
15. No changes.
16. Remove question as it's the same as #13.

Consider adding "Early intervention has made a positive impact on my child's development".

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Remove question 5 or reduce the number of choices.

Question- do CDCs get extra funding for kids in poverty etc? No.

6. Change to "Do the services provided through your IFSP help you with assisting your child with everyday routines?" change you to your
a. eliminate box . Keep just #7

8. Do we need this question? If so combine it with #9

Should we include other services that are accessed by the parent? Yes, good idea, such as Medicaid and other supports and give some examples

Break- 2:33pm-2:40pm

SSIP Presentation

Stakeholders

Amy Reyes- just returned from DC where she did a presentation on S/E learning loss from COVID and she would love to be a part of the group. Alisha would like to take part and include R9 teacher with training on children's S/E needs

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Decided to stay with S/E as a focus area.
Think about Head Start's funding to implement pyramid model.
This is done in R4,5,9

Suggested the ECHO training on resilience as a good fit

Another idea- get a mental health provider on the group

Wendy Warren volunteered to be on the group

Sara volunteered to get parents.

Join efforts with PDG grant.

Increase different stakeholders- people from the reservation. Ask about incentives for parents.

Discussions and format of January meeting/topics

Decided to do a virtual meeting.
Invite Bob from Gillette to present on his program.
Add to agenda- success story of a Part C infant- Connection moment

Invite a director to each meeting.

APR will be reviewed at meeting.

Finalize parent survey.

Review child count.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 13th- 1-4pm via zoom

April 12th & 13th, 2022 in Gillette or change to Lander?

April 12th- afternoon

April 13th- morning

July 12th-13th, 2022 in Casper???

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July 12th- afternoon
July 13th- morning

Delta 360

Motion to adjourn 3:23pm by Alisha.
Seconded by Sara

Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm