

Iowa Council for Early ACCESS Meeting Minutes January 16, 2015

I. Call to order

Heather Moorman called the **Iowa Council for Early ACCESS** to order at **10:20 AM** on **January 16, 2015** at the Grimes State Building, Des Moines, IA.

Council Members Present:, Heather Moorman, Paula Connolly, Barbara Khal, Marti Andera (cc), Laurie Jeans, Janet Stauss, Laura Belle Sherman-Proehl, Gina Greene (sub for Shari Huecksteadt), Heather Moorman, Kasey Vermillion, Mary Butler, Chad Dahm, Julie Hahn, Angela Hance, Kim Thomas, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Debra Matzat (cc), Stacy Kramer (cc), Jeffrey Anderson (cc), Kevin Koester, Aryn Kruse.

Staff Present: Meghan Wolfe, Diane McDonald-Geotzmann, Kate Small, Cindy Weigel, Andrea Dencklau

Absent: Gladys Alvarez, Maria Cashman, Gary Guetzko, Joshua Tessier

Minutes from last Meeting

Kim Thomas motioned to approve the minutes with edits. Laurie Jeans seconded. Approved unanimously.

II. APR Indicators

Members of the State work team presented on indicators from the Annual Performance Report. This report is submitted yearly to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), due February 15, 2015.

Questions from council members during the indicator presentation:

- C5: What does the data say for regions in terms of needs and providers?
- Are there wait lists or differences in birth rates for each region? State work team members will gather input on the rates and can report on what the discussion is with our Early ACCESS Leadership Group (EAGL).
- C6: Check on the Governor's Report count date and what is the rate is. The number for 3844 does not match the C6 indicator 3,448. (3448 is correct).
- Can we look at referral data and if there are any patterns or trends for why children might not be eligible? What percentage of kids who are referred are on an IFSP? Is there a need for training in one region and not in the other?
- C4: Questions regarding the data collections methods and interpretation of individual item numbers. Provided a copy of the actual survey so members could see what the wording of the questions.
- C8: What are the exit codes and how does "other" break down? Provided a slide and showed the different categories that represent "other". Maybe next year this is good to break down. We do not have to report exit code break down to OSEP but we have in the past. Also have used the pie chart of exit codes for the governor's report.

- C3: Have we made significant “change” or progress of child outcomes? This would be interested to look at next year. Also ties to the SSIP and how we expect to raise child outcomes.
- Can we look at how these ECO scores compare to exit reason?

III. Parent Presentation

Joy Harris presented her family story and shared her family’s experience with Early ACCESS. She provided a few suggestions:

Suggestion: “As a special needs parent you have to manage your child and have to parent your child.”

Suggestion 2: (Thoughts) “I am new at this, I don’t know what I don’t know, involuntary transparency (emergency response), and I trust our Early ACCESS team. Didn’t know how processes work- what is coming down the road? Didn’t know that you have to do assessments to move on to IEP, annual review, etc.

Child Care Block Grant

Tami Foley presented on behalf of Chad Dahm regarding Child Care Block Grants through the Department of Human Services. Information regarding child care assistance funding for families depending on financial status (income/family size). Certain processes and regulations for registered child care providers to have in order to receive monies from the child care block grant.

IV. Agency Updates

Department of Education: Nothing to add beyond written update.

Public Health updates provided by Meghan Wolfe: worked mostly with programmers for the web IFSP system and rolled out a lot of changes and hopefully will have some “bug-free” changes for the system. Thank you to those who participated in the Title V needs assessment. Selected national performance measures. Developmental screening was at the top of the feedback.

Department of Human Services (DHS): none in addition to written update

Barbara Khal reported for CHSC that the Division of Child and Community Health just received a grant that will help train family navigators throughout the state. This is a 5-6 year grant.

V. Committee Updates

No committee updates for this time. Committees did not meet.

The governor’s report is finished and will be submitted to the governor.

Heather Moorman adjourned the meeting at **3:03**

A motion was made by Paula Connolly and seconded by Aryn Kruse. It was approved unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kate Small 1/16/15