

Early Intervention Council



Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	April 12, 2022	
Chair/Facilitator	Kelli Pedersen	Time	1:00pm	
Location	Google Meet	Scribe	Janelle Smolinski	
Members In Attendance	Last	First	From	Represents
	Bush	Dr. James	WDH	Medical Officer
	Wasserburger	Jeff	Senator	
	Davis	Jen	Governor's Office	Other
	Earnshaw	Mavis	Wyoming Dept. of Insurance	Health Policy analyst
	Hiler	Jennifer	WDH/BHD	EIEP
	Kugler	Mary	Wyoming Child & Family Development, Inc.	Head Start Agency
	Pedersen	Kelli	Parent Rep	Parent Rep
	Pena	Shawna	WDH/PH	Rural & 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
Members Absent	Shannon Cranmore, Jamie Beastrom, Deb Hibbard, Wendy Warren			
Guests	Judy Juengel, Ragen Latham, Kim Caylor, Brittany Thyarks, Sarah Fitzgerald, Bradley Bakken, Janelle Smolinski, Jennifer Blaylock, Bob Tranas, Jennifer Figenser,			

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Discussion Items

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The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm am by Kelli Pederson

Reading of the mission by Judy Juengel

Reading of the charter by Judy Juengel

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

Kelli Pederson – serves as the parent representative/chairperson.

Alisha Rone- Executive Director of CDC Natrona County. Busy with end of year graduations, complete BDI's, prepping for next year.

Jennifer Hiler- Unit Manager of EIEP with BHD.

Kim Caylor- Part B619 Coordinator with EIEP.

Janelle Smolinski- Contracts and Data Specialist with EIEP.

Sarah Fitzgerald – Early Hearing Detection Intervention. We are continuing our work with the Wyoming Early Intervention Initiative (WEII) for families and their children that are deaf or hard of hearing along with R.E.A.D. Plus (Reading Early Accelerates Development) which works directly with families.

Bradley Bakken –Early Hearing Detection Intervention. Part C funds made available to help assist in replacing aging hearing and vision screening equipment. Those funds will replace 10 vision and 21 hearing pieces of equipment. Judy was able to find additional funds through Part C to purchase 16 additional vision screening cameras for a total of 47 new pieces of equipment. The equipment that could not be replaced at this time will be repaired or recalibrated at no charge to the CDC's. Mary Kugler- Wyoming and Family Development and representative of Wyoming's Head Start Association. We are in the process of spring enrolling. Trying to connect with families most in need of support. The Wiser ID Committee to ensure that information is being past both ways so the handoff from CDC's to School Districts is as easy as possible.

Senator Wasserburger- was with Campbell County School District for 35 years. Now with Gillette College as the Board of Cooperative Higher Education Services Director.

Jennifer Figenser- Parent Information Center (PIC) Spanish Baby language book ready for distribution.

Amy Reyes- Department of Education, Early Learning Specialist. Secured a Grant for each TANF sight managed to have a one year subscription to an electronic audio reading program. I will be email that information out shortly. Excited to have a new superintendent and deputy superintendent on board.

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Bob Tranas- Campbell County Regional Executive Director (Region 13)

Brittney Thyarks –Department of Family Services, Policy Analyst in charge of the Maternal and Family Early Childhood Visitation Grant.

Helena Wagner- Head Start Collaborations Office Director currently with the Department of Work Force Services, however, Head Start will be moving under Department of Ed in mid-May to help with collaboration efforts. Working on new Baseline Grant trying to align ECE activities across the state.

Dr. Bush- Medicaid Medical Director. Terry Green retired, Jan Stall interim Medicaid Director. 5 projects with Public Health regarding perinatal care.

Jennifer Blaylock- Parent Information Center Director. Trauma informed practices for early childhood providers.

Mavis Earnshaw- Wyoming Department of Insurance, Policy and Planning Analyst. Getting into the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act investigations to insure insurance companies are covering Mental Health the way they should.

Ragen Latham- Operations & Projects Administrator with WDH, Behavioral Health Division.

Sara Serelson- Executive Director of the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund and Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming. It is Prevent Child Abuse Month please see the tool kit: <https://pcawy.org/cap-month-toolkit-1>

Standing Updates

Jennifer Hiler – EIEP Unit Manager

- Early Learning Standard have been mailed out to the CDC's to help bring training and awareness of these standards. Amy Reyes is trying to get them distributed out to kindergarten/preschool teachers throughout the state.
- Link to Early Learning Standards: <http://wyecplc.org/index.php/professional-learning-library/wyoming-early-learning-standards>
- Another big topic is retaining and recruiting early childhood staff.

Continued work on Part B CAPS issued by Department of Education.

Senator Wasserburger – No updates at this time.

- Question from Alisha: Draft bill coming up to move EIEP to Department of Education? We had that bill drafted a few years ago and it didn't pass. Local education institutions did not want to be under the K-12 system. There may be changes to it, but unless someone is given a copy early you will not see it until it is posted in December prior to next general session. There are two elections between now and then. I don't know any more specifics about that.

