

***Iowa Council for Early ACCESS
Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2014***

I. Call to order

Laura Belle Sherman-Proehl called the **Iowa Council for Early ACCESS** to order at **10:01 AM** on **May 16, 2014** in **Clive, IA** at the **Country Inn and Suites**.

II. Attendance

Council Members Present: Heather Moorman, Gladys Alvarez, Marti Andera, Jeffrey Anderson, Gary Guetzko, Stacy Kramer (cc), Angela Hance, Janet Stauss, Laura Belle Sherman-Proehl, Joshua Tessier, Shari Huecksteadt, Kim Thomas, Heather Moorman, Debra Matzat, Kasey Vermillion (late), Mary Butler, Tami Foley (in place of Chad Dahm).

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

Absent: Julie Hahn, Debra Waldron, Aryn Kruse, Kevin Koester, Paula Connolly (excused)

III. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting

Gladys Alvarez made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Joshua Tessier seconded. Approved unanimously.

IV. Slate of Officers

Gladys Alvarez presented the following executive council slate: Heather Moorman (President), Kasey Vermillion (Vice Chair), Kim Thomas (Member at Large), and Paula Connelly (Parent Rep). Jeff Anderson motioned to pass the proposed slate. Gary Guetzko seconded. All approved.

V. Family Story

Patty Graziano presented her family story to the council.

VI. Agency Updates

DHS (updates also provided by Laura Belle Sherman-Proehl):
Looking to replace Chris Rubino's position with DHS; we will likely be hiring someone for a part time position.

Public Health updates provided by Meghan Wolfe:

Gretchen Hageman has left the department of public health and took another position. We will be having a new representative from Public Health as a signatory agency representative.

Building a new website: Earlyaccessiowa.org. Developing a new website that combines Early ACCESS with home visitation and support. Hoping for a June launch date for the website. After June, you will be redirected to the new website. Going to be Iowafamilysupportnetwork.org.

Our hope is to build up so more information for our early intervention providers. Beyond Early ACCESS- qualifying for three to five. Might make a suggestion for “what happens beyond age three” to “what happens beyond Early ACCESS”? Who can you access and get in touch with school districts to see who to contact at the depending on what region you are in?

Major concern for what is going live in June.

Meghan will send an email update for when this website goes live.

Iowa Family Support network has Early ACCESS on their website.

Iowa Department of Education had no additional announcements.

VII. Committee Updates

Public policy: Kim Thomas reported that the group did not many updates and that discussion focused on the health care system.

Governor’s Report: Jeff Anderson reported that they looked at the 2014 report and noted some changes for the content that might be useful. Content- may want to think about building in average range or cost per child. The pies chart that shows reasons for exiting the program. Potentially not needing services- what is the cost savings per part B and other services. At-risk population. Maybe see through another area. At the next meeting, could have a joint meeting with public policy to be useful for your work. Advisory council could make recommendations throughout the year, to the department of education and state leadership group.

Nominations Committee:

Kate will send form to fill out to the five members who need to reapply for next year.

Aryn Kruse has accepted a new position and we will need to find a replacement for early childhood special education teacher preparation. Also, we need to encourage parents to apply. Kate will resend the flyer to everyone.

VIII. SSIP presentation (State Systemic Improvement Plan).

Cindy Weigel has provided a presentation on SSIP, which is a new indicator that each state will be required to report to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Over the past 30 years there has been a focus on regulatory compliance per federal regulations and, as a result, our compliance has improved. However, our results

indicators have been stagnant in terms of child and family outcomes. States are able to choose what they want to focus on and how they are going to measure/relate to our outcomes. Tools for communication plans to communicate between the different advisory or stakeholder groups.

One idea is to have someone from outside of the department to help look at the data and offer suggestions for improving the data and thinking about what the data means. Jeff Anderson and Kim Thomas have volunteered to be on the task group for the SSIP.

Other suggestions for additional stakeholders include:

- Private therapy groups (child serve, homestead, and hospital clinics)
- pediatricians, nurse practitioners (pediatric and adolescent)
- nurse managers neonatologist,
- NICU (in state and along our borders)
- secondary transitions
- American Academy of Pediatrics (Iowa Chapter)
- Legislators
- Regional Genetic Services
- 0-3 EA providers, maybe DMM cohort peer partners
- Iowa Association for Infant Toddler Mental Health (Rhonda Rairden at IDPH is contact)
- Zero to Three
- Judy Norris is Safe Babies Court Team Coordinator in DSM.
- First Five

IX. Updates

Heather Moorman adjourned the meeting at **3:00pm**

A motion was made by Kim Thomas and seconded by Jeff Anderson. It was approved unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kate Small