

State Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Highline School District Office
15675 Ambaum Blvd., SW
Burien, WA 98166

Attendance:

Members

Val Arnold, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Magan Cromar, County Human Services
Melinda Dyer, OSPI/Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Jena Lavik, Parent
Maria Nardella, Department of Health
Kris Pederson, DSHS/Division of Developmental Disabilities
Sugely Sanchez, Parent
Janet Spybrook, Personnel Preparation

Members Unable to Attend

Maryanne Barnes, Service Provider, Developmental Center
Kelli Bohanon, State Lead Agency, Department of Early Learning
Janet George, Department of Services for the Blind
Amy Kocher, Parent
Sharon Reddick, Health Care Authority/Medicaid

Others Attending

Malissa Adame, Pierce County
Joy Caldwell, King County Parent Coalition
Sandy Carlson, SKIP
Chris Cuneo, Holly Ridge Center
Kathy Fortner, Kindering
Wendy Galloway, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
Christine Griffin, Whatcom County
Wendy Harris, King County DDD
Heather Hebdon, PAVE
Sheri Hill, Early Childhood Policy
Kellie Horn, Walla Walla
Tracy Kahlo, PAVE
Mary Kirchoff, Wonderland
Cecile Lindquist, Public Policy
Jill McCormick, PAVE
Phil Olson, Cowlitz County
Suzanne Quigley, Listen and Talk
Marsha Quinn, Encompass
Michael Stewart – Boyer Children's Clinic
Holly Woo, King County DDD

ESIT Program Staff Who Participated

Karen Walker, Program Administrator

Kathy Blodgett, Program Consultant

Kathy Grant-Davis, Program Consultant

Sheila Ammons, Program Consultant

Bob Morris, Data Manager

Linda Jennings, Program Specialist

Debbie Jackson, Program Specialist

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Introductions/Announcements

As Acting Chair, Janet Spybrook called the meeting to order.

Dr. Spybrook led introductions of the Council and audience present.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the April 24, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the July 24, 2013 agenda. Kelli Bohanan was unable to attend. The agenda was amended. The motion was seconded and passed with the amendment.

Karen Walker, ESIT Administrator, spoke briefly regarding the Executive Order and the 11 unfilled SICC positions. Staff is working with the Governor's office to obtain the Executive Order and fill these positions as quickly as possible.

II. Innovative Programs and Practices

❖ Suzanne Quigley, Ph.D., Executive Director for Listen and Talk also provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Council.

Highlights:

- Listen & Talk serves Pierce/King/Snohomish counties
- Four Core Programs
 - Early Intervention
 - Preschool & Prekindergarten Blended Classes
 - Auditory Verbal Therapy
 - Consultation and Mentorship
- Early Intervention services are:
 - Family Centered
 - Use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems
 - Specialists coaching parents of children birth to 3 years old
 - Integrating listening and language in a natural playful way
 - Parent Toddler Groups and Music and Movement
- Challenges
 - Increased demand for services
 - Limited number of highly trained specialists

- Lidded funding
- Wide geographical region served
- Traffic worsening = Time lost
- New terminology emerging
 - Telehealth: The use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional related education, public health and health administration.
 - Virtual Home Visits: Application of videoconferencing technology to provide early intervention in the natural environment.
 - Benefits
 - ✓ Access to quality providers
 - ✓ Reduction of travel constraints
 - ✓ Reduction of illness or weather related cancellations
 - ✓ Enhances family coaching strategies
 - ✓ Facilitates access to interpreters
 - ✓ Facilitates opportunities for team collaboration
 - ✓ Provides greater opportunity for extended family involvement
 - ✓ Recording for later use and mentorship of developing professionals
 - Challenges
 - ✓ Availability of appropriate bandwidth to transmit high quality signal
 - ✓ Equipment availability
 - ✓ Ability of family to access internet
 - ✓ Reimbursement of services
 - ✓ Ability of families and providers to utilize technology
 - ✓ Potential provider resistance to apparent change in practice
 - ✓ Potential family resistant to virtual vs. in-person home visits
 - Barriers
 - ✓ Licensure
 - ✓ Privacy and security
 - ✓ Access to technology
 - ✓ Reimbursement
 - ✓ License portability
- Resources
 - Health Resources and Services Administration www.hrsa.gov
 - Teleintervention Resource Guide, National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management www.infanthearing.org/ti-guide/index.html
 - American Telemedicine Association www.americantelemed.org

❖ Julie Fisher from the Cherish Program at Kinderling provided a PowerPoint update to the Council.