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Kim Caylor, Part B/619 Coordinator-

- New and reworked policies are on the Wyoming Department of Health website: <https://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/early-intervention-education-program-eiep/preschool-part-b-information/>
- Wrote an internal monitoring manual.
- Self-assessments will now be done for Part B by regions
- Community of Practice has started this week for providers of Part B members (teachers, providers, and administrators) learning about best practices, what is working, what isn't working in each other's regions. This will be reoccurring monthly.
- Rolled out a few new trainings this year.
- Creating a resource guide for assessments. Will list out type of assessments, age ranges, what is specifically tested. Hoping to increase the quality of evaluations.

Janelle Smolinski, Contracts and Data Specialist-

- All ARPA contracts have been executed. Invoices are already being paid out.
- Templates are completed and will be moving to the AG's office early next week.
- Contract amounts will be sent out within the next week for Part B and C.

Judy Juengel – Member updates

- We have had some changes to the Council. Public Health will have two new representative Feliciana Turner and Carleigh Soule.
- Working on recruiting more parents for the Council.

Call for additions to agenda- none.

Review of minutes

Kelli moves to accept the minutes, at 1:49pm, as presented.

Mary approves/ Alisha seconds.

Motion passes.

Public Comment- None

Special Presentation by Bob Tranas, Executive Director of Campbell County Children's Developmental Services – History of Region 13's CDC.

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Opportunity for members and EIEP staff to share positive moments from the past few months.

- Judy- Collaboration with EHDI on screening equipment; Helena with Head Start; PIC booklet in Spanish; ongoing collaboration with WDE hearing and vision outreach.
- Kim – Traveling to regions to build relationships, nice getting to see people again in person.

Old Business- None

Part C Parent Survey Update on Responses – Judy Juengel

- Survey opened in early March and will be open until the end of May. Giving them a little longer to get their responses in.
- Reached out to a few regions that didn't have any responses; they have them in paper form and just haven't uploaded them yet.
- Currently at 17% response rate; Last year we got 56% responses rate
- Options to increase return rate: text blast, give out survey at beginning of home visit, (Alisha) - parents are always up for incentives; WDE does a gift card for surveys.

Part C Review and Approve Application – Judy Juengel

- Waiting for final numbers from OSEP the number we received could change.
- The number we received was an increase from last year of \$9,000.
- First section includes salaries (broken down by percentage); second section includes all administration public awareness (these numbers have not changed); the extra funds we received will be going towards our data system due to increase cost; next section includes services (those funds have not changed); continuing our work with EHDI;
- The number given to us, at this time, for our July 1 Grant is: \$2,362,095.00
- Alisha – was Professional Development added to this year's contracts? Judy - Yes, we have old funds we will be using for PD in this year's contracts. It can also be used on equipment and supplies. Keep your eye out for free webinars.
- Shawna – Since you haven't travelled much in the last few years, do you have enough funds to travel more often? Judy - Our time onsite has shorted, a lot of monitoring has been done on data system.

Motion to approve – Alisha moves to approve/Sara seconds motion 2:28pm
Anyone apposed? None

Break – 2:30-2:35

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SSIP Update – Judy Juengel

- Submitted on to OSEP of February 1st. Power Point sent with minutes
- Helena – Opportunities for local collaboration when doing pyramid work? Half of Head Start grantees are doing intensive TA work with pyramid model. If you want more information we can get some out.

Update on WISER ID Steering Committee – Helena Wagner

- WISER ID's label assigned to children K-12
- We are now assigning them to Part C, Part B, and Head Start children
- CDC's cannot assign WISER ID's (only WDE and EIEP)
- Power Point sent with minutes

Compensation and Expenditure Survey - Judy Juengel

- In 2020 we worked with Data Driven on a Survey requested by Legislature regarding Compensation and Expenditures. Sent out with short turnaround time to be filled out by CDC's and school districts.
- Some recommendations that came from this was: gathering this information on annual basis, study the per child amount, investigate the relationship between service times and funding, study the relationships between expenditures, salaries and child outcomes, and explores collaborations between CDC's and school districts.
- We are going to do another survey, released in May, for FY20-21. We will be working with Pingora Consulting.
- Part of the Survey will be about local funding regarding maintenance of effort.
- We will share results in fall meeting with this Council.
- Alisha – Since our per child amount changed we have not gotten that back. With it going down our local funds are very important. My state and federal funds doesn't cover my payroll. Glad we are looking at expenses and child amounts.

Nominations for new Vice Chair effective 7/1/2022

- Alisha will step into the role of Chair this year.
- Helena Wagner nominated by Alisha/seconded by Mary 3:24pm
- Helena accepted

Upcoming Meetings: In person

July's meeting: in Casper on Tuesday, July 12th from 1:00-4:00 and Wednesday, July 13th from 8:00-12:00. We will discuss the parent survey results and hear from the local CDC's.

October's meeting: in Lander/Riverton on Tuesday, October 11th from 1:00-4:00 and Wednesday, October 12th from 8:00-12:00

Motion to adjourn 3:42pm by Mary.
Seconded by Mavis

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