



State of Wisconsin Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council

An Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kalahari Resort and Convention Center
1305 Kalahari Drive
Wisconsin Dells

In Attendance: Norma Vrieze (Acting Chair), Toni Dakins, Greg DiMiceli, Sharon Fleischfresser, Jill Haglund, Jill Soltau, Linda Tuchman, Terri Vincent, Beth Wroblewski

Phone: Linda Huffer, Linda Leonhart

Guest(s): Dr. Melodie Musgrove (Federal OSEP), Erin Arango-Escalante (DPI)

Excused: William Barreau, Vicki Deer, Cindy Flauger, Allison Olson, Mary Maronek, Nancy Marz, Laura Saterfield, Julie Walsh

State Staff: Darsell Johns, Jacqueline Moss

The Chair convened the meeting at 9:05 a., introductions made around the table, opened the floor for public comments - there were none. Linda H motioned to accept the minutes of July 20, 2010, Greg D seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Workgroup Reports-

Low-Incidence: Discussions and examples on Blind and Vision Impaired eligibility decisions, guidance, and early referrals. Challenges to this issue show that vision screening should be brought up to par and be as prevalent as newborn hearing screening. New form development will reflect screening for vision as well as hearing. There were also discussions on why some babies are not being screened (ex. not born in hospitals, families not ready to commit). ARRA is supporting regional pilot for coordinating but trainers have jobs and no time to provide help and technical assistance.

Child Find: Discussion of grant (Connections) for early intervention of children with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN) and Waisman Center partnering with the CDC to integrate work so as not to duplicate. Project Launch developing screening for Young Star, Strengthening Families, and WECA (DPI special education) which ties into the Governor's Early Learning Council. Discussions on recruitment of 30 primary practitioners to develop screening and 125 nurses participating in the Early Identification Initiative program prompted questions on duplicity and REsource collaboration becoming less intimate because of their connections with these committees.

Fiscal: Discussions included finalizing the MA initiatives, Medicaid intersection: 1) B-3 developmental services update; 2) worksheet documents why family opting out. HMO

un-enrollment opens any number of services of prior authorization. 3) concern for the high cost of Medicaid. Policy update is 99 percent finished but need fiscal person. What procedures, coding, billing? Coding contractually will eliminate work for state and counties.

Service coordinator training dates will be set up for interested folks. Cost reporting 60 percent un-reimbursed therapies contracted with company in Texas that will prevent fraud, etc.; overhaul of tool – use ARRA money; 2010 will be reimbursable. Revenues come back to B-3? To county administration? Administrative cost deducted, held at state level, working on tool to prevent this. County is biller, monies go to county, not provider unless county provides its number to provider.

Waivers – application goes in Friday – 25 percent delay functional eligibility doorway into Medicaid. New money coming in, Medicaid card billing – anything above and beyond will bill to waiver. County decides what child qualifies. ‘Team of county folks that work with waivers, B-3 cannot be at table to develop waiver because B-3 staff are not ‘waivers folks’.

Other Discussions-

Young Star-

Linda L will e-mail information to all ICC members. (TA) reach 5,000 providers through technical colleges, WECA, etc. RFP for communications effort, DCF’s five-year plan developed. Benefits for high ratings (communication tool with parents, quality and who achieved 2-5 star rating); addressing inclusion – number of points accumulated, amount of training (WI model early learning training), staff attendance (SPDG work plan), small pilot (mentoring program), gather evaluation (day-a-week cross training), dual language learners post on ‘Collaborating Partners (Waisman) (ASQ screening tool). Headstart – state TA system has gone to different contractor.

Circles of Life (COL): Family Night discussion Issues-

B-3 families are not attending COL conference in April which prompted suggestions on engaging families, what we are bringing, and what we’re going to do about it (what parents suggest, complain about, etc.). B-3 staff should respond; structure in ICC that goes to DHS. Parent involvement /strategize recruiting parents for B-3. County leaders suggestions/local teams critical in success of recruitment. Conference calls?, on-line chat?

There were discussions concerning parent involvement in ICC activities with Jill S, Norma V, Jill H, and Linda T volunteering to work toward that end, and FACETS and Family Voices representation on the ICC.

Primary Coach-

Dana R (state staff) distributed handouts concerning what services recommended to pinpoint therapies, goodness of fit, components to make evidence-based practices

framework of intentional steps to leading families. Is the state endorsing this? ICC aware of state's rolling out initiative?

Another institute planned with Rush and Sheldon for January 10-11, 2011. Council members can attend.

ARRA-

Darsell J discussed ARRA handouts, consortia and contracts. DHS Sec'y and DOA concerned with dollars not spent and target funding through July 2011, identifying counties not spending, clarifying current reporting (50 percent be spent by 9/30/10 required), focused monitoring , and identifying reasons counties not reporting.

Counties revise plans/state internal spending – IT development to meet requirements. Spent funding rather than obligated funding, joint finance committee – reallocation. DOA has an ARRA office that reports to the governor. Capacity building took time (one reason funding not spent). Counties should share how they spent funding.

By-Laws: Recommendations-
See revisions and updates on by-laws.

Special Visitation-

Melodie Musgrove of the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) attended the second half of this meeting while on a 10-state visitation of B-3 and special education programs. She discussed the federal platform and fielded questions and concerns from Council members.

Adjournment-

Linda T moved we adjourn and Toni D seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be determined by Doodle query.