

State Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Thurston County Fairgrounds
3054 Carpenter Rd., SE
Olympia, WA 98503

Attendance:

Members

Val Arnold, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Maryanne Barnes, Service Provider, Developmental Center
Kelli Bohanon, State Lead Agency, Department of Early Learning
Magan Cromar, County Human Services
Janet George, Department of Services for the Blind
Marijean Holland, Office of Insurance Commissioner
Amy Kocher, Parent
Jena Lavik, Parent
Maria Nardella, Department of Health
Kris Pederson, DSHS/Division of Developmental Disabilities
Sugely Sanchez, Parent

Members Unable to Attend

Melinda Dyer, OSPI/Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Sarah Fader, Parent
Michael Luque, DSHS/Children's Administration (Foster Care)
Sharon Reddick, Health Care Authority/Medicaid
Janet Spybrook, Personnel Preparation

Others Attending

René Denman, Island County
Kris Ching, Center for Deafness and Hearing Loss
Kerianne Christie, Center for Deafness and Hearing Loss
Britni Duncan, Concerned Citizens of Clallam/Jefferson Counties
Kathy Fortner, Kindering Center
Heather Hebdon, PAVE
Debbie Jackson, PAVE
Tracy Kahlo, PAVE
Suzanne Quigley, Listen and Talk
Caroline Smith, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
Kim Smith, Parent to Parent Support Program of Thurston County
Candy Watkins, A Step Ahead

ESIT Program Staff Who Participated

Karen Walker, Program Administrator
Kathy Blodgett, Program Consultant
Sheila Ammons, Program Consultant
Linda Jennings, Program Specialist

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Introductions/Announcements

As Acting Chair, Maryanne Barnes called the meeting to order.

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

Motion: A motion was made to approve the October 24, 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the January 23, 2013 special meeting notes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the February 27, 2013 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

II. Department of Early Learning (DEL) Update

Kelli Bohanon, Assistant Director, Partnerships and Collaboration provided a PowerPoint update to the Council.

Highlights:

- DELs Programs and Services:
 - Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
 - Early Achievers – quality rating and improvement system
 - Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT)
 - Medicaid Treatment Child Care
 - Infant/toddler child care consultation
 - Home visiting
 - Child care licensing and monitoring
 - Professional development for those who care for and teach young children
 - Child care subsidies
 - Family information and support (Strengthening Families WA)
- Legislative Session 2013 at DEL
 - House Bill 1369: WaKIDS teacher release time for family connections

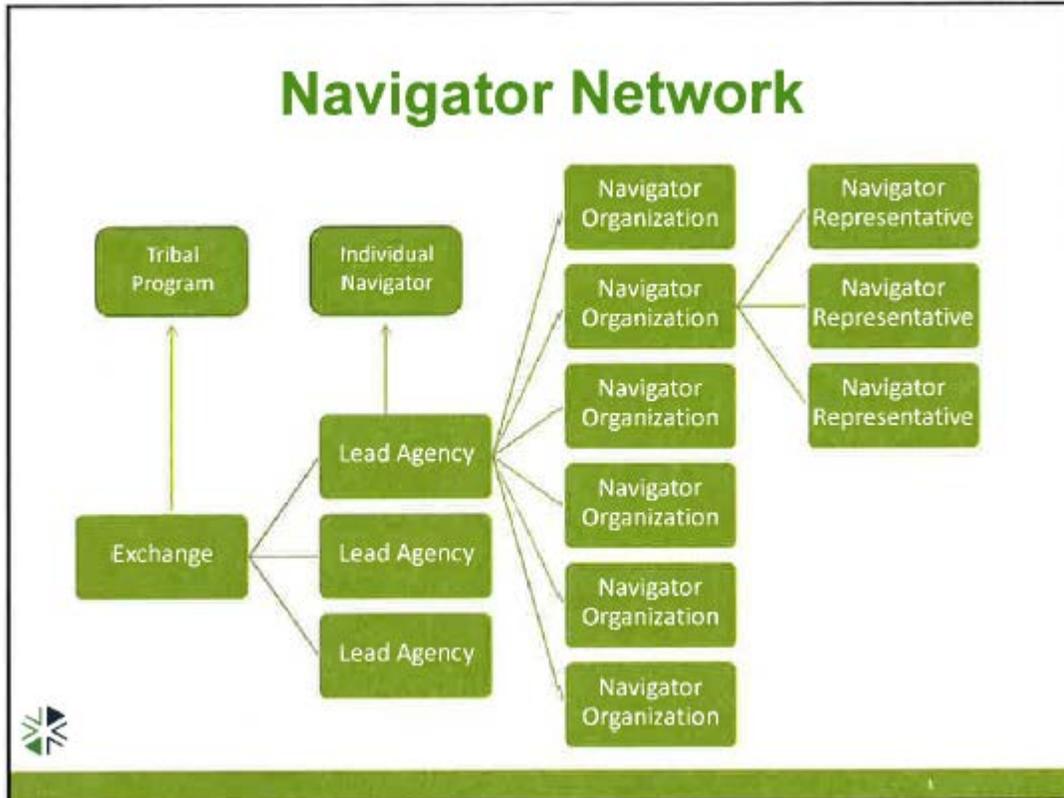
- House Bill 1723: Early Start
- House Bill 1671 and Senate Bill 5595: child care subsidy reform
- House Bill 1872 and Senate Bill 5755: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) (Governor Inslee requests)
- DEL has presented updates on several key early learning programs and initiatives
- Legislature still working on policy bills – 2013-15 budget discussions should begin shortly
- Gov. Gregoire’s 2013-15 budget proposal included \$50 million to increase access to ECEAP
- Ever increasing awareness among legislators regarding the impact of investing in high-quality early learning programs, especially as part of the conversation about how to fund the Supreme Court decision (McCleary) around ensuring ample funding for basic education
- DEL provides a weekly bill update on the website under Government Relations > State Legislature: <http://www.del.wa.gov/government/legislature/week.aspx>

