

**The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
Teleconference Meeting**

February 13, 2008
Room 437-1, WSSOB, Madison

Members Present: Jill Haglund, Linda Tuchman

Teleconferencing Members: Sandra Butts (Chair), Diane Fett, Cindy Flauger, April Hartjes, Linda Leonhart, Laura Saterfield, Terri Vincent, Norma Vrieze

Members Excused: Nicole Bowman, Sharon Fleischfresser, Linda Huffer, Lori Osero, Andrew Paulson, Jill Soltau, Julie Walsh

Staff Present: Carol Noddings Eichinger, Jacqueline Moss

(This meeting was scheduled to convene in Plover, but inclement weather caused it to be conducted by teleconference.)

Carol E. connected into the Wisline conference call at 9:35 a.m. and greeted the members listed above as they dialed into the meeting.

December 10, 2007, Minutes-

Chair Sandra B. asked for a motion to approve the December 10, 2007, meeting minutes. Diane F. moved to have the Council's website update request moved near the beginning of business and to explore other councils' rules and regulations pertaining to public comments and presentations. There were no other changes - Linda Tuchman seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Previous Business-

Sandra B. asked if Bridget Roleck had been contacted and her issues surrounding children's vision impairment services addressed. Lori Wittemann had been in contact with Ms. Roleck to respond to the feedback from the ICC addressing her concern. Ms. Roleck wanted to know how many children with visual impairment are in the state. There were 5597 children in Birth to 3 services for the October 1, 2007 Child Count, with 90 (1.61%) identified as having vision impairment. Data in HSRS might reflect services not only to children with visual impairment, but to children with multiple disabilities.

Directive: Sandra B. asked that e-mails of both Birth to 3 staff Lori Wittemann and parent Bridget Roleck be brought to the next meeting.

APR Discussions-

Carol E. updated the Council with the results of the report and discussed the mandate of one hundred percent compliance for some of the Federal Indicators, including a requirement to invoke enforcement strategies and sanctions for counties that continue to demonstrate non-compliance. Strategies to ensure compliance on the requirement to transition children to school were coordinated between DHFS in the APR document and in the DPI APR. Sandy Blakeney and Jacqueline M. are working to update the ICC website.

Jill H. stated the Interagency Agreement is not finished – Part C regulations have not been finalized yet, and discussed broad tribal efforts and what can be done while Part C is being finalized. As part of the follow-up, people will be talking and revising changes in the next six months. She and Carol E. will visit Appleton next week to talk with tribes.

Carol E. had further discussions on the APR's indicators and the sequence of enforcement actions, with coaching from the ICC on an "enforcement pyramid" of progressively serious enforcement activities. There were ten counties with non-compliance for over a year this past FFY, and OSEP requires enforcement action be taken.. Wisconsin is falling short in child find efforts for children under one year old so this issue has to be visited and targets reset.

Sandra B. suggested data be pulled, examined, and discussed. Carol E. suggested the 'drill down' be addressed by inviting counties to give explanations, referrals and by talking with clinic administrators as to why neonatal referral numbers are so low. Cindy F. pointed out that across the year comparison shows point-in-time count is always down. Terri V. agreed stated it is like comparing apples to oranges. She suggested this could be explained in the APR.

Next Steps-

An interesting question to ask North Central Regional Resource Center would be around discussion on determining the expected number of kids. Should we use same methodology as other states? Some states have a broad base eligibility and serve kids at risk. Was identifying late-talkers started just two years ago? Linda T. discussed using eligibility criteria and guidance around late talkers – keeping kids open. Inactive eligible kids' parents are not ready to engage, and cost share is an issue. Carol E. suggested counties send these explanations in with child count and to explore reasons parents do not come forward.

Data-

Dashboards will be posted by next month – then next round of determinations. Ratings were much more precise in counties in the needs assistance category. Successful counties share ideas that work. Data is being shared with counties on a quarterly basis now so counties can monitor their own progress or slippage around the Federal Indicators. Counties showed they were happy to get this information and feedback. Exploring and reporting data is alien to some counties and simple processes that work and keep down confusion is preferred.

It is suspected that transition information is not being entered into HSRS system correctly – information is not being added in system so that an accurate report is being put out. Sandra B. discussed concern about Wisconsin's own status on Determinations. OSEP will issue states a list of questions and concerns generated from the APR sometime in the spring, and the state must generate a response within the following week. OSEP will issue a determination after that, with a possible enforcement piece. The Council is reminded that eleven counties may also need enforcement action taken and a Corrective Action Plan may be required, if the data this quarter doesn't demonstrate compliance and the completion of the prior year's required action. A Corrective Action Template is being designed, with the goal of 100 percent compliance by end of June.

Linda T. suggested naming progressively more serious sanctions using a pyramid paradigm. WPDP/RESource and Birth to 3 staff have suggested enforcement actions including desk audits, file review, focused monitoring, , and telephone or on-site audits. This could also include financial sanctions, weekly phone conversations, evaluation of contract by state staff, targeted technical assistance, required training, focused monitoring in non-review year, peer county review, and skill building. Struggling counties should have monthly data analysis and report to state any progress or slippage.

A discussion concerning the complexities of Milwaukee County's nine different providers and compilations extracted from gathered information is not easy.

Sanctions need to be in place. Who holds responsibility (contract provider) to gather and report data (no additional money)? Norma V. suggested incentives for counties that report well with clean and consistent ways of tracking.

A '**Continuum of Sanctions' image page** will show the different levels of enforcement (see insert).

Some suggestions of sanctions are: withholding money from counties that haven't complied, (check with Beth Wroblewski), legal advice on losing funding. Jill H. will check if this is in line with Department contracts.

Carol E. thanked everyone for participating and their thought-provoking questions.

Workgroups-

Carol E. and staff Theresa Walske, funding/fiscal issues (where can we get supplemental funds?) Sharon Walsh, CEC/DEC is putting a budget book together (family stories) for legislators.

Future Topic: Birth to 3 Program Recommendation Study

Lori Witteman will work with the ICC on low incidence population blind/vision, deaf and hard of hearing issues. Sandra B. suggested Linda Bell of Milwaukee County could work on this issue, also. Outside people can work on these interests or targets.

Carol E. announced Loraine Lucinski's leaving the Birth to 3 staff to go back to the Division of Public Health (DPH) and Loraine's willingness to work with the ICC on these and other issues.

Next Meeting Discussions-

Workgroup designation: with state staff heading them up.

Work Plan and Recommendations: re-visiting for submission to current Secretary Hayden

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Linda T. discussed the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders and the collaboration of the UNC/Chapel Hill, Waisman Center, and M.I.N.D. Institute at Davis, CA. DPI and DHFS invited to partner on this with Carol E. co-hosting meeting (need more representation from Birth to 3 program).

The training team is learning evidence-based practices with three model sites collecting data to track identifying model sites within ICC counties (recommendations).

Recognize Pam Garman: B-6 events? Send Arianna Keil e-mail – she would like to work with her on this.

Circles of Life conference – table with materials does not need to be manned; Family Voices Outreach; put ICC meeting in COL brochure. The next ICC meeting is Friday, April 25, 2008, from 8:30 – 12:00 noon with family forums occurring the night before.

Appointments: IDEA regulations out – four new openings for State Foster Care, Homeless, Mental Health, and Medicaid. Designate recommendations and nominees – Linda Huffer can help with what should be done.

Norma V. moved to adjourn; April H. seconded; the motion carried unanimously. Sandra B. adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.