

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Birth to 3 ICC Council		Attending: Council Members: Julie Walsh (Chair); Jennifer Bibler; Lisa Roberts; Sharon Fleischfresser; Laura Holmes; Kristine Nadolski; Rosemarie Navarro-Red Hail; Terri Wixom and Deb Rathermel.
Date: 7/22/2020	Time Started: 9:05 a.m.	Time Ended: 12:30 p.m.
Location: WI Department of Health Services Building, 1 West Wilson St., Room 751, Madison, WI or Zoom		Public Attendees: Linda Wetzel  DHS/BCS State Staff: Becky Granger; Lori Wittemann; Laura Grulke-Rueter; Dan Kramarz and Kate Johnson.  DCF State Staff: Lisa Hanks
		Presiding Officer: Julie Walsh, Council Chairperson

### Minutes

#### Welcome/Introductions and Announcements: Julie Walsh, Chair

- Call to Order, Greetings and Introductions of Council members, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) staff.

#### Public Comments:

- None

#### Operational:

- Approval of February 12, 2020, Draft Meeting Minutes—Suggestion to revise the heading on page three for the notes regarding the Birth to 3 Program Application. Motion made by Lisa Roberts seconded by Kristine Nadolski to approve minutes as revised. Motion passed unanimously. (Handout)

#### DHS Updates: Deb Rathermel (Bureau of Children's Services)

- Birth to 3 Program Operations Updates during COVID-19
  - State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)—submitted to federal government on time
  - Part C grant application—submitted to federal government by due date of May 1, 2020, accepted and approved
  - Ongoing work of the bureau—focus has been on providing operational technical assistance, a Q&A webpage was produced to share information on flexibilities provided during COVID-19 to assure access to the program for families and compliance to requirements, regular teleconferences are being held to share information with county Birth to 3 programs of important information related to COVID-19 and solicit input.
- Emergency Rule—DHS 90
  - Temporary changes to administrative rule DHS 90 requested under emergency rule authority to accommodate changes necessary during COVID-19 for a 150-day period. Emergency rule would allow flexibilities in renewing training requirements for staff, use of remote signatures, and allowing children to continue to be served by the Birth to 3 Program after age 3.

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- Social-Emotional Grants
  - DHS offered innovative competitive grants to local Birth to 3 programs to promote social and emotional development. Funding available for the innovative grants was \$1.2 million. Thirty-three applications were received, requesting a total of over \$3 million. Fifteen grantees were chosen. DHS will use what is learned about strategies implemented to inform statewide strategies for promoting social and emotional development.
- Annual Determinations Results
  - The Wisconsin determination status for the fiscal year 2018-2019 is Needs Assistance. All compliance indicators were met; indicator 3 child outcomes results measures lowered the status. Next steps to improve child outcomes for children were shared. Input into the plan was requested from the council.

### **Briefing and Council Input**

- Reconstitution Plan: Dan Kramarz
  - The reconstitution plan will guide the Birth to 3 Program in navigating the move back to future operations after COVID-19. An overview of the reconstitution plan was shared. Input was requested from the council.
- State-Led Child Find Efforts Laura Grulke-Rueter
  - The Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign was shared. Input on next steps was requested from the council.
- Telehealth beyond COVID-19: Becky Granger
  - Proposed permanent telehealth policy was shared. Input on proposed policy was requested from the council. Further comments or questions to be sent to [dhstelehealth@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:dhstelehealth@dhs.wisconsin.gov)

### **Next Meeting Steps:**

The draft meeting minutes from 2/12/2020 will be revised.

The next ICC meeting will be held on October 21, 2020. Remote meeting forum will be available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Prepared by: Lori Wittemann on 7/22/2020.