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Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting	Wyoming Early Intervention Council	Date	April 9, 2025																																																
Chair/Facilitator	Amy Reyes	Time	1:00pm																																																
Location	Cheyenne, WY	Scribe	Danelle Emerson																																																
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Members Absent	Deanna Smith, Jamie Beastro, Debra Hibbard, Shawna Pena, Carleigh Soule, Felicia Turner, Sara Rogers, Kara Wilcox Kelli Pederson																																																		
Guests	Sarah Fitzgerald, Susan Wagner, Bradley Bakken, Ragen Latham, Jennifer Petri, Jolene Flores, Danelle Emerson, Denise Robinson, Brittney Thyarks																																																		

Discussion Items

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1:02pm Call to Order:

Chairperson

Reading of the Mission by Alisha Rone and Charter Summary (Expected Activities) by Natalie Terrell

Self-introduction, role on EIC and pertinent information from guests and EIC members.

Chairperson

Roll call will include updates from members on agency information

Call for Additions to the Agenda

Self- Introductions and Updates

Amy Reyes:

- Get Wild but Get Rested initiative discussion.
- TANF 25-26 Opens June 1st and Closes June 30

Shannon Cranmore: WDE

- Annual McKinney-Vento Homeless program training will take place May 13-14 in Sheridan. The Early childhood portion of this training will take place all day on May 14th. Early childhood homeless liaisons and identified staff are encouraged to attend. They can register for this training here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-star-tickets-1263030250479?aff=oddtcreator>

Alisha Rone: Region 9

- The CDC of Natrona County is working on its May 1 child count along with transitioning 150 children to kindergarten with the school district. As well as the CDC's annual event is May 3rd

Carleigh Soule: PHD -

- Wrapped up our five-year needs assessment for our Title V block grant and we're working on making those results available for public consumption.

Nicole Neider: Exec. Director of WY Children's Trust Funds -

- Supporting the Family Resource Center in Laramie County

Cari Glantz: Community outreach coordinator - Institute for Disabilities - UW ECHO

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- Cari is presenting about ECHO for Families at the National Parent Center Conference in Denver on April 9.
- Week of the Young Child Fair in Laramie on April 12, 9:30am - 11:30am at Civic Center South Gym
- Vision Screening Training: 45 people attended the April 3 webinar. Another webinar is scheduled for August 21. Asynchronous course is also available.
- ECHO in Early Childhood is finished for the academic year. Thanks to Amy Reyes for the great series on outdoor learning! Past session materials and recordings are available.
- Project SCOPE (Supporting Children of the OPioid Epidemic will finish on April 14. Recordings are not available for this series. Thanks to Alisha for being on the hub team!
- Wyoming Assistive Technology Resources (WATR) Open House for National AT Awareness Day: Wed, April 30 from 11am-1pm at the WATR Lab (UW Health Sciences Bldg, Room 151). Visit the lab to learn about AT and services provided to the state. Refreshments will be available.
- Telehealth tablets are still available for families with children with special healthcare needs to access Telehealth appointments. Contact me for more info.
- Act Early materials available through the online order form.

Jamie Beastrom: Family service coordinator - Newcastle -

- Region III Developmental Services is working on our May one count and will be transitioning roughly 40 children to kindergarten in all 5 of our communities.
- Participating in the Adventures in Learning night with our community agencies to celebrate Week of the Young Child. Families have opportunities to visit each agency for an engaging activity and when they have completed all areas, each child can choose a book to take home.

Natalie Terrell: Region 13 -

- Celebrating NAEYC Week of the Young Child this week. Kicked the week off with a family carnival night and celebrated during the week with fun classroom events.
- We will have our first annual "Summer Camp" sessions starting this June. Camps will be offered to community children ages 3-8 and will run two weeks in June and two weeks in July. Some of the sessions include "STEAM", "Outdoor adventure", "Messy Picasso Art camp", "Literacy Camp". ESY services will be offered during the camp for those it was recommended.

Kelley Shepp: Wyoming Dept of Insurance - No updates to report

Kim Caylor: EIEP Unit Manager -

- Preschool has made great improvements over the past year in regard to the Compliance Agreement under WDE.
- Encouraged the CDC's to register for the ESA process.
- Both Part B and C staff will attend in-person COS trainings.

Jennifer Petri: Part B / 619 Coordinator -

- The Part B Parent Survey results are far above the national average, with a 98 percent satisfaction rating and a 45 % participation rate.

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- Indicators of quality, including improvements in children's social-emotional skills, knowledge, and taking action to meet needs remain above the national average.
- The least restrictive environment percentages remain excellent, with Wyoming continuing to be second only to one other state. This means that the vast majority of our students with disabilities are educated in a regular education environment.

