



**State of Wisconsin Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council**

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

Friday, November 14, 2008  
Capitol Building – Room 225 NW  
Madison WI

**Attendees:** Sandra Butts (Chair), William Barreau, Toni Dakins, Victoria Deer, Greg DiMiceli, Sharon Fleischfresser, Cindy Flauger, Jill Haglund, April Hartjes, Linda Huffer, Nancy Marz, Linda Leonhart, Laura Saterfield, Linda Tuchman, Julie Walsh

**Excused:** Nicole Bowman-Farrell, Jonelle Brom, Mary Maronek, Theresa Vincent

**Tele-Conference:** Jill Soltau, Norma Vrieze

**Guests:** Diane Fett, Dana Romary

**State Staff:** Carol Noddings Eichinger, Jacqueline Moss

**Breakfast with new Members:**

Council members greeted new members William Barreau, Toni Dakins, Victoria Deer, Greg DiMiceli, and Nancy Marz at breakfast welcoming them to the ICC.

The meeting began at 9:20 a.m. with Chair Sandra Butts greeting everyone and inviting them to introduce themselves and history with the ICC and Birth to 3 services. The floor was opened for public comment; there were none.

**Minute Revisions:** There are two corrections identified for July 22, 2008, minutes. Approval after changes made.

Discussions were opened identifying this Council's three workgroups and their focus, stakeholder input, and state support. Parental Payment Limit (PPL) prompted discussion on revisions or tabling this action until 2009. Discussions on cost-neutral strategies to help Birth to 3 program and use radical changes as we progress with emphasis on the insurance commissioner's office and a greater chance of this program being on the Governor's agenda.

**Council Re-arrange Agenda Items:**

Group decided to prioritize analysis and completion of a letter identifying fiscal issues that had been drafted by the Fiscal committee, and deliver signed letter to Secretary Timberlake by 12:00 noon so she can discuss with the Governor later this afternoon.

More discussion ensued rationalizing different approaches to aid counties as they acquire more children in the Birth to 3 program and the cost of providers and their services. The subject turned to how other states are addressing these issues and what works and does  
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not, and if Wisconsin should use different pieces of these strategies to attain a viable model for all involved. Discussions on pros and cons of state uniformity.

Other states are experiencing the same financial difficulties, with a few states exploring repercussions of pulling out of the OSEP program and discussion began on how states would access funds under this scenario. In discussing the new BadgerCare health resources to families, concern was expressed about a shift in co-pay which prompted discussion on HMO lobbying.

The primary work of this meeting centered around further discussions about content and sequence of the letter for maximum impact..

**Motion:** April H. moved to accept the finished letter, Linda H. seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Sandra Butts signed as Chair of ICC; this letter will be forwarded to the ICC Fiscal group and other stakeholders, including the Division Administrator and Bureau Director.

Overview of accountability from OSEP and determination process brought discussion on improvements for 2007-08. Priority is better reporting from counties through the new PPS system and shared data with DPI to address transition indicators. Parental consent requirements addressed and issues with insurance companies discussed. Suggestions discussed on how to encourage parents to complete forms of consent.

### **Workgroup Discussions**

Makeup and immediate focus of the **Fiscal** workgroup was overviewed which prompted suggestions of other constituencies receiving copy of letter to the Secretary.

The **Child Find** workgroup distributed material discussing its goals and strategies. The Trace Practice Guide was distributed, too which outlined a new version of the Referral Form that will prompt response to the entity/person that made the referral. The Group discussed web-based referrals but the Department's legal bureau say there might be an issue there. Group will discuss security issues with referral forms. Are we asking for too much information?

Staff will talk with tech support on possibility of drop-down boxes in PPS system clarifying who made referrals.

The **Low Incidence Populations** workgroup discussed strengthening through commonalities; finding common ground to make initiatives work. Talks on the definition of eligibility, partnerships where everyone benefits, and placing a system to send 'Just in Time' information note parents who address us earlier in the year are kept abreast of ICC meetings and decisions.

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Sharon Fleischfresser announced the new statewide Wisconsin Medical Home Connections Initiative (Connections) on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities. The goals of this project are: to strengthen Wisconsin's infrastructure to serve children with ASD and other developmental disabilities through connecting the autism-related initiatives under one umbrella, sponsoring a statewide outreach campaign and assuring that access to quality information exists for all; and to establish ASD Medical Home Implementation and Spread Sites that will focus on strengthening local and regional partnerships, identify current resources and gaps, provide regional trainings for key partners, and strengthen the connections among services within the system of supports for children with ASD. It is a 3-year grant with Wisconsin being one of six states to receive.

**Next two meetings:**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

**TBD; 9:00-3:00**

**Madison, Wisconsin**

Friday, May 1, 2009  
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