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**Governor's Birth to 3 Program Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
Friday, May 5, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Stevens Point Holiday Inn
1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54482**

MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present: Cindy Flauger (Chairperson); Dr. Simone Devore; Terri Enters; Sharon Fleischfresser; Jennifer Giles; Katherine McGurk; Jennifer Kelly; Julie Walsh; Rebecca (Chown) Granger; Rebecca Wigg-Ninham; Bob Glowacki (Phone); Dr. Tracey Sparrow (phone); Kristine Nadolski (phone)

Council Members Absent: Jonelle Brom; Sara Van Deurzen; Theresa Wixom; Traci Yackel

DHS Staff: Nancy Bills, Dana Romary and Lori Wittemann (Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services;
Gary Roth (DHS Audio Visual Technician)

General Public Guest: None

The meeting commenced at 9:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Cindy F. welcomed council members, DHS staff and members.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Operational:

- Suggest changes and approval of current Agenda –
>**MOTION:** Made by Simone Devore; seconded by Rebecca Wigg-Ninham to approve current agenda
Motion passed unanimously
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2017 –
- >Sharon Fleischfresser requested a spelling correction in her presentation from HIPPA to HIPAA; and a correction, under "scheduling meetings beyond May", line two, to say: The meeting after that will be held on August 2, 2017, at the Department of Natural Resources Building, Room G09, Madison", instead of "November 8."
>**MOTION:** Made by Sharon Fleischfresser; seconded by Simone DeVore to approve the meeting minutes from February 15, 2017, with the two aforementioned changes.
Motion passed unanimously

4. *Fiscal Sustainability:*

HMO Medicaid Discussion - Terri Enters (Part C Coordinator, Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program)

- Our Bureau has been engaging with the Medicaid Health Care Access Bureau within Medicaid to review policies and processes for children in Medicaid HMOs and B-3. Frequently, when HMO MA children enroll in B-3 they disenroll from the HMO due to long standing practices based on challenges with service authorization authority, funding of services and overall complexity. In an effort to promote the most comprehensive range of choices for families, we are revisiting this practice.
>Rebecca Chown (Managed Care policy Analyst, DHS/Division of Health Care Access and Accountability) met with HMO contract administrators in March and presented DHS expectations for HMOs to work with B-3 programs to assure access for services on the child's IFSP. Rebecca is the point person at DHS and will continue to provide guidance to the HMOs.

Governor's Proposed Budget – Terri Enters (Part C Coordinator, Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program)

- The proposed budget includes a provision to allow Medicaid to draw down additional federal Medicaid for B-3.
- Wisconsin is looking to how other states have structured the B-3 benefit within Medicaid to seek ways to improve the Medicaid funding. Rhode Island has a model that we are interested in exploring. Governor's budget eliminates the waitlist for children with disabilities.

5. *Federal Reporting:*

Wisconsin's Part C Grant Application – Terri Enters (Part C Coordinator, Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program)

- The Part C Grant Application was sent in on time. We have not been told that the Birth to 3 Program is receiving any cuts. DHS is looking at our allocation formulation and how we can make that supportive of counties. Federal funding is only a part of the Birth to 3 funding sources.

State Systemic Improvement Plan (Phase 3) – Terri Enters (Part C Coordinator, Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program)

- The evaluation plan was submitted April 1, 2017. Terri will send out the plan to all Council members by email. The compliance report was sent in without any requested changes. What we learned was that our data increased; we need to continue to work on how we measure and evaluate high quality early intervention. We need to work on what it means to have and produce high-quality intervention. The State has three different checklists which we use to measure our results. These results need to be specific not speculative.
- DHS's objective is to provide additional objective feedback to the counties regarding protocols in place and how to measure them. One goal is to help parents transition their child from Birth to 3 into school, and we will continue to work closely on that.
- Jennifer Kelly (parent member) – provided two lists of private information protocols and said that the Council should look at professional expertise. She suggested possibly having a “passport” available to the child at the beginning of the Birth to 3 Program.
- Terri said that the Birth to 3 program has two measurements sides; how to define the measurements and how to support the counties to ensure they are getting what they need to support the child and their family. Another consideration is what determines quality?

6. *Quality*

Family Outcomes Survey – Terri Enters (Part C Coordinator, Wisconsin Birth to 3 Programs)

- No data to share, Jesse is still working on that. Discussion of the Family Outcomes Survey will be added to the Council's next meeting in August.

National Core Indicator's Survey – Terri Enters (Part C Coordinator, Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program)

- This Survey was new this year and falls into the category of intellectual disabilities (specific to population) and looks at the survey satisfaction, more specifically did it meet the recipient needs including how it was delivered.
- This year the Birth to 3 families were included; 2017 surveys sent out and families have already received them.

- 2,000 Birth to 3 families will be receiving the survey this year and the Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services is hoping to use this data for policy decisions.

7. *Quality Assurance Workgroup – Dr. Simone DeVore/Kristine Nadolski/Cindy Flauger*

- The workgroup was charged with answering this question, "What are our current priorities or gaps in what we need to be looking more closely at?" The workgroup was asked to bring forth recommendations to the ICC Council on their "charge priorities" and what the next steps would be?
 - Thanks to the workgroup for their hard work over several months. The workgroup suggested the following major recommendations, which are:
 - a) Identify best avenues for state-wide professional development on homelessness that is accessible to all professionals serving young children and families affected by homelessness and seamless within a professional development state-wide system.
 - b) Determine how McKinney-Vento and Birth to 3 Program can coordinate service at the state and local level.
 - c) Analyze data available across the State on homelessness and its effects on young children and their families.
 - d) Identify funding to mobilize a coordinated and well trained Birth to 3 workforce serving infants/toddlers with disabilities and their families who experience homelessness.
 - Dr. DeVore added that it is essential to tap into a collaborative group of local, county and state providers, schools, Head Start organizations, etc., and is suggesting on-going meetings if the ICC Council supports.
 - It is important to focus these discussions on the Birth to 3 group.
 - Dr. DeVore and Cindy Flauger added the following comments:
 - a) Under each recommendation is a list of questions which are important to get this discussion started.
 - b) Suggested a time-limited task force to advance these recommendations and focus the discussion with stakeholder groups. Funding recommendation would be only through November of 2017.
 - c) This task force would write recommendations and suggest the development of cross sector coordination with the homelessness task force.
 - d) The task force can start this focused conversation but it is recommended that long-term support would need to be approved by and come from the Departments of Public Instruction; Department of Health Services and the Department of Children and Families collaborative efforts.
 - e) With the ICC Council's role to advise and assist, any recommendations must go back to the DHS. Cindy said that looking at the Council's charge does this mean it falls within the workgroup charge? She questions whether the Council has the authority to authorize funding?
- >MOTION: Made by Julie Walsh, seconded by Rebecca Chown, "That we take forward the four suggested points made by the ICC Quality Assurance Workgroup's Recommendations to the Council (Spring 2017) and make sure that it is in line with the DHS work charge and let us know by the next meeting so we can get direction to the Committee."
- >Sharon Fleischfresser suggested an amendment to Julie's motion: "Requesting a representative of the Birth to 3 Program (or a local program), who will continue to represent this group on the Task Force." Terri Enters said that they will take that question under consideration and make that a priority to send someone to the May 23rd task force meeting.
- >MOTION: Initial motion made by Julie Walsh; Seconded by Rebecca Chown and Amended by Sharon Fleischfresser passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment at 12:02 p.m.

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