III. Office of the Insurance Commissioner Presentation

Marijean Holland and Caroline Smith provided PowerPoint presentations.

Washington Health Benefit Exchange – Navigator Program Update
Washington Health Insurance Enrollment – Today and after 2014

Highlights:



- Lead Organization Key Responsibilities

- Build local Navigator Network
- Coordinate outreach and education efforts
- Train Navigator Organization staff
- Monitor performance and serve quality
- Submit required Exchange data and reports
- Funding agent
- Navigator Key Responsibilities
 - Outreach
 - Community Awareness and Education Activities
 - Application-Enrollment Assistance
 - Service Coordination
- Qualifications
 - Complete Required Exchange Training
 - Pass Certification Exam
 - Ongoing Training and recertification

- Navigator Network RFP will be out in March
- Exchange will go live for open enrollment October 1 through March
- Health Benefit Exchange call center will go live September 1
- Paperwork will be kept to a minimum and there will be no pre-existing exclusions
- Self-Insured Plans and Private Insurance Plans were the largest insurers in Washington state in 2010, with 14% of the population uninsured
- In 2013, it is estimated that more than one million Washington residents is uninsured. These are the people who will benefit from the Washington Health Insurance Enrollment.

IV. Agency Updates

Agency reports, when available, were given in handouts within the Council packets.

Department of Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Maria Nardella

Highlights:

- DOH Secretary, Mary Selecky, is retiring. The Governor is accepting applications for her successor.
- Dorothy Teeter is the new Secretary of the Health Care Authority; MaryAnne Lindeblad is the new Medicaid Director at the Health Care Authority under Dorothy Teeter.
- Sequestration
 - DOH is expecting cuts to federal funding of 5% - 12%
- The department has no specific requests in state legislation
- Bright Futures is an evidence-based standard of preventative pediatric care that is referenced in the Affordable Care Act and should be implemented for children's services with health care reform.

Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Division, Kris Pedersen

Highlights:

- Kevin Quigley has been appointed agency Secretary by Governor Inslee.
- He will be focusing on behavior support and timely assessments.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Val Arnold

Highlights:

- Two new staff in special education division, Scott Raub and Dr. Kathy Fromme.
- Working on a pre-K through 3rd grade strategic plan and a statewide 4-year strategic plan
- IDEA, Part B has two indicators that relate to early learning; B-12 ensures that transitions are timely, and, B-7 is outcomes. OSPI is benefitting from work done by Sheila Ammons on these two indicators prior to her move to ESIT.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Homeless, Melinda Dyer

Highlights:

- OSPI released the annual homeless student data, as reported by districts. For 2011-2012 the districts reported 27,390 homeless children. This is an increase from the previous year.

