

## Child Development Coordinating Council Minutes January 15, 2014

### Attending

**Voting Members Present:** Mary Groen (chair), Erin Clancy, Carla Peterson, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Peg Macek, Colleen Dunn, Betty Zan

**Voting Members Absent:** Julie Ingersoll, Lance Roorda

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Cathy Wheatcraft

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Tom Rendon, Tracey Mavis

**Staff to Council:** Diane Moore and Amy Stegeman

### Major Discussion Points

The meeting was called to order by Mary Groen, Council Chair.

#### Approval of November 20, 2013 Minutes

Mary identified that quorum was reached and requested a motion for approval of the November minutes.

Laurabelle moved to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Erin. Through a roll call vote the minutes were approved by all voting members and with a decision to abstain by Betty Zan due to an absence during the November meeting.

#### Program Updates: Amy Stegeman, Diane Moore

Preschool:

- Third quarter payments have been sent to the grantees.
- The DE Information Technology (IT) staff is working with Teaching Strategies (TS) GOLD to assign unique student ID's for all preschool Shared Visions students. The process is being implemented to alleviate the duplication of information being submitted by grantees.
- Application for FY15 – Amy is reviewing the preschool application to update and align with recommendations from audit report and to more closely align with code.
- Homes of Oakridge – has achieved National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation well ahead of timeline.
- College Community – meeting all timelines, waiting for NAEYC site visit date before their window expires in March 2014. Within 3 months of the site visit, they should receive NAEYC's decision regarding accreditation status.

Parent Support:

- The REDcap Data Guidance document has been updated again (version 6.0) and shared with all program directors. On future agendas, the Council will learn more about ways staff are planning to increase consistency and accuracy of data collection across all family support programs.
- As staff turnover occurs, work continues with grantees to coordinate transfer of iPads and training on REDcap.
- The Teen Parent Program operated by the United Action for Youth of Johnston County, a Shared Visions (SV) parent support grantee, just received the Iowa Family Support Credential.

#### Update on Administrative Rule Revisions Amy Stegeman, Diane Moore

Staff is continuing to update a draft rule revision for the division leadership to approve prior to a state board meeting. Within the planning, it was evident that additional information was needed, so timeline was moved forward to February.

Mary asked for follow up regarding the Council suggestion to create a table of Early Childhood (EC) funds and

what is unique about each funding stream. This would provide a quick look at Iowa EC services and help explain how SV works to ensure it fills the needs/gaps in Iowa. Suggested for inclusion in this table would be Early Childhood Iowa (ECI), Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs (SWVPP), Head Start (HS), EC special education, etc. The table might include demographics of unserved populations, program requirements, etc. The inquiry was to clarify whether this needed to be done for the rule revision work or if it was a separate conversation to be added to a future agenda. It was determined this was future work that did not need to occur prior to any rule revisions. Diane mentioned that other agencies/groups have created some similar documents – ECI, Legislative Services Bureau, etc. Laurabelle suggested resending the SV presentation from last legislative year which details the purpose and impact of SV. Mary commented that distinguishing the preschool programs from the K – 3 at risk grants might be one reason to have a clarifying statement.

### **SV Annual Report**

The Council reviewed the parent support section of the annual report and provided feedback on the recommendations to the governor. All grantee year end reports from preschool have been approved and staff is now waiting for the data to be downloaded from the DE secure website. As soon as the data is downloaded and analyzed, Amy can complete preschool part of the report and submit to the governor. A copy will be sent to the council at the same time.

### **Discussion on the powerpoint handout on Diversity presented by Drs. Develin and Grey (UNI) at the November ECI state board meeting.**

Mary asked for conversation regarding the PowerPoint handout that was sent with the November minutes. As mentioned at the last meeting Betsy attended the presentation and provided some key points regarding the data and challenges, including a discussion on the changing landscape of diversity in Iowa and the growth of micro-plurality and its impact in Iowa. Laurabelle added that because many of these families have young children, the impact for educators is the need to know how to support families and their children (language, health, early learning, transitions, etc.) EC feeling impact as growth is mostly in the 0 – 5 population. Changes how we serve families – education, health, language, etc. Need to prepare to serve these groups. Many thought the “special considerations section” was very thought provoking. Erin said she has previously worked in migrant education services and reminded us that Iowa and all states have a program to support migrants (Title 1, Part C). Most of the funds go to K – 12 programs, but this is not required and funding could go to preschool or child care. Cathy W. heard the summary. She shared that one major reason for the growth of micro-plurality is the shift to hiring documented workers and US citizens from countries with languages/dialects that are obscure. Sometimes translators are not available. Cathy discussed how Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) and Lutheran Services of Iowa (LSI) are working with women to become home child care providers.

### **CDCC Member Updates:**

Erin: Working on wrap around child care proposal for RFP process.

Carla - no updates

Peg - no updates

Colleen – no updates

Betty – (See next agenda item for an update on ECI.)

Cathy W. – CCRR has piloted and is now finalizing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) modules for family child care. One March 12<sup>th</sup> Tom Rendon will present a train the trainer session.

Jeanie – no updates

Mary – is serving on the state assessment subcommittee which includes C4K and work with Teaching Strategies GOLD.

### **Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) State Board meeting**

Betsy – at the ECI meeting a subcommittee of members and local area directors made recommendations for improving quality through the EC funding to local areas. The recommendation that all programs funded must be nationally accredited or have achieved a Quality Rating System (QRS) level 3, 4, or 5 by 2015 was very controversial and was not passed. Maps of locations of center/homes in each county by QRS level and showed that Iowa has several counties no QRS level 3 – 4 homes/centers. Carla asked if there was anyone who suggested they try to get programs to work toward a higher level of quality rather than just if there are any available. Cathy stated that programs aren't participating in QRS because parents don't request it and they have a waiting list so they don't see the need for quality improvements.

Cathy mentioned that the federal Office of Child Care has proposed new rules looking to improve quality and strengthen oversight for any program receiving child care assistance. Items such as pre-service training and pre-approval site visits would be required beginning in 2015 (pending approval of the legislation).

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourn**

Betsy moved the meeting be adjourned. Erin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Future Meeting Agenda Items**

Mary, Colleen, can't attend in person in March. Discuss with Erin/Mary for Janet's presentation in March.

Other agenda items:

Parent Support information – Janet Horras (moved to May)

Audit and Rule Revisions – updates

Application – Updates

**Future Meeting Dates**

March 12, 2014 –Conference call, 10:00am – 12:00 noon

May 21, 2014 – In Person, 10:00am – 3:00pm Grimes Building

July 16, 2014 – Conference Call (optional) 10:00 – 12:00 noon