



BIRTH TO 3

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC) MINUTES

Friday, April 27, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Marriott Madison West
1313 John Q. Hammons
Middleton

In Attendance: Chair Cindy Flauger, Vicki Deer, Sharon Fleischfresser, Jill Haglund, Linda Huffer, Linda Leonhart, Laurice Lincoln, Linda Tuchman, Terri Vincent, Julie Walsh

Attendance/Phone: Jill Soltau

Guests: Michelle Davies, Camila Leffel

State Staff: Susan Larsen, Jacqueline Moss, Kate Johnson, Lori Wittemann, Gail Propsom

Called to order at 9:20 – Greetings and introductions, floor opened for public comments. ALAS (Alianza Latina Aplicando Soluciones) representative **Camila Leffel** described that organization's mission and commented on the language barriers and systemic issues needing to be addressed with bilingual professionals. **Vicki D.** talked about her organization's federal review.

Agenda Approval: added time for questions not answered at last meeting-

Motion: Terri V moved that the Council approve the agenda. Linda H. seconded, the motion passed.

Motion: Linda H moved to accept and approve the minutes of the last meeting, October 12,2011; Vicki D seconded, motion passed.

Cindy gave background in conversations with Eric Esser of the Governor's Appointment Office to confirm the approved appointments to the ICC. Discussion followed on the procedures for choosing who will serve on this Council. Volunteers for ad hoc planning are Jill H, Linda T, and Terri V. Also discussed was guidance from OSEP under the State Performance Plan for Wisconsin's ICC viability.

Suggestion that a Retreat to bring new members into alignment and finalizing by-laws should happen sooner, rather than later was discussed as was parent mentoring and orientation to make this body stronger. Discussions ensued on workgroup make-up and revitalization.

Cindy suggests that an ad hoc group plan for the Retreat and logistics. Nomination, Executive, and Steering Committee discussed. Jacqueline Moss is to search for the minutes that show Terri V in the wings as Vice Chair.

Sue Larsen provided Department updates, including:-

- Darsell Johns resigned from DHS as the Birth to 3 Supervisor/Part C Coordinator effective December 31, 2011.

- Continued problems with Birth to 3 Program accurate and timely data entries may bring another 'Needs Assistance' determination from OSEP.
- Regional trainings and technical assistance is being provided to Birth to 3 County agencies to comply with requirements to operationalize revised regulations by July 1, 2012.
- Updates are being made to Birth to 3 Program's brochures and publications.
- Interpreters are needed for languages and deaf and hard of hearing.
- Birth to 3 1937 SPA pending response to CMS for Request for Additional Information (RAI).
 - Increased Medicaid reimbursement to assist with Birth to 3 Program funding shortfalls.
 - Covered services available Requesting retroactive eligibility effective October 2011.
 - Birth to 3 1937 SPA user group being formed.
 - Rate-setting discussion needs to be finalized.

Terri V will volunteer to be a part of the user group

Committee Reports-

Fiscal:

Workgroup Chair: Cindy Flauger

State Staff: Kate Johnson

Topic: Waivers and Funding, B-3 SPA

Piloting how billing rolls out. CMS rate-setting still being worked on; state funding as match.

How SPA and grant application work together. Benchmark plan will expanding Medicaid coverage to other early intervention services. How is MOE determined and why is the state's MOE different than counties? What is true costs to counties for Birth to 3 services? Waiver was supposed to make up the funding loss but to date has not come to fruition.

Child Find:

Workgroup chair: Sharon Fleischfresser

State Staff: Dana Romary

Topic: Referrals, Forms, and Legality

Does this committee need to exist? Yes, there was a need for this committee with similar functions. Indicators continue to fluctuate and do not exceed the charge. Below national average. Why the drop? Outreach and education to primary care providers. Referral form being tested for accurate capture. The DHS Office of Legal Counsel has indicated the Referral form does not comply with Wisconsin confidentiality requirements and will need to be modified. Form is a tool and DHS cannot mandate its use. Changes in Part C move the 45-day requirement starting date. Need Outreach to providers to describe the Birth to 3 Program and early intervention services.

Follow-up Items-

- The letter supporting Race to the Top
- Low-Incidence screening tools were approved and recommended to Department.
- Policy manuals to be incorporated.
- William B's question discussed.

Next Meeting:

- Shorter meeting in July.
- Look for dates in September for Retreat.
- Will Doodle for dates members are available.

Motion: Terri V moved that Council adjourn, Laurice L seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon; members joined the Circles of Life Conference for lunch.