Ragen Latham: Operations & Projects Administrator / Interim Senior Administrator - Introduced Suzy Wagner - Data Driven

Helena Wagner: Head Start

- The Office of Head Start does not currently have a politically appointed director. However, the administration's priorities will likely emphasize the MAHA (Make America Healthy Again) initiatives from Secretary Kennedy.
- The HSCO is reviving resources and materials to support nutrition and wellness in all ECE settings, and will be expanding initiatives to support healthy habits at home. The Healthy Policies Toolkit was well-received when launched in 2019 and may be revised for re-release to all Wyoming programs. An addendum would focus on home-visiting programs and persistently challenging areas such as negotiating CACFP-approved snack-time.
- Partnership Update:
 - Initiatives hosted by WDE, such as Get Wild Wyoming.
 - Wyoming Oral Health Coalition to ensure toothbrushing resources (for all ages) are readily available through ECE program partnerships.
 - Head Start programs at the local level are actively connected to the First Lady's Hunger Initiative that links local food providers and commodities to families most in need.

Deana Smith: WDE

- WDE Website: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/parents/special-education/>
- Dispute resolution findings: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/parents/special-education/dispute-resolution/>
- All virtual training recordings and materials can be found here:
<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/professional-development/waves/> and
<https://wyominginstructionalnetwork.com/professional-development/specialeducationprofessionaldevelopment/>

Child Outcome Summary (COS) Training

The Wyoming Department of Education will be conducting training sessions to support the implementation of the Child Outcome Summary (COS) process. This training is intended for service coordinators and providers working with children ages 3 to 5 who have an Individual Education Program. Please be aware

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that space is limited at each venue, attendance should be restricted to essential personnel only. **Register here** by **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**.

- **April 23, 2025 Time:** 9am-12pm
 - **Location:** Albany County School District #1, Special Services Training Room
 - **Address:** 509 South 9th Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070
- **April 29, 2025 Time:** 9am-12pm
 - **Location:** George Amos Memorial Building, Ponderosa Room
 - **Address:** 412 South Gillette Avenue, Gillette, Wyoming 82716
- **April 30, 2025 Time:** 9am-12pm
 - **Location:** Intertribal Education and Community Center, Room - ITECC125
 - **Address:** 2660 Peck Avenue, Riverton, Wyoming 82501
- **May 1, 2025 Time:** 9am-12pm
 - **Location:** Sweetwater County School District #2, Central Office - Board Room
 - **Address:** 351 Monroe Avenue, Green River, Wyoming 82935

For more information, contact Susan Goodnough at susan.goodnough@wyo.gov.

WDE SPED ACADEMY

SPED CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE: July 30-31. 2025

SPED NEW TEACHER BOOTCAMP

SAVE THE DATE: July 29. 2025

2025 SPED Conference registration coming soon!

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Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from national experts and connect with fellow special educators across the state. This conference will offer a deep dive into specially designed instruction (SDI) in academics, functional, and behavioral needs.

New SPED Teacher Boot Camp

Are you a new special education teacher with three (3) years or less experience? Join us for a Pre-Conference Event - New Special Education Teacher Boot Camp July 29, 2025, along with the SPED Conference July 30 - 31, 2025 at the Little America Hotel & Resort (Wyoming Room), in Cheyenne.

For more information, contact Deana Smith deana.smith@wyo.gov

WDE Self-Paced Modules:

<https://wde.catalog.instructure.com/>

Special Education:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
<https://wde.catalog.instructure.com/browse/wde/courses/individualized-education-program-iep>
- Special Education Law
<https://wde.catalog.instructure.com/browse/wde/courses/special-education-law-modules>
- Planning Transition Services (secondary)
<https://wde.catalog.instructure.com/browse/wde/courses/planning-transition-services>
- Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) Series
<https://wde.catalog.instructure.com/browse/wde/courses/specially-designed-instruction-sdi>
- Special Education Process
<https://wde.catalog.instructure.com/browse/wde/courses/the-special-education-process>

Bradley Hartman Bakken / Sarah Fitzgerald: EHDI

- Continuing work to ensure access to newborn hearing screenings for the out of hospital/community birth population by providing equipment and training to licensed and certified nurse midwives. EHDI and the Newborn Screening Program are presenting information during the Wyoming State Board of Midwifery on April 10, 2025. This population has increased from 2.4% of Wyoming births in 2020 to 4% in 2024.
- Continuing to partner with the CDC in Casper to provide a pediatric audiology specialty clinic for children birth through 21. For children 5 and under, family-to-family support is an integrated component of the audiology appointments.
- The Wyoming Early Intervention Initiative (WEII) is continuing to provide support to the WEII Plus Facilitators. Facilitators are typically speech language pathologists and Teachers of the Deaf at the CDCs providing early intervention to children who are Deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) and their families. A virtual, collaborative training with the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind,

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Supporting the Whole Child: Social-Emotional, Sensory, and Self-regulation Skills for Children who are D/HH, is scheduled for Facilitators on May 17th. Ongoing uniform developmental assessments are continuing for this population. Since September of 2020, 217 assessments have been completed on 77 children who are D/HH, ages 9 months through 5 years of age.

