

Minutes

(Digitally recorded)

EC3 Meeting / May 1 and 2, 2014

Idaho State Capitol Building, Senate Majority Caucus Room, Boise, ID, 83702

Attendees:

Members: Sherry Iverson, Shannon Dunstan, Kathy McGill, Christy Cronheim, Judge Greg Culet, Carolyn Kiefer, Beth Oppenheimer, Melissa Carico, Sara San Juan, Paula Mason, Ellen Neff, David Allen, Justin Coleman, Representative Cindy Agidius, Gary Rillema, Kris Spain, Nancy Luevanos

Applicants for Appointment: Emily Petersen, Bill Foxcroft, Ericka Medalen, Holly Whitworth, Natali Pellens

Guests: Chad Cardwell, Lauren Ertz, Jacquie Watson, Deborah Drain, April Crosby, Carolyn Brammer, Janice Carson, Rick Harris, Melaine Shephard, LeAnn Simmons, Rod Gramer

Staff: Lorraine Clayton, Diane Foote

Meeting Called to Order at 11:05am

Co-Chair Sherry Iverson opened the meeting with a welcome to new members, introductions and review of meeting protocol.

Co-Chair Justin Coleman addressed housekeeping items:

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The February 2014 meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Approval of Pre-K Definition Posting to Website: It was unanimous to post the recently approved Pre-K definition to the ECIC website.

Membership: Presently, there are 2 groups being processed for appointment. The first group dating back to December 2013 is being vetted and in process. The second group, submitted in 2014, will not be processed until summer 2014.

Takeaways from February Meeting: Holly and David commented on their participation in the teleconference and how it worked well for them though David had audio/visual issues in the Idaho Falls office. Holly reported she reported back to her program regarding the Nourishing Task Force. They then partnered up with the local food bank and the food bank's program, *Cooking Matters*. Also, Holly has invited Shannon Dunstan to conduct training on social and emotional growth at Region 7's RECC meeting in September.

Education and Child Care Committee Report – David Allen

His committee has been developing core competencies for those individuals in Early Care and Education. They have completed the crosswalk and analysis and will meet on May 10th for a final revision. May 29th and 30th is a meeting of the Consortium for Early Childhood Special Education and the committee will present a draft document for feedback to those attending. Next steps are planned for the document to be reviewed by a professional editor then to the EC3 for review. The committee is looking at June as possible publication.

Home Visiting and Parent Education Committee Report - Gary Rillema

Their statewide assessment survey project covers a variety of areas and will be sent electronically to all home visiting programs in the state of Idaho. Deborah Drain commented it is currently in draft form and waiting for review by the committee. Gary also revisited the bylaws description of the committee outlining their responsibilities.

Head Start Committee Report – Sara San Juan

The committee has met with Head Start Directors to outline the statewide professional development system for children's development in social and emotional areas. A survey will be developed over this summer, with results compiled, followed by development of training over the next nine months. The first training will be offered summer of 2015 as part of a summer institute offered to school districts. There is a draft and timeline for the next 5 years which can be requested from Sara. The committee will be asking the Council to review the survey prior to sending out statewide plus asking for suggestions as to who should receive the survey.

Idaho's Crying Plan/ Abusive Head Trauma – Sherry Iverson

Approximately 100 people attended the second summit of the Abusive Head Trauma Task Force prior to the Strengthening Families Workshop held in March. Analyzing crying plans around the nation, the Task Force took the best of three positions. Idaho's Crying Plan would be implemented at several venues such as hospitals, daycares and other early childhood providers. The concept is for a parent to go online and choose methods to sooth, to stay calm, who to call, sign and commit to the plan. The goal is for all birthing hospitals to do this at the time of discharge. Next step is for pediatricians and family doctors to implement care plans in their offices with revisions being done at two, four and six months. Other goals are to have day care providers ask parents for a plan and have it posted at the end of the cribs. Sherry asked that council members help to roll it out in their agencies and communities and also discussed if the plan should be posted on the ECIC website. Several other avenues of passing on the information could be; child custody/protection cases and parenting classes which Greg will examine; family living classes in schools; Facebook campaign; physicians incorporating into care plans; child advocacy centers; domestic intervention programs.

Networking/Lunch

Councils Roles and Responsibilities – Sherry Iverson

The roles and responsibilities of the Council were reviewed for those existing, new and future members. The Council currently operates under Idaho Code Title 16 Chapter 1 and Executive Order (EO) 2011-15-2015.

Discussion centered on the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007 and the official duties of the EC3.

Sherry reviewed the EO roles, responsibilities and membership. The Executive Order is an enhancement to state code that was passed in 1991 and it designated this group as the statewide Council for early childhood. State code was the enabling legislation for the Infant Toddler Program and also established the Interagency Coordinating Council for Individual Disabilities Act Part C Infant Toddler Program. This Council is legally responsible for specific activities related to Part C and other activities as outlined in the EO. There has been confusion about the Council's role for Head Start (HS) and Head Start Collaboration due to the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007. This act called for Council's to serve as early learning advisory groups with specific membership, tasks to be accomplished and funding for implementation. Idaho did not apply for the funds and therefore is not accountable to the federal government or Head Start to comply with the duties of the Act. Sherry read some of the duties and the Council recognized that Idaho is not and could not be in compliance without major funding. The following questions related to Council activities, reauthorization and membership were addressed.