Highlights:

- **Children Encouraged by Relationships In Secure Homes = CHERISH**
 - Foster Children ages 0-3 living in King County, in out-of-home care, are eligible for the CHERISH program
- WA State Maltreatment Statistics (from 2007)
 - 10,000 children in foster care
 - 1/3 of these children are placed with relatives (in formal kinship arrangements)
 - 42,300 are referred to CPS
- Almost 80% of young foster children have prenatal exposure to substance abuse

- More than 40% are born prematurely or at low birth weight, two additional risk factors
- Over 50% suffer from physical health problems
- CHERISH Program Outcomes
 - Child and Caregiver well-being:
 - PIR-GAS Scores (part of DC:0-3R)
 - DECA-I/T Scores
 - Parent Satisfaction Surveys
 - Placement preservation:
 - In their first 12 months of care, 98.3% of our clients had 1-2 placements
 - The federal practice standard is 86.7%; King County stat is 66.6%
 - CHERISH Replication Overview
 - CHIRP stands for CHERISH Internship Replication Project
 - Started in January 2013
 - 18 months – will be completed in July 2014
 - 11 trainees
 - NWC, BTT, SKIP, Encompass
 - Shadowing/Mentoring Model
 - Goals of CHERISH Replication
 - Qualify more foster children for early intervention with a focus on social/emotional development
 - Better serve those children's unique social/emotional needs, once they are qualified
 - Replication Process
 - Call went out to King County early intervention programs in November 2012
 - Trainees were then selected and scheduled for the 2-day kick-off training in January 2013
 - Two of four agencies began the work in February 2013
 - Primary referral sources alerted to new referral process – referrals accepted
 - Ongoing training support for one year
 - Progress to date:
 - 23 foster children served (to date) at the training sites, 20 of these under Part C funding
 - NWC and B-3 **all** staff trained on use of DECA-I/T assessments
 - Systems in place at two of four agencies for providing this service
 - Relationship building with referral agencies
- CHERISH Replication Goal: Serve more foster children
 - 250+.... Number of children eligible for CHERISH on any given day
 - 600+.... Number of children eligible for CHERISH in a given year
 - 100+.... Current number served per year
 - 300 Goal for number served per year once all four CHIRP-trained agencies are up and running
 - By 2015 expect to have five CHERISH sites up and running
 - Trained agencies will be in contact with Kindering's CHERISH program for consultation regarding the toughest referrals; will serve the S/E needs of most foster children who qualify and live in their catchment areas
- Would you like a CHERISH program in your area?
 - Consider hiring people with infant mental health (IMH) training – or sending existing staff for more training
 - Look at ways to qualify more foster children in S/E
 - What are the resources for IMH in your area? Possible consultants?
 - Look at relationships with Children's Administrations in your county – especially CHET screeners.

- ❖ Janet Spybrook, Ph.D., professor at Central Washington University gave a brief overview of the ESIT modules and how she uses them in her teaching curriculum. The modules can be found on the ESIT website at:

<http://www.del.wa.gov/development/esit/training.aspx>

and on the ECTA Center web site at:

<http://ectacenter.org/wamodules/wamodules.asp>

III. Agency Reports

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

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

Highlights:

