

***Iowa Council for Early ACCESS  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2013***

**I. Call to order**

**Julie Hahn**, ICEA chair, called the meeting of the Early ACCESS Executive Committee meeting to order at 11:08 AM on April 3, 2013, in Des Moines, IA at the Grimes State Office Bldg, 400 E 14<sup>th</sup> St., Room 3 North.

**II. Attendance**

**Council Members Present:** Julie Hahn, Maria Cashman via conference call (cc), Chad Dahm, Gretchen Hageman, Julie Hahn, Deb Waldron (cc), LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, and Michael Bergan (cc)

**Staff Present:** Kate Small, Cindy Weigel, Meghan Wolfe, Jim Donohue, Chris Rubino

**Absent:** Heather Moorman. Rae Miller, Paula Connolly.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Gretchen Hageman made a motion to approve the minutes, Chad Dahm seconded.

**IV. Lead Agency update**

LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, designee to represent the Department of Education as Lead Agency, reported the following updates:

- On track for a timely submission for Part C Grant applications.
- OSEP is still talking about visiting states solely on results accountability and not on compliance.
- The memorandum of agreement went out to the agencies and we have only received a few suggestions for minor edits. This is great news and we are ahead of schedule.

Chad Dahm

- Chad and LauraBelle are going to meet with DHS and Iowa State to talk about Chris' position to talk about funding and appointment terms. Possibly more representation from DHS regarding Medicaid.

Gretchen Hageman

- Working on coordinated intake RFP – combining work of EA Iowa with MIECHV
- The projected start date is August for the new contractor, current contractor (VNS) will continue until October in order for an overlap in combining the two systems.
- After implementation, we will look at regional structure.
- First 5 expansion- possible increase in funding at \$2.43 million
- RFA for EA coordination- March 1, due April 30 Agency changes role with EA coordination.
- As part of the Children's Mental Health redesign, there is a proposal to house a Center on Excellence and Innovation at public health
- Deb Waldron: No new updates.

## **V. Medicaid update**

- Jim Donohue presented.
- Part C FAQs are complete.
- Service coordinator billable matrix is co-edited and approved.
- Iowa Braille is looking to become a Part C provider for Medicaid. They are at the point for sending a formal application to the Iowa Medicaid Provider Enrollment.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of services being able to billed to Medicaid.
- Just finished the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter regarding payments for LEA. Up almost 11% at the same time last year.

## **VI. Informal Systems**

No concerns that we know of.

## **VII. OSEP Conference**

They are just starting to send out notices. We will check if we are able to send parents to the conference.

## **VIII. Dates**

- Orientation – got changed from day to night.
- Dates should be the third Friday of every other month.
- Exec Council meetings: when do we need to schedule them? We will need to work with Heather to see what times work best for her.

## **IX. Sharing**

Jim: Things may look different in the future regarding transportation with Medicaid. Webinar should be posted on ECI website- hearing screening and follow-up process.

**Julie Hahn** adjourned the meeting at 11:55 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deb Waldron; seconded by LauraBelle. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Small, 4/03/2013

**2012-2013 Executive Committee future meeting dates:** June 19, 2013