

**Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)  
Marriott-Madison West  
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Middleton, WI**

**ICC Meeting  
April 27, 2007**

**Members Present:** Sandra Butts (Chair), Diane Fett, Cindy Flauger, Sharon Fleischfresser, Jill Haglund, April Hartjes, Jill Soltau, Terri Vincent, Norma Vrieze, Julie Walsh

**Teleconference:** Nicole Bowman-Ferrell

**Guest:** Julia Herwig

**Staff:** Beth Wroblewski, Jacqueline Moss

**Introduction:** Chair Sandra Butts opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. by greeting and inviting members to introduce themselves and their affiliations.

**Review of Agenda:** No changes noted; no public participants in attendance for comments

**Review of December 6, 2006, meeting minutes:** All present were in favor of accepting minutes.

**Public Reporting and Parent Forums**

Sandra B. opened the floor to Jill Soltau who gave a synopsis of the family meeting the evening before (Thursday, April 26, 2007). Jill discussed a tool that outlined 'Planning and Executing the ICC Parent Night Forum', 'Seasons of Change' Parent Forum, an Audiovisual Release Agreement, Door Prize Ideas, and Sign-In sheets for parents and child care for the Parent Leadership Group. She wanted to know if the Council would adopt the framework discussed for future ICC meetings.

Discussions on 'hosting' issues for counties and rescheduling the Rock County meeting that was cancelled in February due to inclement weather in addition to the next regional ICC meeting in the fall.

Jill S. would like a calendar created encompassing ICC meetings, and additional parent nights. There were discussions on developing counties' interests in getting on board for this. Rock County's annual picnic in two weeks will be the forum to let attendees know of rescheduled Family Night.

Cindy F. wondered if this information would be posted on the Council's website. Jill S. will send document to be posted.

**(DHFS) Reorganization and Budget**

Beth W. updated the Council on the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) reorganization and how funding from DHFS and the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will start the new Department of Children and Families (DCF). She also discussed the Governor's 2007-2009 biennial budget and the legislative budget process.

Beth discussed Family Medicaid, foster care, prevention programs, adoption, and child protective services being an integral part of the Governor's focus. Many children's services are Medicaid funded with 60 percent federal funds. Continuity is a must in keeping long-term support (child to adult) in same area. She will e-mail organizational charts to Council members.

Other points of budget items discussed were the following:

- Continuing appropriation language for state Birth to 3 funds
- Counties to be able to use fees collected for children's long-term support
- Autism be covered by private insurance

A discussion concerning whether or not Birth to 3 services should have been included as an insurance mandate prompted Julie W. to talk about the mandate and cost of insurance products. She will send information on insured and self-insured market. Beth W. mentioned that a budget item permits children use of Badger Care Plus for once-a-year child assessment and three-visit interventions.

Beth W. outlined other positive pieces of the Governor's budget. She gave insight into Medicaid using telephony to reduce fraud in home care (GPS system tracking where worker is calling from). The Medicaid-based re-estimate (included additional funding for Autism). There was \$250,000 per year for piloting CLTS managed care. 800 children are using local-match waivers, and COP/State funding for about 2,200 children using the Waivers program.

**Federally Required State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report**

Discussions of the State Performance Plan showed 4,000 baseline data surveys distributed and 1,194 returned (30 percent). In the future there will be sampling of counties plus the four biggest populated counties included annually. How should we share information on a statewide basis, when all counties are not surveyed at the same time? Some counties will have information with 'clustered' reports from other counties. Sharon F. suggested Pat Guhleman's expertise be utilized for this venture.

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There was further discussion on the State Performance Plan and for discussion in the future, Beth asked the Council to scrutinize information on Page 34 of the Plan.

Discussion on measurable and rigorous targets and compliance outcomes having to be 100 percent, keeping in mind HIPAA laws apply to data gathering. The Council shared the Annual Report with DHFS. Sandra B. signed off and sent to the Feds last month.

Does Council want to continue ICC specific report in the future? Beth W. discussed transitions and low statistics related to child transitions out of Birth to 3 services. Family Survey Outcome reporting also paints a picture of needing improved practices related to transition at age 3 years.

Terri V. asked what needed to be different for improved transitions. For example, schools accepting Birth to 3 program and child projection list shared with school districts. She talked about parents not having the resource of a family services coordinator at age 3 years.

Challenges:

- HSRS data finalized January 15, it was due February 1. Reset deadline to October 1, with child count and data fields in this report.
- Does ICC agree to neutral reporting? Blended reporting and related progress report are both on the Department's website.
- Will the Council create subgroup to work on this? Cindy F. suggested condensed one-page 'flyer' directing parents to website.

Coordinated efforts:

- DPI reporting by school districts as counties to disseminate information to families.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.