- The state office is in process for filling the vacant Nursing Consultant position
- The program is recruiting more parents for a leadership training this fall. Interested parents should contact Susan Ray by August 15, 2013.
- Level funding was received in the budget for NDCs and Maxillofacial Review Boards
- Funding was increased for the Newborn Screening Program
- New proviso funds (\$270,000) are budgeted through DOH for the WA Autism Alliance & Advocacy to assist in training parents of children with autism who are denied benefits for autism treatment services. Susan Ray is staff lead.
- Spokane's Northwest Autism Center also received proviso funds (\$200,000). That funding will be handled through Eastern Washington University.
- Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Spokane is contracting with DOH to continue the Maxillofacial Review Board for the East Region.
- The online CSHCN Data Report Evaluation closed on May 31st. 77 people completed the survey. CSHCN is currently analyzing the results for planning purposes and possible revisions.
- The National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Chartbook 2009-2010 is now available online. This Chartbook presents the major findings of the NS-CSHCN on the national level, stratifying each indicator by selected socio-demographic variables such as age, race/ethnicity, income level, and type of insurance. The links to the NS-CSHCN are:
<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/publications/index.html>
<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/researchdata/mchirc/index.html>
- The next meeting of the Washington Autism Advisory Council (WAAC) is scheduled for October 2013. More information is available at: <http://www.ddc.wa.gov/WAAC.html>
- The Universal Developmental Screening (UDS) webpage has been updated on the Medical Home Partnerships website: <http://www.medicalhome.org/leadership/devscreen.cfm>
- Great MINDS (Medical Homes Include Developmental Screening) completed five trainings as of June 30th – Tacoma, Spokane, Chehalis, Vancouver, and the Nisqually Tribe – with a sixth in Tacoma occurring on July 1.
- Community Asset Mapping kick off events took place in Spokane and Clark counties in early June. Both were a great success and the local communities have established workgroups and are moving forward in addressing their identified gaps in developmental screening. Contact Heather Reed heather.reed@doh.wa.gov for more information.
- The Spring 2013 issue of Linkages online newsletter focuses on *Travel and Time Away from Home for Children with Special Health Care Needs* (<http://cshcn.org/news/linkages-newsletters/linkages-spring->

2013). To subscribe to Linkages or to access archived issues, visit <http://cshcn.org/news-events/linkages-newsletters>.

- The 2013-2014 Starting Point Guide, a resource directory for children with special health care needs, is now available to share with your families at <http://cshcn.org>.
- Five parents address how they find support and connection in a new video, <http://cshcn.org/support-connection/emotional-support-families-resource-list>
- Air Travel Preparation (<http://cshcn.org/planning-record-keeping/air-travel-preparation>). Content features suggestions from parents who speak from experience, and a TSA supervisor.
- Early Intervention and Education Resources - This new content was developed with input from parents and staff from Seattle Children's, OSPI and ESIT. Sections address developmental concerns, early intervention services, special education, the IEP, 504 plans, tips for developing partnerships with your education team, dispute resolution and legal rights (<http://cshcn.org/childcare-schools-community/early-intervention-and-education-resources>)
- Child Health Notes
 - Developmental Screening and Surveillance: How to "Wait and See" http://www.medicalhome.org/leadership/chn_topics.cfm#screening
 - Full list of topics: http://www.medicalhome.org/leadership/chn_topics.cfm#special

Health Care Authority, Sharon Reddick

Highlights:

- Washington's Health Care Authority is applying a new brand for adults enrolled in Medicaid programs. The new brand – Washington Apple Health – capitalizes on the successful children's medical brand. The umbrella designation of Apple Health for Kids made life easier for clients and Health Care Authority Director Dorothy Teeter stated that they are counting on the same result with Washington Apple Health.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Val Arnold

Highlights:

- There was no formal quarterly update provided for the full council. Val provided a brief update on the federal *Office of Special Education Programs Results Driven Accountability* activities for Part B of IDEA 2004.

IV. Committee Updates

Family Leadership and Involvement Committee (FLIC), Jena Lavik

Highlights:

- The Committee welcomed three new members; Catalina Angel, Marsha Quinn, and Jermaine Rahm.
- In Cecile Lindquist's absence, the advocacy training was postponed until the October meeting.
- The Committee reviewed and discussed ground rules and guidelines for FLIC. We will continue working on these at the October meeting.
- Parents were chosen for the Conversations with Families panel presentation at the SICCC October meeting.
- A new member packet is under development.

Data Committee, Kathy Fortner

Highlights:

- The committee met on 7/19/13 and reviewed the Data Management System (DMS) “hot” list priorities.
- Reviewed some of the DMS reports, especially those with an “other” option. Committee members concluded that when users skip the dropdown box choices and write in “other” choices – the data becomes less meaningful.
- The potential for tracking trends and reporting to funding sources exists.
- ESIT staff are working on training videos to help improve the use of the DMS.
- The committee recommended sharing information on data gathering, results in reports and purpose of reports.

Funding Committee, Karen Walker

Highlights:

- Recent meeting with Maureen Greer and LLA representatives to go through the System of Payments and Fees (SOPAF). Discussed policy, guidelines, and how to maximize third party reimbursements.
- The committee will continue to help advise and modify the SOPAF forms
- The SOPAF forms will continue to be “in process” and revised as needed

Public Policy, Debbie Jackson

Highlights:

- Will be doing advocacy training for FLIC members in October.

