



OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
1111 North Lee Avenue, Suite 500
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairperson Ford.

Roll Call and Introductions

The roll was called and the following members were present: Paula Brown, Amy Chlouber, Marti Ferretti, Tara Ford, Terrie Fritz (in at 10 a.m.), Terry Johnsen, Renée Kiel, Shari Kinney, Jim Lewis, Kermit McMurry, Amy Owens, Heather Pike, and Edd Rhoades, (out at 11 a.m., returned at 11:30 a.m.).

Members not present were: Sean Burrage, Jan Matthews, Jeannie McDaniel, Amy Owens, Lynn Rambo-Jones, Tammy Rogers, Lathonya Shivers, and Frank Stone.

Chairperson Ford welcomed our new member, Renée Kiel. Mrs. Kiel has been very active in working with the Family Leadership Committee.

Action Items

Approval of February 16, 2011 Minutes

A motion was made by McMurry and seconded Kinney to approve the minutes from the Interagency Coordinating Council meeting on February 16, 2011. All members present voted in the affirmative except Chlouber and Kiel, who abstained. The motion passed.

ICC June Retreat Agenda

Lansdowne said she is really excited about this retreat. We have a lot of great information to pass on. Because we need more space, the retreat will be held at the Boldt Construction Company and Grace Kelley will facilitate. Kristie Musick from South Carolina is the Part C coordinator of BabyNet (South Carolina's early intervention program) and coordinator of the First Steps to School Readiness Program. She will talk to us about some of the aspects of South Carolina's strengthening families approach used

in the homes for early intervention. She will also address several other issues.

Debra Anderson, Executive Director of Smart Start, has agreed to pay for transportation and hotel for Ms. Musick. There will also be staff members from Smart Start attending the retreat. (refer to retreat agenda)

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Pike to accept the agenda as presented with the understanding the ICC staff may need to tweak the agenda as needed. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Infant Mental Health

Amy Chlouber said she has a shared position between the State Department of Health and the Department of Mental Health.

Some of this group may have been involved in the development of the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Strategic Plan for Oklahoma. Part of her responsibility with the plan is to oversee the goals of the plan and to make connections to move things forward with the plan. The four goals around the plan are: to create awareness, workforce development, enhancing and expanding services for young children's mental health issues, and collecting data and research.

She also distributed a document on OK-AIMH Endorsement Levels of Competency. (refer to handout) Chlouber has the competencies for endorsement and she will send that to Lansdowne to be e-mailed to the ICC.

Consideration of Established Condition

Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder

Edd Rhoades said at the last Budget and Funding Committee meeting, they brought forward on the recommendation of the agency coordinators proposal to consider making Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder an established condition for eligibility for early intervention services. Dr. Rhoades is bringing this to the ICC for consideration to adopt.

A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Ferretti to add Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder to our list of established conditions. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Infant Mental Health

At this time, we go back to the request by Amy Chlouber to consider re-establishing an infant mental health committee and to continue to look at the issues.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Fritz to establish an Infant Mental Health Committee. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed,

Lansdowne will work with Chlouber on possibly video-conferencing for meetings of this group. She will also look at other programs that can possibly be part of this membership.

Resource Coordinator Role Change

Sharp said they did a formal announcement of the role change and have moved forward on trainings with the resource coordinators. They have already done some of their trainings on procedural

safeguards. The resource coordinators are being trained as they come up and making good progress for moving forward.

Much discussion was held on this subject and concern about how this will actually work. One comment was on the morale of staff. How is this change affecting the morale of staff? If morale is down, how is it impacting the services they provide?

OSEP Verification Visit

Sharp said they are having conversations with the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in Washington, DC. They are making continuous improvements in monitoring and will talk about stakeholder input at the retreat. All stakeholders should be receiving a letter from OSEP about their visit September 26-29, 2011.

There is a conference call (Webinar) on May 20 at 1 p.m. The topic will be: *Overview of the new structure of OSEP's Continuous Improvement of Focused Monitoring System (CIFMS) and stakeholder involvement.*

OSEP Grant Application

The application has been submitted.

SoonerStart Site Profiles

Cynthia Valenzuela, State Department of Education, presented a summary of the data that they are required to provide the stakeholders. There were four sites that had "no" findings and we will acknowledge them at the retreat. (copy available upon request)

Complaints' Status

No complaints at this time.

ICC Subcommittee Reports

Budget and Funding

The main topic discussed at the last meeting was talking adding Auditory Neuropathy to our automatic qualifiers list. They are not sure about budget matters at this time.

Program Evaluation

No update at this time.

Public Awareness

Lansdowne report that Tammy Rogers is going to connect with the Department of Education to talk about what this committee can do now that there is no money.

Leadership and Personnel Development

No update at this time.

Family Leadership

They are working on putting a family panel together for the retreat. They would like to hear from families receiving services.

State Agency Coordinators'

Lansdowne said OCCY received a 6% cut but they should be able to maintain for the next year. They are working with OCCY staff to get the SoonerStart website up. She is expecting to know something next week.

Also, OCCY is involved in two House bills that were passed. The first is HB1197 which is Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force; this does affect children in SoonerStart as well as at-risk children. The first meeting is tomorrow and OCCY will staff these meetings. The other bill is HB1359 and that is the Foster Care System Improvement Task Force. OCCY will also staff these meetings and both groups will have to submit a report to the Legislature.

The State Health Department is down to 170 FTEs. They are currently working on the FY2012 contracts. The approval for relocation of Oklahoma County should be received at any time.

Fritz said the Health Care Authority took a 1% cut but it was over their base from last year. The fee to hospitals bill passed so that will generate some revenue. She also thinks they will be allowed to keep carryover.

Terry Johnsen reported that the Department of Human Services has also taken cuts and they are not sure about the possibility of furloughs. They are offering buyouts.

She is doing a respite program which is the DDS Voucher Respite Program. She is talking to resource coordinators because she wants them to know the maximum is \$60,000. They can apply through the intake offices. This is for families with kids (or adults) who have developmental delays. Please call her for more information.

Sharp reported that the State Department of Education continues to be at 30 vacancies. All of these are resource coordinators. They do not know anything yet about the budget but will pass the information on to the ICC as soon as they know.

New Business

No new business.

Public Comments

Paula Brown said early head start slots were funded a couple of years ago and their money is now in danger of going away completely. They did get them funded through the rest of this fiscal year and are being told to add it to the new funding grant of the overall program for next year. If anyone is so inclined to advocate on your own, then that would be awesome.

Fritz said they have had a project ongoing for over the last year to increase the accessibility and the ease of which their primary care practitioners (PCPs) under SoonerCare can do development screenings and refer to SoonerStart. They had some breakthroughs within the last several months and they have been able to develop web portal (ABCD3 and also known as Connecting the Docs.) The PCPs will be able to electronically send a referral to SoonerStart.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.