- Working with the EIEP to have SPED Advantage and the EHDI-IS integrated so that hearing and vision screening results and follow-up will only need to be entered into one system, the EHDI-IS, as soon as this fall. Currently drafting a Data Use Agreement to make this possible.
- Hearing screening trainings are ongoing. To date in 2025, screeners in CDC Regions 1, 10, and 13 have received the training. CDC Regions 2 and 7 are scheduled for June and August, respectively, and EHDI can schedule others as needed/requested. Training on how to enter hearing and vision screening results and follow-up information in the EHDI-IS are also ongoing and can be scheduled as needed/requested. In 2025, this training has been provided to staff in Regions 10-13.

Call for Additions to Agenda and Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

Emily - Family Resource Center Presentation

Discussion and Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

Motion to approve - Alicia Rone / Second - Natalie Terrell

Public Comment - No public comment was received.

Legislative updates All Agencies - No questions at this time

Part C Application -

- PowerPoint presentation shared
- Due May 21, 2025 - Submit to the federal government. It is currently posted on the WDE website.
- Reminder that Professional Development funds need to be spent by June 30. If it is not spent then it goes back into the main budget. Regions that don't spend the full amount can only request what they spent the prior year.

Part C Report Cards/ Data Review - Suzy Wagner shared PowerPoint presentation

Regional Provider Presentation - Powerpoint presentation shared by Cyndi Fischer Region 4

Break

Family Resource Center Presentation - Laramie County - Laura Fowler shared PowerPoint presentation

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- The facility has a very inviting environment. They meet with the individual to ask what they are needing, give guidance, goal setting with an informal setting. They set a time to follow up and see how they are doing.
- Meet one/one with individuals, help with budgets,
- They are very committed to the community. Firm believer in building relationships.
 - bluefoundation.blue
 - <https://pcawy.org/frc-list> - Trust Fund Website
 - <https://www.bluefoundation.blue/hello-world/>

Child Outcomes Summary Process - Powerpoint presentation shared

- Reminder that the implementation date is July 1, 2025
- If students enter using the BDI tool, they will exit using COS. Other states have changed systems and we know that the data will be messy for around 3 years, but we just need to be able to explain the process and where we are in the process for OSEP reporting.
- Presentation -

DMS Monitoring - Part C -

- The Part C DMS Monitoring visit is scheduled to take place in October 2026. The monitoring will be conducted in three phases:
 - Phase 1: Document Request and Protocol Interviews
 - Phase 2: On-site/Virtual Visit through issuing of the Monitoring Report
 - Phase 3: Follow-up and Close-out
- The OSEP Monitoring team will request all policies, procedures, and process documents from the program, including backup documents showing the implementation of the policies/procedures.
- They will engage with the local programs, families, parent centers, EIC, and advocacy groups to gather information about the WY Part C program. We have been working really hard to prepare for the visit. We've started making updates to our Part C procedure documents. Kim and I attended an intense 2 ½ day work session with our contracted Technical Writer to go through our Part C policies and procedures and create manuals for program and fiscal monitoring, as well as dispute resolution. The next project is to work on creating desk manuals that further define the step-by step processes.

Part C Self Assessment Revision -

- The Part C annual self-assessment was revised to allow regional programs a structured opportunity to evaluate their performance and identify areas for improvement.
- The revised assessment protocol focuses on areas that impact program quality and compliance. Programs examine their timeliness for initial evaluations, service delivery, and IFSP development. They also evaluate their transition planning processes, ensuring that

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families experience smooth transitions to the preschool program, other services or exiting from Part C. All Regions have completed their assessments, the next step is for EIEP to review results and work with programs to develop improvement plans that will guide improvement efforts throughout the coming year.

Nominations/voting for new Co Chair -

- Natalie Terrell - Voted in as new Chairman
- Kim Caylor nominated Helena for Co-Chairman - Voted in as new Co-Chairman

Agenda ideas for July meeting

- Sheridan, Wyoming (7/23 - 7/24) - Two half day sessions
- Brittney will share the Plans of Safe Care to the group every other meeting. She will provide updates at our meeting in July

Final comments/thoughts/reflections -

- Alisha's last meeting with EIC.
- Thank you to Amy for all she did for the council.
- Thank you to Curtis and Laureena for joining the meeting.
- Motion to adjourn - Natalie Terrell, seconded - Alisha Rone
- Meeting adjourned 3:33pm