V. Committee Updates

Family Leadership and Involvement Committee (FLIC), Amy Kocher

Highlights:

- The Committee will meet tomorrow. There are a number of items on their agenda for discussion:
 - Brochures: Family Cost Participation and Understanding Your Insurance
 - Update the committee timelines
 - Review the committee guidelines and discuss current member terms
 - Discuss IECC presentations

Data Committee, Kathy Fortner

Highlights:

- No data committee meeting to report on since the last council meeting. Data Management System features and improvements in which council members may be interested:
- For our School District partners
 - Electronic notifications of children transitioning to Part B are now available for OSPI
 - All school districts now have access to the online data management system if they so choose
- For system users
 - Policy and program help is now integrated into the ESIT Data Management System
 - Parent portal is available for those parents who wish to securely electronically communicate with their team members and to view their IFSP online
 - Secure messaging is now available to protect confidential communications online

- New system has reporting capabilities for users at the local level that are virtually unlimited
- For ESIT
 - Child data is entered into the system across the state
 - The new system provides the necessary federal reports
 - New system provides information needed for local determinations
 - The new system is a modern system capable of connecting to other partner systems
 - The new online IFSP is among the 1st in the nation to integrate the Child Outcomes Summary with the IFSP

Funding Committee, Maryanne Barnes

Highlights:

- The System of Payments and Fees policy is out for public comment.
- The committee is working on a long term strategy of the state early intervention system, specifically the issues that were raised in the cost study.
- The pattern of growth throughout the state has become an inequitable distribution of the allocated funds. The “do no harm” philosophy is now affecting those areas who are experiencing the largest growth in numbers served.
- The committee will be making some difficult recommendations to the state program.

Personnel and Training, Sheila Ammons

Highlights:

- The Committee continues to meet by conference call.
- The group completed a draft of the qualified personnel grid.
- Focus will now be on creating a basic FRC job description and minimum educational requirements, so basic competencies can be identified.

Public Policy, Debbie Jackson

Highlights:

- At the beginning of February, a meeting was held to discuss funding issues and how to better leverage existing state dollars that ESIT receives. Those attending were: Representative Ruth Kagi, Bette Hyde, Cecile Lindquist, Karen Walker and Debbie Jackson. Cecile and WEECARE will continue to advocate on this issue.
- House Bill 1723 – Early Start. There are questions as to if ESIT fits into the bill and how we can make sure that we are a part of the bigger early learning community.
- WEECARE is encouraging Governor Inslee to reappoint Bette Hyde as DEL director.

ESIT Update

Highlights:

- ESIT has revised program policies and procedures based on the September 28, 2011 revised IDEA, Part C regulations.

- All revised policies and procedures will be sent out for 60 day public review and participation period beginning February 1.
- Revisions based on regulation changes have been completed for ESIT technical assistance documents, guides, IFSP and forms. The updated materials are posted on the ESIT website at www.del.wa.gov/esit.
- Form CR 101 has been filed to show DEL's intent to write WAC for the ESIT program.
- ESIT is implementing changes in the contracting process. Since the federal accountability has changed their focus to more monitoring, ESIT must also adapt. A Request for Application process has been put into place for the selection of local lead agencies, effective July 1, 2013.
- ESIT continues to access technical assistance from the Early childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), formerly known as the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) and the Western Regional Resource Center (WRRC) to strengthen its statewide system of general supervision and monitoring via a three-pronged approach: 1) Data Management System (DMS) data collection, 2) Self-monitoring tool data collection, and 3) Onsite monitoring visits.
 - To phase in this new approach, two LLAs will be selected to complete the self-monitoring tool and have an onsite monitoring visit by June 30, 2013.
 - All contractors will be required to complete the self-monitoring tool annually, beginning in the 2013-14 contract year.
 - ESIT will identify 4-5 LLAs to receive an onsite monitoring visit each year, so that all contractors will have at least one onsite visit over the next five year monitoring cycle.
- Berk and Associates completed a rate study in November to develop a comprehensive Medicaid rate structure for IDEA, Part C early intervention services.
- Maureen Greer, Emerald Consulting, Part C finance consultant, continues to assist the program in addressing recommendations related to Medicaid funding and in developing revised fiscal policies based on changes in Part C regulations.
- Modifications and enhancements continue to be made to the DMS based on reporting needs and new regulation changes.

VI. Emerging Issues/Other Topics

April Focus: Statewide System
Emerging Issues:

Meeting adjourned.

Next SICC Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Meeting Focus: Statewide System

Puget Sound Skills Center

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with a working lunch