Iowa Council for Early ACCESS  
Meeting Minutes, November 15, 2013

I. Call to order
Heather Moorman called to order the regular meeting of the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS at 10:08 AM on January 17, 2014 in Clive, IA at the Country Inn and Suites.

II. Attendance
Council Members Present: Gladys Alvarez (Late), Marti Andera (cc), Jeffrey Anderson, Mary Butler (late), Paula Connolly (late), Gary Guetzko, Barbara Khal (filling in for Debra Waldron), Kevin Koester, Julie Hahn (late), Angela Hance, Debra Matzat (cc), LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl (late), Joshua Tessier, Kasey Vermillion, Shari Huecksteadt, Kim Thomas, Mykala Robinson (filling in for Chad Dahm),

Staff Present: Rae Miller, Cindy Weigel, Meghan Wolfe, Kate Small

Absent: Maria Cashman, Heather Moorman, Gretchen Hageman, Aryn Kruse, Stacy Kramer, Janet Stauss

Jeff Anderson moved to amend the agenda, Angie Hance seconded that movement.

Angela moved to approved the minutes are they are. Seconded by Gary Guetzko. All approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting
Minutes from the September 2013 meeting were reviewed and corrected as follows: Heather Moorman made adjourned the meeting. Motion made by Angela Hance, seconded by Jeffrey Anderson. Approved unanimously.

IV. APR Indicator Presentation
Meghan Wolfe presented on indicators C5 and C6 (child find Birth to One and Child Find Birth to Three). A question was brought up with how Iowa determined its target and what measures they used to determine. Question: do we show trend data to see if changes in referral sources. We hope that physicians will use a screening tool, which will lead to higher quality referrals. Would like to look at first five map and see what the overlap is. Can you tease out information to see where the health referrals are coming from. How do we track those kids who are born out of state but live in Iowa. It is hard to “drill down” some of the questions because it is hard to get out of our data system. One of our rationale for moving to a new data system so it is easier to get information out of. So what from the data…… Not always a true pictures because we
are trying to show the federal office of SpEd that we are identifying children at risk and in need of services. We need to get disaggregation from 3-5. Only about a 1000 transition from C to B.

NICU babies- general numbers of how many babies are in and how many numbers we are getting referrals from- only half. Nearly all of them are eligible. Maybe those are the ones that show up at 3 years old. How many children are on the autism spectrum. Doctors have said you can’t diagnose autism until they are 3 or 4 years old. Dealing with so many different opinions and personal and professional opinions. Some of them are more willing to work with you than others. Caseloads are a priority and lack of resources is probably a big reason. There is a capacity issue as well. I don’t think the other half might be found in disabilities. Accumulation or lack of environmental factors are something that you might have been able to predict. Will share article for the Journal of Pediatrics of eligible vs. served. Kate will send article to everyone.

C7: We were below the target with 99.84% and
C1: We were below the target of 100% with 99.44% (2/354 children).

Interested to see how this statistic will change over the years because RBI ( )

Intervention can and should be happening anywhere.

As a state- Are HR policies supporting workers who need to get work done that recognizes the flexible schedule for working with families.

Family Outcomes Indicator
Addressed slippage: consider change in instrument, change how reported- AEAs did not enter data. Did not meet target in 2 of 3 areas measured. Paula shared calls of concerns increased to ASK for 0-5 year olds compared to past year. For example 4 calls prior years and 12 calls this year.

C8 timely transition
First year we met timely transition conference to preschool or other services hit 100-large increase.

Discussed difference between C and B eligibility. Discussed language and reading connection and how children’s language could be behind then caught up however later in school child falls behind in reading.

Next council meeting CK4 igdis, Ties data system. Understanding of MTSS at state level.

As a council or state how do we address kids with summer birthdays who turn 3 and then have to wait til school year starts to continue services.

