

State Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

ESD 113/Capital Event Center
6005 Tye Drive SW
Tumwater, WA 98512



Attendance:

Members

Maryanne Barnes, Service Provider, Developmental Center
Stacey Bushaw, Health Care Authority
René Denman, Service Provider
Paul DuBois, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
Lindsay Beile for Janet George, Department of Services for the Blind
Lisa Greenwald, Service Provider
Margaret Gunshows, Tribal Representative
Darci Ladwig, Parent
Jena Lavik, Parent
Dr. Diane Liebe, Service Provider
Suzanne Quigley, Service Provider
Carla Reyes for Kevin Quigley, DSHS – DDD, Foster Care, and Infant Mental Health
Sugely Sanchez, Parent
Janet Spybrook, Personnel Preparation
Greg Williamson, DEL, Lead Agency

Members Unable to Attend

Kylee Allen, Parent
Val Arnold, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Magan Cromar, County Human Services
Anna Frangomeni, Parent
Major Bonnie Geneman, MD, Military
Amy Kocher, Parent
Maria Nardella, CSHCN, Department of Health
Rep. David Sawyer, Legislative

Others Attending

Tiffany Wheeler-Thompson, Island County P2P
DeEtte Snyder, WA State Services for the Blind
Janie Nelson-Achodor, Concerned Citizens
Stacey Frymier, WA Association for Infant Mental Health (WA-AIMH)
Chya Thompson, HopeSparks
Mike Stewart, Boyer Children's Clinic
Kerianne Christie, Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss

ESIT Program Staff Who Participated

Karen Walker, Program Administrator
Kathy Grant-Davis, Program Consultant
Sheila Ammons, Program Consultant
Debi Donelan, Program Consultant
Linda Jennings, Program Specialist
Debbie Jackson, Program Specialist

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Introductions/Announcements

Maryanne Barnes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Ms. Barnes led introductions of the Council and audience present.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the October 22, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the February 25, 2015 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Maryanne gave the Council information on a recent "Results Washington" Goal 1 meeting, which included Governor Inslee, Legislators, and agency directors. Doug Loates shared his family story about how the ESIT program impacted the lives of his kids and family.

At the end of the meeting, Governor Inslee took the unusual step of asking Doug to come to the front. The Governor then told Doug that he often honors an inspirational citizen and would like to honor Doug's two girls that participated in early intervention as "inspirational citizens for the day". He then gave Doug his apple lapel pin for his girls. It was a great honor!

During lunch, the video of the presentation will be shown.

For more information on Results Washington see: www.results.wa.gov

II. Infant Mental Health Update

Stacey Frymier, Endorsement and Training Coordinator
WA Association for Infant Mental Health (WA-AIMH)

Highlights:

- The endorsement program began in Michigan and now 17 states have adopted the system
- WA-AIMH hired Nina Auerbach in 2013 as the Executive Director. Through her leadership, funds were raised to purchase the Endorsement System by the end of 2014.
- An overview of the Endorsement System/how to apply will be provided at the IECC
- Training will be provided at the Infant Early Childhood Conference in Tacoma in May

- Infant Mental Health (IMH) Endorsement verifies the expertise of professionals within the field of infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) work
- Organizes standardized competencies
- Multi-levels of endorsement; each level has specific requirements:
 - Level I: Infant Family Associate
 - Level II: Infant Family Specialist
 - Level III: Infant Mental Health Specialist
 - Level IV: Infant Mental Health Mentor
- To apply, contact Stacey at: stacey@wa-aimh.org or on the website at: www.wa-aimh.org
- The online Endorsement Application System (EASy) will be available for applicants to register in early May. Please visit the WA-AIMH website, under the Endorsement tab, to begin the process. Every applicant will be assigned an Advisor to assist them with their application.

III. 2015 Legislative Focus

Justin Montermini, Government and Community Relations Manager for the Department of Early Learning, gave the Council an update on issues affecting DEL.