Personnel and Training, Janet Spybrook

Highlights:

- The committee continues to meet by conference call. Calls are scheduled the fourth Monday in the month before the SICC meeting.
- The committee developed a survey for the LLAs on personnel shortages. After the SICC meeting today the P&T and WATTAC will have a joint face-to-face meeting and review the survey. The committee will finalize it in September and send it to one person in each service provider agency to complete between October and December.
- The results of the survey will assist us in getting a baseline of recruitment and retention issues for early intervention providers. Additional questions and needs may be identified.

V. **ESIT Update**

Highlights:

- ESIT has completed the contracting process and selected Local Lead Agency (LLA) to hold the early intervention services contract, effective July 1, 2013. A competitive application process was initiated for the first time in Spring 2013. The majority of LLAs remained the same with the exception of the following changes:
 - Toddler Learning Center now serves Island County (formerly Skagit Valley College)
 - ESD 112 now serves Clark County (formerly Educational Opportunities for Children and Families)
 - ESD 123 now serves Walla Walla County (formerly Walla Walla County Department of Human Services)

- ESIT was scheduled to receive a \$400,000+ increase due to child count in FFY 13, but because of sequestration, the program's budget was reduced by \$88,000 + (5.12%). Minor reductions were made to ESIT administration and most EIS contractor allotments.
- ESIT is very happy to welcome Debbie Jackson to our staff as of July 1, 2013. Debbie comes to the Department of Early Learning (DEL) ESIT program from Washington PAVE. Debbie is now the ESIT Parent Participation Program Specialist and can be reached at 360 725-4413, or email at Debra.Jackson@del.wa.gov. Debbie will continue to support parent involvement in all program work efforts. Welcome Debbie!
- ESIT has finalized the new System of Payments and Fees (SOPAF) Policy and Family Cost Participation (FCP) Guidelines. Maureen Greer, Part C Finance Consultant, and Karen Walker, ESIT Administrator, presented a SOPAF implementation workshop on June 12, 2013. The written policy became effective statewide on July 1, 2013. ESIT will post an ongoing and updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on its website as SOPAF and FCP questions arise.
- Jan–March 2013 compliance monitoring data from each LLA was taken the end of April 2013. Findings of noncompliance will be issued and Local Lead Agency determinations made for each LLA, based on compliance data obtained from this year's monitoring period.
- ESIT received its annual determination in June 2013 and again "meets requirements" in the implementation of IDEA, Part C. This is the highest level compliance issued by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Future focus of federal monitoring will shift to a new accountability framework, described as "results driven accountability" (RDA). The new accountability structure will focus on improving child and family outcomes. The current accountability system places a heavy emphasis on procedural compliance without consideration of how these requirements impact children's learning outcomes. The federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) now believes that in order to fulfill the IDEA's requirements, a more balanced approach to supporting program effectiveness in early intervention and special education is necessary.
- The Department of Early Learning (DEL) filed a public notice on February 4, 2013, to create state regulations, or Washington Administrative Code (WAC), regarding the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), Washington's early intervention program. Sharon Walsh and Ross Taylor, national IDEA, Part C consultants, will convene a stakeholder meeting for the purpose of reviewing an initial draft of the Washington's Part C WAC based upon ESIT's current policies and procedures. The stakeholder meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013. DEL will seek input from the public as this work gets underway. The proposed regulations will be posted for public comment and ESIT will hold public hearings and accept comments before adopting permanent rules. ESIT will coordinate the development of these rules, as appropriate, with the state Department of Health, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Social and Health Services and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

VI. Data Management System Update

DMS information on system updates and enhancements is provided through the DMS listserv: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADEL/subscriber/new>. Users are encouraged to sign up to receive the most up to date news.

- Numerous updates have been completed in the DMS system during 2013. The system is now 1 ½ years old.

VII. Emerging Issues/Other Topics

Sheri Hill noted that Zero to Three can help with sequestration. These are the recommended links:

<http://www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/federal-policy/>

<http://www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/action-center/>

October Focus: Conversations with Families

Meeting adjourned.

Next SICCC Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Puget Sound Skills Center, Burien

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