

Iowa Council for Early ACCESS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2014

I. Call to order

LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Lead Agency, called the meeting of the Early ACCESS Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. on February 19, 2014, at the Grimes State Office Bldg, 400 E 14th St., Room 3 North in Des Moines, IA.

II. Attendance

Council Members Present: LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Heather Moorman (cc), Maria Cashman (cc), Kim Thomas, Paula Connolly (cc), Gretchen Hageman, Kasey Vermillion, Debra Waldron (cc)

Staff Present: Meghan Wolfe, Kate Small, Cindy Weigel

Absent/Excused: Chad Dahm

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Debra motioned to approve the minutes as written; LauraBelle seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. Lead Agency update

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

- The Annual Performance Report was submitted timely.
- The State application is posted on the DE website for public comment. The dollar amount is the same as the prior year. We might have to adjust the budget based on what OSEP (Office of Special Education) allocates. We haven't received the notice from OSEP yet. We will resubmit after the official notice.

CHSC update

Debra Waldron Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC) reported the following updates:

- Regional autism assistance program – helping to convene and expert panel. Worked with DHS to draft administrative rules. Released and approved in January and a final draft will be voted on this month. We have been able to train Nurse Practitioners in Stat MD- which allows them to do a more in-depth analysis.
- The administrator for the plan has been selected through and RFP (Magellan). They are providing care coordination assistance to families who might be eligible, eligible (0-9) and have a diagnosis of AHD, \$36,000 for 2 years for ADA services who do not receive Medicaid or insurance.
- CHSC has held a contract with the DE on the Autism Assistance program. Since Sue Baker has retired, we hired a full time person to fill the position. Her name is Peggy Swails, who was working on EHDI (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention)

Iowa Department of Public Health update:

Gretchen Hageman and Meghan Wolfe (IDPH) reported the following updates:

- 1st Five – IDPH staff spending time working with the implementation and community planning sites. IDPH working with CHSC to develop child metrics, working with Child and Family Policy Center who will be doing 1st Five evaluation IDPH is planning to change our child data system to be able to collect more information on 1st Five children. IDPH also working with CHSC on practice transformation and CHSC working on telehealth. Gretchen was asked to present information to Health and Human Services Appropriation Committee regarding 1st Five. Presentation went well, looking at expanded funding. IDPH hopes expanded funding would support community planning site to be able to move into implementation.
- Statewide Coordinated intake- working on developing RFA that will go out for Visiting Nurse Services to complete for next contract year. Anticipate the Iowa Family Support Network website will go live in April (Early ACCESS website will be a part of that network). VNS has been on target with their quarterly reports and their timelines.
- Regional Coordinated Intake RFP is being written and to be released soon. Regional also know as local coordinated intake entities will work with statewide system.
- Title V block grant is due in July 2015. Working with CHSC. Need to complete 5-year needs assessment. We have a lot of changes at the federal level with the affordable care act and the implementation of health care reform.
- Child Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visitation (MIECHV) reviewing applications for our virtual home visitor system. Releasing the notice of intent in a few weeks.
- MIECHV working with contractor on developing learning modules for Learning Management System- family support workers can receive endorsements in areas such as child abuse prevention, ACEs and others. Plan is to open this LMS up to other providers.
- IDPH is watching several bills that have been funneling through at Capital. Healthiest Children Taskforce- developing a plan for implementation for getting kids to be healthy. The plan proposed is due July 1. Age range has not been defined. Another bill that is trying to move forward is coming up with a state infrastructure for ACE planning (Adverse Childhood Experiences). They would like to see an FTE (full time employee) in there. Vision screening- our department focused on a bill to support statewide screening for children kindergarten through third grade. The bill passed without any money which makes it hard to create a data system and have commitment from schools, optometrists, etc. We decided to wait until we get more stakeholder commitment. We need to make sure that a solid infrastructure is in place. We could influence education- the basic screening can happen at the primary physician's office. We need awareness and education for parents. An online vision screening tool could allow for a basic screening for the child is available through the University of Iowa- here is link to online tool: www.visionforkids.org
- EHDI HRSA Grant submitted, IDPH will hear results and funding at the end of March. EHDI program, Meghan and member from Title V Child Health team looked at EHDI lost to follow-up numbers to see if Title V agencies can assist EHDI program in getting lost kids in for hearing rescreen. We will be working with 3 Title V agencies as a pilot to see if they can assist in further decreasing lost to follow up numbers.

DHS Update

- None

V. Planning for March Full Meeting

- Guest Speaker on Healthcare Reform. Kate will follow up with Dustin to confirm content.
- Family Story – Susan Larsen
- State Systemic Improvement Plan: we will just put in the agency update.
- Intra Agency Agreement: Thomas is going to provide a written update.
- Council: discussion on what do people want to get out of the council.
- Slate: Gladys Alvarez and plan a report for the slate.
- MTSS/TIERS- maybe in the fall. Maybe we could put this in the Lead Agency update.
- Leave them on the traditional dates with the suggestion of bumping up the March meeting.

VI. Statewide Access in to NICU

- We are not providing a consistency of service to the NICU families throughout the state. The child count for ages 3-5 served is almost twice as many children as 0-3. The potential to build the NICU liaison service program is huge. Is there a way that we can facilitate this?
- We have some of our own numbers for tracking- looking at number of babies coming out of the NICU compared to how many referrals in Early ACCESS. Where else to go from here? Perinatal network makes sure that there is standardization and guidelines to hospitals. How can we better utilize the resources for those individuals? Yes, it is a problem and could be within the EA purview of working with existing stakeholders. Maybe there is a conversation about the whole system so we don't duplicate, and where are the holes?
- LauraBelle suggests that we do a project where we have a task team that involves other partners (and who should be there; i.e. coordinated intake, perinatal committee). Do we need more funding legislatively? Have discussion and look at the data to see what type of method to approach this. Cindy, Meghan, Kim, and Paula have volunteered (or were volunteered) to be on the committee.

VII. Sharing of Information and Activities

Kate Small indicated that the governor's office will start looking at parent applications for the council after March 1. If you know of someone who might be interested there still might be time to sign up.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Gretchen; seconded by Kim Thomas. Approved unanimously.

Kasey Vermillion adjourned the meeting at 3:11 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Kate Small 2.19.2014