Resources, accessibility and availability differ from region to region. Discussed high need for partnership between 0-3 and 3-21 world.
ECO (C3): In general, there is no statistical difference in outcome A (Positive social emotional skills (but we are slightly below target). Not meeting the targets of substantially increased rate of growth in the three areas. Our targets have been moving up each year, even though the data may not be statistically different than last year. This data is critical for us to look at as providers, are we increasing skills then school readiness is going to be challenging for them. Provision of money going to coordinating services, not providing the actual services. What is family perception vs. reality is an interesting concept. If family scored high on meeting their child’s needs, the ECO score.

Is ECO a national problem? Advocacy of fidelity of ECO using DMM.

State suggesting what instruments should the state be using for consistency throughout the state. Having service gaps is another thing that we need to consider. What other learning opportunities are out there for kids.

Part C application will be online about February 15, you are welcome to go online and make public comment.

We can continue to visit the indicators.

The governor’s report is finished and we will send out copies to everyone. Please let Kate know if you would like a hard copy.

One main take away is that the system is at capacity for the current funding- we need to try and find additional funding supports.

Gladys: Trauma and Informed conference will be charged per day so that people can register “ala carte”.

Day on the Hill is Early Childhood Day on the Hill.

Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholder Alliance meeting will be 12:00-1:00 will be the cookies and conversations where they will have people in separate quadrants of the rotunda and are letting representatives know where people will be located. 1:00-2:00 is when you can do one on one with Kevin suggested that people who want to talk to their

On the way into the house there is a desk where you fill out a paper to know.

Kate will forward a link for registering for Day on the Hill.

Connecting Early Childhood to the Workforce

Wallace auditorium is not a very large place so get there early if you can.

Heather motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 p.m. due to weather. Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded.

V. Part C Update

Shari Huecksteadt gave an update on the Early ACCESS Leadership Group. Two of the big goals this year are to improve the professional development related to coaching and to improve the IFSP (Individualized Family Services Plan) paperwork. There have
been several initiatives throughout the state related to coaching, one Rush and Sheldon, and the other Julianne Woods (Distance Mentoring Model). Had an update for Procedural Safeguards manual for parents. Thomas Mayes (lawyer) came in and really emphasized the need to stress the importance to families that this document helps protect their rights, as well as ours. We are considering coming up with a training video. Consent for Medicaid and the system of payments information is now part of the manual.

Kasey added that when at a breakout session at the OSEP meeting, Nebraska had a small “textbook” that they give to parents. They would remind parents to read certain sections before certain meetings.

Paula mentioned that we should check out what Connecticut and Massachusetts did for their parent surveys; they added a video that talked about why it was important for families to complete the survey and it doubled the return rate.

VI. Committee Reports

Parent Committee:
It would be nice to have something for Day on the Hill like the Jude video. Does Early ACCESS have any resources that we could use? State Team can put the word out through the liaisons.

Public Policy Committee
Great discussion over the lunch hour on how to work “smarter not harder”. Since Iowa is one of the 5 remaining birth mandate states, we might look at how other states gravitated away and what funding streams have they accessed to provide funding for services to kids and families.

Governor’s Report Committee
Shari Hueksteadt reported about what topics they would like to include this year in the report. One page would be ideal, but probably hard to do. This year we will probably try to keep the format the same and maybe see what we can condense. How many kids exit without needing an IEP? It is also important to talk about DMM (Distance Mentoring Model). Maybe we can provide a letter for each region or area that goes along with the governor’s report to see what impacts at both a local and state level.

Membership/Nominations Committee
Gladys Alvarez is the chair of the committee. We have 9 people who have terms ending and have talked to those who are eligible for reappointment. The governor’s office sends out forms. We have one parent we need to replace. The state will come up with a cover letter and everyone from the council will send out. Might also consider having someone from Magellan (Medicaid/insurance) on the Council.

By-Laws Committee
Currently up to date.

**Kasey Vermillion** adjourned the meeting at **3:08 pm**.  
A motion was made by Paula Connelly and seconded by Gladys Alvarez. It was approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Kate Small