Highlights:

- New to DEL, Justin comes from the State Workforce Board with eight years of legislative experience in both partisan and non-partisan roles
 - Personal experience with the reality of frontline care providers
 - Four sons under the age of six
- DEL proposed \$156.3M in additional funding in the 2015-17 budget to provide:
 - Expansion of Early Achievers (\$70.5M)
 - Adding 6,300 slots, including more full day slots, in ECEAP (\$79.8M)
 - Addressing increased demand for ESIT (\$4M)
 - Expansion of home visiting services added (\$2M)
- DEL has one agency-request bill, which would make technical corrections to the statute relating to ESIT, and makes clearer that DEL is the state lead agency for the program
- Representative Ruth Kagi proposed legislation on The Early Start Act. The Early Start legislation has passed both House and Senate Policy committees.

IV. Agency Reports

Agency reports, when available, are included in handouts within the Council packets.

Health Care Authority, Stacey Bushaw

Highlights:

- The Health Care Authority (HCA) is monitoring over 100 high priority bills, with these priorities that pertain to early intervention and prevention services:
 - HB 1794/SB 5879 – specifies DEL as the state lead agency for early intervention services and renames the birth-to-six interagency coordinating counsel to the birth-to-three interagency coordinating council

- HB 1365/SB 5317 – requires universal screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays as recommended by the bright futures guidelines
- HB 1285 – requires critical congenital heart disease screening for newborns prior to discharge of an infant born in the hospital
- HB 1947 – establishes a comprehensive plan to expand learning opportunities and improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities or special needs using multiple strategies and statewide partnerships

DSHS – Developmental Disabilities Administration, Children’s Administration, Economic Services Administration, Carla Reyes

Highlights:

- Children’s Administration (CA)
 - Screening, Assessment and Referrals to ESIT
 - For children in care 30+ days there is Child Health and Education Screening (CHET). If concerns are identified, a referral to ESIT is made within two business days.
 - A referral is made to ESIT within two business days if a CPS investigator suspects or identifies delays
 - The case management system includes a tickler to remind investigators about the ESIT referral before they close the case
 - Through a grant to improve mental health services for children in foster care and to screen for trauma, a random sample of 3-year-old children are receiving the ASQ-SE screening every six months and referrals to ESIT are made as appropriate
 - Fatalities and near fatalities
 - Between CY2009-CY2012, information gathered by Central Case and Critical Case review teams and Administrative Incident Reporting teams identified children birth-3 years as the primary victims of critical incidents
 - For children under 12 months, critical incidents were primarily linked to unsafe sleep environments. In response, a statewide cross-agency and cross-sector birth-3 safety work group was formed and developed several recommendations.
 - Immunizations
 - CA requires all children in foster care to be immunized per the immunization schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
 - CA also requires licensed foster parents, who are caring for children two years of age and younger, to receive an annual flu shot and the whooping cough vaccine.
- Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
 - Child Development Services (CDS)
 - CDS are provided in 24 of the 39 counties. They are designed to meet the needs of eligible children and their family to enhance the child’s development.
 - DEL develops CDS providers and contracts with them, DDA contributes \$5.7M in MOE funding for these services.
 - Coordinating Services
 - Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) continues to ensure a coordinated, effective and timely system with the alignment of DDA WACs to DEL eligibility rules;
 - To provide a continued commitment to streamlining DDA eligibility processes by using information from the assessments and intakes conducted by the FRC to establish DDA eligibility; and
 - A commitment to effective, evidence-based practices that promotes inclusion of children in their communities.

