

***Iowa Council for Early ACCESS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2014***

I. Call to order

Kasey Vermillion, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Early ACCESS Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on October 15, 2014, at Grimes State Office Building 400 E 14th Street, Des Moines, IA

II. Attendance

Council Members Present: LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Maria Cashman (cc), Kasey Vermillion, Barbara Khal, and Kim Thomas (cc)

Absent: Chad Dahm, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Heather Moorman, Paula Connolly.

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Barbara Khal made a motion to approve the minutes with edits. LauraBelle seconded..

IV. Agency Updates:

Department of Education:

Cindy Weigel provided updates for the Department of Education. Have had another round of webinars for our implementation teams for Distance Mentoring Model (DMM). On October 29 and 30th, cohort 3 is starting their training at the Department of Education.

Year-end reports have all come in and we will take to the state work team and filter the information. The MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) has an action plan that goes with it and how that joins with the council. We will share information with the council.

In September there was a DASYS (Early Childhood **Data Systems**) conference and we learned a lot of information about the different system frameworks for building a Part C and 619 system. Several state staff were able to attend. The conference agenda placed lot of attention on the new SSIP (State Systemic Improvement Plan) and how states are going to integrate a new indicator into their APR (Annual Performance Review). Rationale for this new indicator emphasized that the trend line for compliance has been moving upward for the nation but the trend line for child outcomes has been stagnant.

Child Health Specialty Clinics:

Barbara Khal will be retiring in May, 2015. CHSC, after discussion with the EA State Work Group, has decided to discontinue writing outcomes for the IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan). However, providers from CHSC will be listed as an "Other Service – Health" on the IFSP. CHSC remains committed to the importance of a child's health and how health impacts interventions so more emphasis will be placed on writing health assessments.

Department of Human Services:

Andrea Dencklau provided an update for Department of Human Services.

Andrea had been visiting with different AEAs and having conversations about what is working well and the relationships with DHS. Safe Babies Court Team has some exiting things going on and will update at the next meeting.

Other discussion from council members:

Differential Response- legislation decided that how DHS responds to calls of abuse and neglect is different. For example, lower risk families can be referred to other agencies in the community. Have had discussion on the fact that maybe Early ACCESS is not the best place for these children to be if there are other systems/agencies in the community that can better serve them.

Iowa Department of Public Health:

Meghan Wolfe spoke on behalf of Marcus Johnson-Miller who is the new bureau chief for Public Health and represents IDPH as a signatory agency for Early ACCESS. We have been working on updating informational materials for Early ACCESS that will be distributed through VNS (Visiting Nurse Services). We will no longer be printing developmental wheels since they are costly. In place of wheels, we developed a magnet which just came in. Also working on the bigger piece of what is the Family Support Network (big umbrella) with Early ACCESS included. Our Early ACCESS council materials and information will also be on this website.

V. Planning for November Full Meeting

- Family Story – Kate has scheduled a parent presenter. We might want to expand to people outside of the area. May want to plan more time.
- State Systemic Improvement Plan 30: We will plan to have an update.
- Distance Mentoring Model Update for the Council - 30 minutes
- MOA Action Plan – 30 minutes
- Update on Autism or socio-emotional issues. Cindy will check with Wendy Trotter and Barb Khal also mentioned that any of the SWAILS-HUBER grant for autism support that was legislated. Will try to put right after the parent story on the agenda so that if they would like to stay and listen or share.
- Updates

VI. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting. LauraBelle seconded. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Small 10.15.14