

Minutes: Early ACCESS Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting date, time, and place Date: June 27, 2012
Time: 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Place: Grimes State Office Building, 3rd Floor, 3N

Present: Michael Bergen via conference call, Dr. Maria Cashman, Paula Connolly, Julie Hahn, Gretchen Hageman, Rae Miller, Heather Moorman Jodi Bruce, Julie Curry, Chad Dahm, Melissa Schnurr, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Meghan Wolfe

Absent: Debra Waldron

Meeting start Julie Hahn, Chair.
Introductions were made.
Minutes approved via motion by LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, second by Heather Moorman

Lead Agency Update Laurabelle – Part C application was submitted in April. OSEP did not see all the connections that we had made. Department of Education will be resubmitting the application with updated information. There will need to be changes to the MOA.

Thomas Mayes will be assisting with the clarification of information. Funding to regional grantees will stay status quo. Discretionary programs may be cut public relations materials, etc. State agency positions will be maintained.

Marty Ikeda is a great advocate for children with special needs. Students Strategies and Supports. School improvement, standards and curriculum, educator quality

Informal Systems Concerns Shared handouts from Chris

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By-Law Update

Mike Bergen has been working on the draft of changes. (A handout will be forwarded to all). Changes need to be sent to members 30 days prior to the September meeting.

- Wants to reference executive order to begin the council
- Inserted new language from federal regulations and new rules
- Membership quota – currently says 15 to 30 members. Current minimum will be 18 with no more than 25.
- Attendance requirement and quorum – without legislative order the quorum is 2/3 of the federal regulations will allow majority. Minutes - 2/3 of total present can approve minutes
- Governor’s report – do we want to list more detail in the by-laws?
- Electronic means of conference calls – subject to open meetings law. It will say electronic meeting can be held.
- One area highlighted – will need to identify a new position at Department of Education to include in by-laws.

Clarified that the governor must appoint members based on Part C Federal Regulations.

Lead & Signatory Agency Update Documents

Purpose and intended Audience

Signatory Agency helpful – link to MOA and action plan

Keep us informed of what is going on in their agency (related to Birth to age three years)

Connections to ECI

Rethink the format “Wall of Words”

Initial Planning Orientation and September meeting

Half day session for orientation on Wednesday afternoon and full council on Thursday. Paula Connolly suggested having the mentors contacting the new member prior to the orientation to make connections. Mike Bergen suggested that Indicator Review be done following It-Kit. Paula Connolly suggested presenting on Parents as Presenters summary be done at a council meeting

Sharing and adjournment

LauraBelle will be the SLP Consultant for Department of Education.

Heather Moorman and Paula Connolly to OSEP

Paula Connolly – ASK having training on how families can support literacy for children with special needs.

Suzy Moorman is getting a bike. Children’s Miracle Network has chosen Suzy as one of four kids in the state – July 26 at Dairy Queen part of the purchase of a blizzard will be donated to Children’s Miracle Network.

Julie Hahn attended the Hands and Voices Conference in Portland, OR.

Chad Dahm going to a state Administrator conference in DC in July.

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Parent as Presenters information went out in May.
Final selection has not been completed yet.
Mike Bergen shared information on rules change with ECI Directors.
Learn the Signs – Act Early has been provided to ECI and EHS
Press conference tomorrow on Health Care Reform and the Supreme Court
Julie Curry's last meeting is today.

Meeting adjourn by Paula Connolly and Gretchen Hageman second

Motion to Adjourn

Next Executive Committee meeting 08/29/2012, 11:00 to 1:00, Grimes State
Office Building, Conference Room 3North