- Funding
 - DDA supports efforts to improve funding consistency and coordination. The rate of growth in the number of children needing services has outpaced the rate of growth in funding for these services. DDA is pleased to see \$4M in the Governor's budget to support ESIT infrastructure.
- Economic Services Administration (ESA)
 - Frontiers of Innovation (FOI)
 - In collaboration with DEL, HCA, DOH, and OSPI, DSHS is finalizing an updated MOU to outline cross-agency collaboration to develop a more fully defined model for FOI in Washington.
 - Work continues on the development of consistent cross-system training for frontline staff to improve parent engagement through increased connectivity to, as well as understanding and the incorporation of executive function skills.
 - DSHS/DEL Partnership to expand Home Visitation Program
 - Community Meetings will focus on 1) developing an effective referral process across the system, 2) identifying how staff will know in real-time, what HV services are open/available, and 3) determine how staff can work together to bridge the different processes/pathways to achieve our goal of successful families and thriving children.
 - Home Visiting Pilot Contract
 - Focused on expansion in two to four pilot sites of three evidence-based home visiting models (Nurse-Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, and home-based early Headstart)
 - The intention is to expand referrals and services for two key target populations – parents in the rapid re-housing program and parents whose child is under age one at enrollment
 - Thrive has put out an RFP. Contracts should be out and referrals will begin in April 2015.

Department of Services for the Blind, Lindsay Beile for Janet George

Highlights:

- The department is watching two bills that apply to students with disabilities
 - HB 1947 – Establishing a comprehensive plan to expand learning opportunities and improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities or special needs using multiple strategies and statewide partnerships
 - Had the first reading on February 3, 2015 and was referred to Education
 - SB 5679 – Concerning transition services for special education students
 - Had the first reading on January 28, 2015 and was referred to Early Learning and K-12 Education.
 - On February 5, 2015 a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning and K-12 Education was held.

Department of Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Allison Chee for Maria Nardella

Highlights:

- Recent Staff Changes
 - Allison Chee began on January 16th as the new grant coordinator for Great LINCS (Links to Integrate and Coordinate Care). The three year grant will be used to increase the capacity of WithinReach and their Family Health Hotline.

- Susan Ray's last day at DOH as the Family Involvement Coordinator was January 9, 2015. The recruitment for a new coordinator has been completed and an offer is out but not yet official.
- Legislative Updates
 - DOH has requested new legislation around electronic cigarettes and licensure of Applied Behavior Analysts
 - Bills of interest are HB 1365 and SB 5317 to authorize Medicaid payments to providers who do developmental and autism screenings.
- NDC Success Stories
 - Approximately 15% of children 17 and under, in Washington, have a special health care need per the 2009-2010 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs. NDCs play a leading role in providing services these children need to grow and learn. NDCs receive a small portion of their funding from DOH for infrastructure, and they bill Medicaid and private insurance for the direct services they provide. NDCs submitted stories from parents to DOH and the *Neurodevelopmental Centers Success Stories* document was developed to show the positive impact NDCs have. To request a printed copy, contact DeLynn Chiong at 360-236-3507 or delynn.chiong@doh.wa.gov.
- NDC Grants
 - The current grants to 16 neurodevelopmental centers (NDCs) across the state will expire on June 30, 2015. Contingent on ongoing state funding, DOH is considering the extension of state grant awards to approved non-profit NDCs across the state for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The extension will provide specialized services to children with special health care needs in Washington. As long as state funding permits, DOH will continue these grants.
 - A legal notice has gone out to determine if there are other qualified entities that might fit the definition of an NDC and if a competitive application process will be needed for funding to begin July 2015. Responses are due Thursday, February 26, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Christy Polking at 360-236-3571 or Christy.polking@doh.wa.gov.
- NCD Medicaid Billing Revisions
 - DOH, the Health Care Authority (HCA), and NDC Directors have met to explore the possible expansion of billable services within the NDCs. An expansion would provide for a broader array of services that could support families for one-stop shopping for medically necessary NDC services as well as to better facilitate linkages with a child's medical home. This expansion could include the services of Certified Dietitians, ARNPs, and various licensed mental health professionals. Initial conversations indicate that Medicaid will make changes to the WAC governing the program as well as making changes to the ProviderOne system to support billing. However, NDCs will continue to bill the usual way in 2015.
- Therapy Authorization Issues
 - Families and therapists may be experiencing challenges with authorization requirements for children's therapy through Medicaid managed care plans as they transition from the fee-for-service system. Evidence of accountability must be shown to continue to re-authorize therapy services for children. Timely progress notes are required to maintain a smooth flow for payment.

Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Paul DuBois

Highlights:

- The OIC is requesting the authority for five new employees and an additional \$926,000 in the agency's 2015-17 budget
 - Two staff would review health care provider contracts and the networks that health insurers submit for approval
 - Three staff would assist the insurance fraud investigation unit. OIC has experienced a 50% increase in insurance fraud referrals since the last budget cycle
- The OIC has requested legislation based on model acts from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). These model acts provide consistent insurance regulation standards among states.
 - HB 1055 – Insurance Holding Company act (amended)
 - HB 1077 – Credit for Reinsurance Model Act (amended)
 - HB 1076/SB 5180 – Standard Valuation and Standard Nonforfeiture Model Act (amended)
 - HB 1172 – Own Risk Solvency Assessment (ORSA) Act

WEECARE, Darci Ladwig/Cecile Lindquist

- Supporting advocacy for infants and toddlers and their need for stable and equitable funding in Washington State.
- Supporting state funding increase of \$4M in 2015-17 biennium budget

Department of Early Learning, Greg Williamson

Highlights:

- Overview of the Partnerships and Collaboration Division within DEL
 - Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program
 - Strengthening Families Washington
 - Home Visiting Services Account
 - Healthiest Next Generation
 - Early Achievers
 - Head Start
 - Homeless Child Care Program
 - State-to-Local Coordination Program/Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

V. Committee Updates

Family Leadership and Involvement Committee (FLIC), Darci Ladwig

Highlights:

- Committee will meet tomorrow, February 26.
- Members of the Committee will also meet with their Legislators tomorrow
- Debbie Jackson shared information on the Infant and Early Childhood Conference (IECC) in Tacoma, May 6-8, 2015. Scholarships are still available for families to attend.

Data Committee

- Bob Morris, DMS Manager and Terri Jenks-Brown, Assistant Data Manager will be presenting on COS data at the IECC in Tacoma

Personnel and Training, Janet Spybrook

Highlights:

- Will be meeting with the Washington Training and Technical Assistance Cadre (WATTAC) group on March 10th at the Puget Sound ESD in Renton

VI. ESIT Update

Karen Walker and ESIT staff provided updates.

Highlights:

- Overview of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
 - Theory of Action and State identified Measureable Result (SiMR)
 - Discussion by Council on Theory, recommendations provided to ESIT
- National Center for Systemic Improvement at WestEd (NCSI) was created in October 2014 to build on the success of the Regional Resource Center Program (RRCP).
 - Additional technical assistance to states
 - Developed to increase state capacity to develop, implement and evaluate State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
- DEL/ESIT Funding Formula was developed after numerous statewide stakeholder meetings
 - The new formula will be challenging to implement because no additional federal funds are available to support any contract allocation changes
 - Implementing the new formula will result in either an increase or decrease in each contractor's current allocation. The funding formula variables included a "base rate" for each geographic area served by the contractor and a "per child allocation" based on the unduplicated cumulative child of eligible children served during the past fiscal year.
 - Based on stakeholder input, going forward, ESIT will consider the following:
 - Continue to promote LLA/program consolidation for counties with very small programs
 - Consider including other factors in the methodology based on an equity lens
 - Get feedback from programs targeted for reductions – learning how will the reduction impact their local system
 - Apply a single base rate allocation for each county served – not a decreased rate when serving more than one county
 - Remove the 1% reduction applied to the allocation to cover the other program activities not currently being addressed
 - By April 1, LLA's are to submit a revised budget based upon the actual FFY 2015 federal allocation and possible ESIT carry forward one-time funding

Discussion by Council.

VII. Emerging Issues/Other Topics

None noted.

April focus: Statewide System

Meeting adjourned.

Next SICC Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Puget Sound Skills Center, Burien

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a working lunch