

# Child Development Coordinating Council Minutes

September 13, 2017

Grimes Building – B50  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

## Meeting Attendance

A roll call was done to ensure all joining electronically were able to hear and to ensure a quorum was met for the meeting.

**Voting Members Present:** Erin Clancy, PJ West, Carla Peterson, Kimberly Villotti, Rae Miller and Beth Van Meeteren (via Zoom)

**Voting Members Absent:** Stephanie Peters, Julie Allison, Lori Lynn Ahrends

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Lora Patton, Mary Shihadeh, Judy Russell

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Tom Rendon

**Staff to Council:** Amy Stegeman and Amanda Winslow

**Secretary:** Julie Carmer

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order shortly after 10:00am. Erin Clancy, chair, called the meeting to order. A round of introductions was done and attendees were asked to say one thing they are looking forward to this fall.

## ACTION Item:

### Approval of July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Erin Clancy asked for any comments or edits for the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes. No edits were suggested. A motion was made by Carla Peterson to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Rae Miller seconded the motion to approve. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

### Embargoed Iowa Department of Education Shared Visions Preschool Program evaluation report, reflective of FY16, completed by the Center for Evaluation and Assessment at the University of Iowa

- The Council received the embargoed copy and a feedback worksheet via email prior to the meeting in order to prepare for this agenda item. It was decided that time for a quick review prior to the discussion would be helpful. The Council's discussion and feedback was captured electronically in a

collaborative document. The Council discussed future opportunities to build from the evaluation to support Shared Visions preschool programs. Additionally, they identified areas within the report that required correction or clarification. It was recommended by the Council that those areas be addressed before sharing the report with the field.

- The Council identified some data they would like to review at future meetings:
  - Professional development hours and topics reported by grantees
  - KLA and GOLD data for children enrolled in grantee programs

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item: Updates**

### **Preschool Program Update**

- Department staff have continued to prepare for rule revisions in response to new code language which will go into effect at the beginning of the next competitive grant cycle in FY21. The Council discussed suggestions such as amending language to person first.

### **Parent Support Update**

- Data has been pulled from DAISEY, the family support statewide data system. There appears to be a limited statewide response to the question, “Has your child received a developmental screening?” The Council discussed the importance of developmental screening as this provides early intervention and supports for young children at-risk. They also reviewed the idea that completion of a developmental screener is a component of program standards, evidence-based curricula models, and credentialing.

### **Early Childhood Iowa Update**

- The Council received a handout of draft planning ideas for the Early Childhood Systems Summit 2018, to be held in October or November of 2018. This event will be a full day event with an evening celebration. There is a workgroup which is currently considering having a keynote speaker who has knowledge about public and private partnerships to meet community needs, specifically for early care and education.

### **CDCC Member Updates**

Erin Clancy: Erin shared that programmers were hired to rebuild the Iowa Child Care Provider Training Registry to make it more user friendly. There are currently 39,000 people in the Registry and 25,000 show an active account. As of September 30, 2017, all licensed childcare providers who are working must have an active account within the Registry.

Rae Miller: Rae shared that it is flu season has begun and it is important for care providers to get vaccinated.

Kimberly Villotti: Kimberly shared that the revision and updates of the Iowa Early Standards are close to completion and that the Individual Growth and Development Indicators program (IGDIs) will now be contracted through local Area Education Agencies. Kimberly also shared that grantees were informed late this summer of available one-time funds to reimburse expenses incurred during the 2016-2017 program year that had not been covered by grant funds. This was done in an effort to ease the challenges experienced due to the fourth quarter budget reduction of 3.75%. Amy and Amanda notified grantees quickly regarding this opportunity and grantees submitted invoices to claim the available reimbursement funds. This was a positive opportunity for grantees.

Mary Shihadeh: Mary shared district perspectives regarding the IGDIs transition of utilizing the Area Education Agencies for technical assistance. Mary also shared an update regarding training for Early Childhood Coaching and AEA supports.

PJ West: PJ shared the Department of Public Health was awarded the “Pregnancy Assistance Fund”. PJ shared MIECHV is in the third year of a five year contract with an annual application requirement. IDPH is also working on an internal data integration project. PJ also shared there is a need for professional development for the family support field as there are not enough language translation services to meet the needs of diverse population. There may be a RFP for a diversity pilot coming soon.

Judy Russell: Judy shared that new Head Start Program Performance Standards were released last November and sites have been working towards implementation. A research-based coaching model has been sent to the Head Start Regional Office for review and approval. There was a list of commonly used models which are not considered research-based but a list of curricula that are considered research-based has been made available for programs. There will be a Head Start webinars in September and October to provide updates regarding the new monitoring process. The National Office of Head Start is developing a tool which will focus on demonstration of parent growth and will be implemented according to the new performance standards. Judy also shared Head Start is sponsoring a pre-institute workshop at the IowaAEYC Fall Institute which will be focused on mental health and working with challenging behavior.

Lora Patton: Lora shared the child care field is nearing the first year of implementation for the required Essentials training. There have been 1351 providers complete the in-person Essentials training in her area. Essentials can be completed on-line or in-person. Lora also shared her Child Care Resource and Referral agency has added a recruitment and retention specialist and a QRS specialist. The new QRIS System may be ready for release in 2018. Lora also shared the new CCR&R request for proposals (RFP) will be issued soon.

Carla Peterson: Carla shared that Ames will be getting a Miracle Park Playground for children of all abilities. She also shared an infographic and data from Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute regarding racial inequities in school discipline.

Beth Van Meeteren: Beth shared information regarding a workshop on coaching in early childhood programs that uses video-based self-reflection. Beth also shared Ramps and Pathways professional development has been provided for approximately 325 teachers across the state. This training is available for college credit. There are hopes to expand this opportunity for more early childhood educators and to encourage more administrative support.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:**

**Council bylaws final draft review**

- The Council discussed the presented draft of bylaws and made edits through an interactive document. The updated draft of bylaws will be shared for Council review during the next meeting.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:**

**Annual Report**

- This agenda item was moved to the next meeting agenda as there was not enough time available. The Council decided to review the draft report and send suggested edits prior to the next meeting. An updated report will be provided at the November meeting for review and consideration of approval.

**Future Meeting Agenda Items:**

- Data on professional development hours and topics reported by grantees
- KLA and GOLD data
- Bylaws
- Annual Report to Governor

**Future Council meeting dates:**

- November 15, 2017 Grimes Building—B50; 10:00am—3:00pm
- February 14, 2018 Grimes Building—B50; 10:00am—3:00pm
- April 11, 2018 Grimes Building—ICN Room; 10:00am—3:00pm
- July 18, 2018 Grimes Building—B50 & Zoom; 10:00am—12:00pm

**Adjourn**

- A motion was made by Kimberly Villotti to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rae Miller. The motion passed unanimously.