



State of Wisconsin Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council

Wednesday, July 13, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Risser Justice Center Building
MLKing, Jr. Blvd.

In Attendance: Norma Vrieze (Acting Chair), Cindy Flauger, Jill Haglund, Linda Huffer, Linda Leonhart, Laurice Lincoln, Laura Saterfield, Julie Walsh
Guests: Kate Johnson, Lara Kain (DPI Homeless Coord), Dana Romary, Elizabeth Wahl (for Linda Tuchman)
Excused: William Barreau, Victoria Deer, Greg DiMiceli, Sharon Fleischfresser, Jill Soltau, Linda Tuchman, Terri Vincent
State Staff: Darsell Johns, Jacqueline Moss

Meeting Convened: 9:20a.m.

Public Comments: None given

'Good Relations Campaign' starting in August 2011 – I Am YoungStar:

Council Updates: Governor's Council video conference direction discussion; assessment and screening, public/private infrastructure. Carol Noddings Eichinger will begin working part-time at DPI. Early Learning Challenge; PITC training to start in August, in Wausau and Madison. Training modeled after Wayne County, Michigan. Head Start transitions to DPI; kindergarten measurements by 2015.

Approval of Minutes: Linda H moved to accept minutes; Cindy F seconded – motion carried, minutes approved.

Workgroup Reports:

Child Find-

Workgroup Chair: Sharon Fleischfresser

State Staff Support: Dana Romary

Topic: Referrals

Discussion: Distributed data doesn't support referrals to Birth to 3 IFSP. Specify or suggest particular percentage, which OSEP doesn't give. Physician and health facility referrals and parent calls show consistency an issue. Discussion on documentation, PPS issues (what is 'other' in providers). SPP recommendations and improvement strategies discussed; current by-laws say we cannot submit interim report. A committee should provide recommendations and improvement strategies, not Terri V. Council can then vote to accept/deny to put in SPP for OSEP. In every area of IFSP, if child has sensory issues, how are they served with limited providers?

Fiscal-

Workgroup Chair: Cindy Flauger

State Staff Support: Kate Johnson

Topic: Letter to Sec'y Smith/Guidance Tool

Discussion: Group has not met since last ICC (April) meeting but sent letter to Secretary's office with a response that Darsell Johns would guide focus. Department documents not to be on Waisman site as they could be disseminated to others who are not ICC affiliated. Lori Wittemann's paper (deaf, hard of hearing, blind, etc.) used as a tool (not mandatory rule) or guidance. Recommendation to Department not required but guidance/mandate affirmative statement is extremely helpful. Not being B-3 specific, it could be used in all venues of service to children. Birth to 3 website is expanding and this tool would be implemented as guidance when wording is updated.

Motion: Laurice L moved to have documents recommended to Department as guidance by imbedding into screening tool. Laura S seconded.

Discussion prompted addition of document being a resource for Birth to 3 and to add indicator, not a required form but as useful tool.

Linda H seconded, the motion carried.

Low Incidence-

Workgroup Chair: Linda Tuchman

State Staff: Lori Wittemann

Topic: Charge

Discussion: This committee's work completed. ICC should monitor state of all workgroups after a time to keep on track and form new workgroups as issues arise so there is closure after a committee's work is fulfilled. Guideline discussion on how workgroups should manage issues.

Darsell Johns and Cindy Flauger attending OSEP conference in Washington, D.C. during the first week in August.

Norma V. highlighted her visit to Minnesota ICC meeting discussing the make-up of that body and the new governor's restructuring system; Minnesota's Follow Along Program being similar to Wisconsin's Healthy Children; dedicated service coordination versus blended service coordination. Norma also discussed her visit with Ann Bailey on renewal of purpose and mission.

Approval of the Minutes: Julie Walsh motioned to accept minutes of last two meetings, Linda Huffer seconded. The motion carried and minutes approved and accepted with the addition of member name omitted from last meeting.

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Topic: Eligibility and Screening Brochures

Discussion: The eligibility brochure for screening hearing has not been recommended to the department yet. Will translation into Spanish be funded by the ICC? Will the Council vote on developing Adobe training support? County and State funding for B-3 expressive-only delay in speech; active monitoring and support for clarification on policy question. B-3 providers are focus of deaf-blind outreach section.

Action Items: To distribute completed documents to Council for comments at next ICC meeting; Tips and Tools training in July; forms to be given to Department for their updates (purpose and intent) and tweaks for Department policy. Norma V will attend May 9 WCHSA meeting and invitation for all to attend is open.

Next Step(s): Workgroup to provide service guide (deaf, hard of hearing).

Motion: Linda T moved that eligibility and screening documents be provided for review and consideration and follow-up actions - Linda H seconded.

Jill H. proposed the Council accept the recommendation to review and consider guide to present to the Department – Linda H seconded. The motions carried.

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State Staff Support: Dana Romary

Topic: Clarification of Targets

Discussion: Discussion on OSEP targets and Wisconsin's actual decreased levels prompting questions on criteria to reset target and revising the State Performance Plan. Workgroup is requesting the Council provide direction on where to go next. Suggestions included PPS be used to isolate referrals before one year old; endorsing adjusting target

by working to provide data to justify. Would there be enough time to include in the APR and SPP?

Recommendation: We use national standard of 1.04 percent for next five years with justification. Terri V volunteered to provide information to script justification into the SPP; updating material with inclusion of diverse populations (brochures).

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Workgroup Chair: Cindy Flauger

State Staff Support: Kate Johnson

Topic: Letter to Secretary Smith; Legislative representation; federal funding

Discussion: Access to data in timely manner for fiscal decisions; home and community-based Medicaid federal funding, limited supports waiver, developmental therapies; cold-cost reporting; Medicaid and Medicare quality measurements, define B-3 group, specific service(s) tailored to group. Benchmark plan structured to obtain additional federal funding and apply for Medicaid benefit.

Action: Beth W and Pris B will follow up with Secretary concerning legislative representation on the ICC. Letter to Sec'y Smith by the Council will be distributed to all Council members.

Motion: Jill H proposed that ICC support Department's efforts to look at three initiatives and 1937 option – Julie W seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion: Regional meetings update

Next Meeting: A doodle will be sent for upcoming July meeting in Madison.

Cindy F motioned the meeting be adjourned - Jill S seconded. Members joined COL luncheon at 12:15 p.m.