

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Youth Services for Oklahoma County
201 NE 50th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

February 18, 2009

Draft Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairperson Heather Pike.

Roll Call and Introductions

The roll was called and the following members were present: Paula Brown, Martha Buchanan, Candye Chavez, Marti Ferretti, Jim Lewis, Tara Lozano, Kermit McMurry (out at 11:50 a.m.), Amy Owens (in at 9:38 a.m.), Heather Pike, Terry Johnsen for Raymond Haddock (Haddock in at 10:05 a.m.), Lynn Rambo-Jones (in at 10:04 a.m.), Edd Rhoades, Sue Robertson for Terrie Fritz, Tammy Rogers, Lathonya Shivers (in at 11:05 a.m.), Frank Stone, and Cynthia Valenzuela for Misty Kimbrough.

Approval of December 12, 2008 Minutes

A motion was made by Ferretti and seconded by McMurry to approve the draft minutes from December 12, 2008 as written. All members present voted in the affirmative except Paula Brown and Jim Lewis, who both abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

Update on the SFY2009 and SFY2010 Budget and Funding Plan

Sharp said the State Department of Education included the amount requested by the ICC in their 2010 budget request. The amount is an increase of a little over \$5 million. The Governor issued his budget which only has a \$1.3 million increase for SoonerStart.

For 2009, House Bill 1778 has made it out of the Appropriations Committee and is on to the Senate for approval. This bill moves \$1.3 million from the Department of Education's carryover line to the SoonerStart Program. This will basically assure that there will not be furloughs for the Department of Education or the State Department of Health.

Update on ICC Program Manager Position

Sharp updated by saying the State Department of Education has hired Fran Ferrari to work in Special Education Services. She is now a Part B employee and she will maintain many Part C activities. She will continue doing the data analysis for the Annual Performance Report and State

Performance Plan. Ferrari was previously employed at the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

Part C Federal Grant

Sharp also stated that we are into our grant application time. It was thought that the final Part C regulations would be published before the Presidential election. However, this was not finished in time and the first thing President Obama did was stop any regulations from moving forward. The application is the same as last year. It will be published on March 1 and will go through May 30, 2009.

Federal Regulations

This is still pending.

HB2027

John Corpolongo said this bill requires insurance coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders. It has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Ferretti was asked if she will support this bill and she said yes. The capacity for providing autism services in the state is hugely important and there should be more access by families to Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) prepared providers.

Cynthia Valenzuela said that through their State Personnel Development Grant, the State Department of Education is providing tuition reimbursement for BCBA.

Sue Robertson said the Health Care Authority is involved in an autism workgroup that is addressing the BCBA and looking at ways they can possibly pay for some of the services.

It was suggested that René Damon be put on the agenda for the next ICC meeting to give a presentation on the low-incidence workgroup.

State Legislation

Pike said it was written in the e-Capitol News that Senator Crain made a comment in the Senate Appropriations about changing the lead agency from the State Department of Education to either the State Department of Health or Department of Human Services. She just wanted to make the ICC members aware of this.

Rhoades said that we have a pending consultant report that he thinks needs to be taken into consideration in relation to the steps we need to take with both agencies in looking at how to access and identify these issues and how to proceed with improving the program.

Statewide Child Care Survey

Sharp said he and Lansdowne have been working with a task group on enhancing their capacity to provide child care services to children with disabilities. The Department of Human Services has put in a special needs rate that he thinks is very beneficial to families; however, they don't have many families accessing the rate.

The survey will go out to all child care providers to see why they are not utilizing it and to see if they are aware of the special needs rate. Also, another survey will be distributed by EI staff.

Update on Annual Percentage Rate

A copy of the update is available upon request. Cynthia Valenzuela will send a copy of the APR to be distributed to ICC members after it has gone through the proofing process.

Presentation

Oklahoma Parents Center

The Oklahoma Parents Center is a non-profit agency that operates the statewide federally funded Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) in Oklahoma. They are funded in part under the Parent Training and Information Centers Grant Competition and the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Every state is required to have at least one parent center.

Their mission is dedicated to the inclusion and equality of children and adults with disabilities. They also train, inform, educate, support parents, families, professionals and consumers in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities, from birth through age twenty-six. (The Powerpoint is available upon request.)

Sandie Foot said they have their state conference on March 24, 2009 in Tulsa. They will be having some very good national speakers and it is free of charge.

Complaints' Status

Valenzuela said they do not have any new complaints.

Update, Out-of-State Consultant Report

No update.

ICC Subcommittee Reports

Budget and Funding

Chavez said they met last week and the Committee thought we should not wait on the out-of-state consultant report and thus decided to form a small workgroup. This group was formed because it is critical that the State Department of Education and State Department of Health sit down to communicate and collaborate in a workgroup. Chavez called and left a message with Superintendent Garrett about this.

The Legislature is not going to approve the supplemental, but they did ask the Departments of Education and Health to find the necessary money to cover this need.

Program Evaluation

Ferretti said she has submitted a request to Misty Kimbrough asking her to clarify the role of Fran Ferrari in working with the Evaluation Committee to provide data.

Public Awareness

Tammy Rogers reported that Design Services with the State Department of Human Services continues to produce materials for SoonerStart and ICC. They have many projects that they have completed and some of the materials are on the table.

Leadership and Personnel Development

Shivers said they last met on January 20, 2009. They have been working on the STARS brochure and have now completed it.

Family Support

Pike said they are still trying to identify families. The Joining Forces Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Oklahoma City Metro Tech. This information will be sent to ICC members.

Agency Coordinators' Reports

Lansdowne said she just wanted to announce all the many conferences that will be in Oklahoma in the next few months. The summit for children with mental health and substance abuse is February 26-27, 2009; The Governor's conference is March 2-3, 2009; the Oklahoma Parents Center conference, "Building Relationships to Create Successful Change" is March 24, 2009 in Tulsa; the International Infant and Toddler Conference is April 23-26, 2009 in Tulsa; and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day at the Capitol is March 18, 2009.

Terry Johnsen said she has been working with CAPTA and the Indian tribes on a brochure. There is going to be a big conference in March and they are trying to get all the Indian tribes on board with the CAPTA program. Also, every child in foster care needs to be screened.

Sharp said they have 15 resource coordinator vacancies. The largest opening is in Oklahoma City.

Glenda Rogers said they are looking at 35 service provider vacancies and four clerical positions.

Audra Haney said they are working on the spring 2010 calendar.

New Business

No comments.

Public Comments

Lathonya Shivers said she is part of the association called the American Society for Public Administration. Every year, during public service recognition month which is the first week in May, they present an award for the **administrator of the year**. They are looking for nominees to receive this award and are accepting nominations through March 9, 2009. She welcomes any nominees submitted. Doris Simms will e-mail the packet to all ICC members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.