

Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

Election of Officers for Executive Committee for FY2011

Mary Stevens presented the slate of potential officers for the Fiscal Year 2011. This list was emailed to members prior to this meeting.
Motion by Jeffrey Anderson to close nominations, and approve the proposed list, second by Michael Bergan. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognize incoming chair

The Council thanked Kelly Hancock as the outgoing Council Chair. Kelly shared her gratitude with the Council for their support for her as Chair during her tenure. The Council welcomed Julie Hahn as the new Chair for 2010-2011.

Office of Special Education Programs state visit and ICC survey

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has several areas they will look at during their upcoming state visit (general supervision, how we identify and correct noncompliance, fiscal requirements and data). Prior to the visit OSEP would like the ICEA members to respond to a survey regarding their role in the Part C system.
The Council broke into small groups to discuss the survey questions.
The ICEA Chair will send OSEP the survey responses.

APR Outcome Indicators

State staff presented data from FFY 2009-2010 on Indicators C2 Natural Environments and C4 Family Outcomes. ICEA member input will be incorporated into the Annual Performance Report that will be submitted in February. The ICEA members broke into two groups to give input on the Indicators. Members made the following observations;

- Are we really individualizing the services?
- What does OSEP see as an appropriate target?
- What would happen if we decided to drop our target?
- Family Outcomes: The data indicate that we're exceeding the targets in all three areas as a state.
- Without knowing which questions are scored for these indicators they cannot answer the sub-questions behind them.
- Work to see how the questions are broken down into sub-questions.

Lead Agency Report

The Lead Agency gave an update on the upcoming OSEP visit. OSEP will be visiting both the Part B and Part C portions of IDEA. They will visit 5 AEAs and districts within these AEAs for Part B monitoring. They will only be doing an "in-house" review of Part C at the state level. The Council will be given a follow-up update at the November meeting after the visit has occurred. OSEP will also provide a formal report after the visit that will be shared with the council.

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Council Priority Work - Data Based Decision Making

Julie Hahn noted that at the May Council meeting, the Council decided to focus on data informed decision making as its priority areas for FY11. In order to plan future meetings she asked members to think about what areas do they want more data. This will be further discussed at the November meeting. A survey will be distributed prior to a future meeting to help members begin thinking about this topic.

OSEP Conference August 2010

Julie Hahn gave a summary of the conference. There is a goal to break down the barriers between the Departments of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Education. Overall, it was a very good experience.

Announcements

- Angie Hance will meet with EA Coordinator and CHSC to discuss consistency of services for the merged AEAs 14 & 13.
 - Mary Stevens shared that the Chief Administrators for AEAs have identified services for children with autism as a priority for this year.
 - Rae Miller announced that the QSR will be in the Council Bluffs area this year during the first week of April, volunteers are welcome.
 - Cindy Weigel announced that members interested in the family survey or survey questions should contact Marion, this will get started in the fall.
 - Mary Jane Brotherson said that DEC will be held in Kansas City, doctoral students and candidates from ISU will give presentations.
 - Jodi Angus announced that she will be presenting at the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) conference.
 - Julie Hahn shared that she recently gave a speech on the importance of having a Medical Home.
 - Michael Bergan announced that federal funding has been designated for family support programming; ECI has submitted a needs assessment and an application.
 - Julie Curry shared that she has NAEYC anti-bias education information available.
 - Robert Anderson said that the Scott County Kids will discuss the system for behavior/mental health for children, which should include children 0 – 3 years of age.
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Adjournment

Julie Hahn noted that the next meeting will be on November 19th. Motion to adjourn by Gladys Alvarez, 2nd by Jodi Angus. Motion passed unanimously.
