



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

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

E. K. Gaylord Building
500 North Broadway
Fifth Floor Board Room
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

May 20, 2009

Draft Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 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, John Corpolongo for Edd Rhoades (Rhoades in 10:24 a.m.), Marti Ferretti, Misty Kimbrough, Shari Kinney, Jim Lewis, Tara Lozano (in at 11 a.m.), Heather Pike, Lynn Rambo-Jones, Tammy Rogers, and Lathonya Shivers (in at 10:15 a.m., out at 11:18 a.m.).

Members not present were: Sean Burrage, Terrie Fritz, Raymond Haddock, Jan Matthews, Jeannie McDaniel, Kermit McMurry, Amy Owens, and Frank Stone.

Vice Chair Nominations

At this time, we do not have any nominations. Tara Lozano will be taking over as ICC chair at the Retreat.

Approval of February 18, 2009 Minutes

Corpolongo presented a correction on Page 2, HB2027: first paragraph, first sentence. It should read "John Corpolongo said this bill *DOES NOT REQUIRE* insurance coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder.

A motion was made by Ferretti and seconded by Kinney to approve the draft minutes from February 18, 2009, with the noted correction. All members present voted in the affirmative except Kimbrough, who abstained. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

SFY2010 ICC Budget

Treasa Lansdowne reviewed the SFY2010 Budget. (refer to handout)

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Buchanan to approve the SFY2010 Budget as presented. All members present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

ICC Retreat Date

Lansdowne presented the Retreat agenda to the Council which proposes a one-day Retreat on June 17, 2009. Ferretti suggested that we defer voting on the date until the end of the meeting today.

ICC Retreat Agenda

The one-day agenda proposes a change of location from Sarkeys Foundation to the Cleveland County Health Department in Norman. (refer to handout)

Update on SFY2010 SoonerStart Appropriations

Mark Sharp said the State Department of Education does not have any indication on next year's appropriations. They are in the process of meeting with the State Department of Health to work on next year's contract and contingency plans.

Presentations

Emerald Report and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Kimbrough said the Legislature has inquired about the possibility of taking the stimulus money that they have received for Part C. There are no waivers for maintenance of effort and we have to get at least the amount of money we got from the Legislature last year to be able to possibly take advantage of the second 50% of the stimulus money. (refer to handout)

Kimbrough also distributed copies of the Emerald Consulting Final Report. She gave an overview of the key program areas reviewed: General Supervision, Service Pathway, and Family Issues. (copies available upon request)

Special Education Resolution Center

Jo Anne Blades gave an overview of their program. The Special Education Resolution Center, Oklahoma State University, is funded by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to provide mediation services to help parents and school districts resolve their disputes at the earliest possible stage.

This year, they were selected by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Education (CADRE) as one of the four exemplary states in the United States for the program they are offering. (refer to handouts)

Complaints' Status

Kimbrough said they have one complaint that is currently being investigated. The due process was dismissed by the hearing officer because the parent had filed a complaint at the same time the due process was filed and the law says you have to hold the complaint until the due process is finalized.

Otherwise, all past complaints have been closed.

ICC Subcommittee Reports

Budget and Funding Committee

Chavez said they met and discussed how to use the second part of the stimulus money. The State Department of Education gave money to the Health Department to finalize the contract.

Program Evaluation

Ferretti said they have been waiting on the Emerald Report. At their last meeting they discussed coming forth with a proposal on program evaluation with an emphasis on child outcomes following the report here and discussion at the Retreat.

Public Awareness

Tammy Rogers reported that they continue to produce material. She also passed around a referral guide that they are working on and asked the Council to review it and make any changes.

Rogers referred to the Emerald Report on Page 116. It gives recommendations and she suggests a SoonerStart stand-alone website. She recommends that we possibly discuss this at the Retreat.

Leadership and Personnel Development

Audra Haney reported they are looking at the roles, responsibilities, and indicators to see how this committee can update them and provide this information to the lead agency. They are also looking at the CORE trainings and offering them in an online format.

Family Leadership

Pike said they have had their first meeting and will be meeting again next week and she would encourage any provider or anyone present today to help families get involved with this committee. This is an important time for families to get involved in looking at the program and ways to improve it. Any families interested may contact Heather Pike or Treasa Lansdowne.

ICC Retreat Date

A motion was made by Ferretti and seconded by Kimbrough to move the Retreat from two days to one day which will be on June 17, 2009. All present voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Agency Coordinators' Reports

Rogers said the State Department of Health recently approved to hire for four positions. They have 26 staff members that participated in the Stanley Greenspan Training. They hope to do a presentation on autism-pro at the Retreat. Twelve providers are attending the summer autism institute.

Mark Sharp said the State Department of Education is still operating with a reduced number of FTEs. They have identified their critical shortage areas. They have 17 vacancies with the budget to fill two positions. Sharp was asked to bring a chart showing the areas with vacancies to the Retreat. Cynthia Valenzuela said they are planning to do some focused monitoring in June.

Treasa Lansdowne said she is working on plans for the Retreat. She has a meeting scheduled with Grace Kelley and a conference call with NECTAC related to the family cost participation. If there is an interim study related to SoonerStart, this will also have to be discussed at the Retreat.

Lansdowne is to also follow-up on obtaining information to see how other states are utilizing other funding sources.

New Business

No New Business.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.