- Question: Does the Head Start Collaboration position require an advisory council?
 - Answer: No.
- Question: Did the Council change their position on this matter over the past six years?
 - Answer: No, the Council did not agree to try and comply with the HS Reauthorization Act of 2007.
- Question: Does the Council have to comply with the HS Reauthorization Act membership?
 - Answer: No, the EO specifies Council membership meets federal requirements for Part C.
- Question: Could Idaho lose HS funding because Idaho did not apply for the funds to form a Council based on the Reauthorization Act of 2007.
 - Answer: No

- Question: Is the Early Childhood Coordinating Council recognized by the federal Office of Child Care and Head Start?
 - Answer: No, because we did not apply for funding.

The Governance Committee will present a conflict of interest statement to the council at the September meeting. The council is also charged with having an annual report to present to the Governor and a report for Infant Toddler. Information will be gathered and brought to the September meeting.

Head Start Association/Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership – Bill Foxcroft

The monies from sequestration came back and Head Start was required to submit a plan to the Office of Children and Families outlining how they would spend the 5.2% added back in the budget. The goal is to get children back in slots that were lost. A 1.2% cost of living increase was received and will be distributed across the board.

Sara San Juan and Lorraine Clayton addressed HS directors at their quarterly meeting which was a good opportunity to share information.

A pilot program for incarcerated parents has had great response. Currently they are focusing on women at South Boise Women’s Correctional Center with quarterly visits. The focus is, with permission from the parent, to connect the child and caregiver with the Head Start program in their area.

A federal initiative, the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership, prepares young children for school through collaborating with child care providers. Every state is allocated a portion of \$500 million available with every state receiving an allocation based on population of low income children in state. Idaho’s portion would be approximately \$900,000 with grant guidelines coming soon. This opportunity does not require approval from the Governor’s office or the Department of Education. It is different than the Pre-k bill with no state influence. In rural states such as Idaho, there is recognition it will be difficult to have schedule of scale as one of the requirements is to have 72 children per program. No decision will be made until guidelines have come out.

Bill reported they will be requesting presentations for Head Start’s annual meeting held in January every year.

ELeG Publication / Status of Idaho Head Start Collaboration – Carolyn Kiefer

The Early Learning Guidelines is online and in hard copy form. Dr. Janice Fletcher, University of Idaho, has been recognized for her diligent work on the publication. Carolyn and Shannon have organized a webinar for early special education faculty, teachers, Head Start, and child care providers that will be presented on May 8th. They have also been working on training for Idaho STARS and child care providers on using the guidelines.

The Early Years Conference, in partnership with the Commission for Libraries, will be held October 29th & 30th. This is Carolyn’s last EC3 meeting as she is retiring in June. She will remain on the Idaho Child Care Program Advisory Committee.

Membership Approval Update – Ann Beebe, Governor’s Office

The Council members introduced themselves to Ann and she gave an update on the status of appointee applications. Paper work will be mailed in the next few days to the first round of appointees seeking membership.

Break

Status on MCH Block Grant and the 5-Year Needs Assessment Process - Kris Spain, Jacqui Watson and BSU Evaluation Team

The goal of the Title V Block grant is to improve the health, safety and well-being of all mothers, children and families, including children with special health care needs (CSHCN).

Several aspects of the grant are as follows:

- Formula grant awarded to states based on the proportion of children in poverty
- Flexibility to use Title V monies to address the unique needs of state's MCH population
- A total of 59 states and jurisdictions receive Title V block grant funding
- MCH in Idaho serves an estimated 158,000 pregnant women, mothers, infants and children annually

Some of the current program funding includes Newborn Screening, Oral Health, Injury Prevention, 2-1-1- Careline, Perinatal Assessment (PRATS) and MCH data analysis and reporting.

For more details, see the complete PowerPoint on our portal @ <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3/>

Dr. Mark Siemon, Stephanie Lindsay, Dr. Tedd McDonald presented on the 5-Year Needs Assessment.

They are required to develop a comprehensive list of health care needs, prioritize the list, and determine if Idaho is capable of fulfilling the list. The plan is to mail postcards with a link to a survey with the timeline being to have the survey ready and postcards mailed by the end of May, though they may delay this in order to identify other agencies who should receive the postcards. The evaluation team is asking for council support and feedback on the survey plus ideas on distributing the postcards. Please contact Dr. Mark Siemon - marksieman@boisestate.edu and Stephanie Lindsay - stephanielindsay@boisestate.edu for additional information.

PECC / Children's Dental Health - Carolyn Brammer, Program Coordinator/Central District Health

The Idaho Oral Health Alliance has been in place for ten years. One of their strategic goals is the prevention of caries in children 0-3 years old with educated care givers. The area of focus has been narrowed to at-risk children between the ages of 0-3 within Ada and Canyon counties. The committee consists of several community partners.

Goals of the coalition are:

- Data collection – identify what data to collect, how to collect and outcomes
- Literacy – consistent and appropriate messaging and coordinating with others sending the same message
- Branding – to identify Idaho's project
- Pre-dental home project – health districts will do pilot project in Southwestern Idaho counties
- Educate - early prevention promoting the first dental visit at age 1

They will be capitalizing on the WIC program, but are not excluding other groups. There is a list being developed of dentists serving Medicaid clients. Melissa also commented on the CHIC project which breaks down level of care at different dentist offices from those children with slight anxiety to autistic children.

Legislative Session Reports – State Representative Cindy Agidius

Several items from the 2014 session:

- She will request the updating of the 2008 Inventory of Government Funded Early Childhood Development and Education programs in Idaho
- In regard to the Governor's Education Task Force and the recommendations brought to the legislature and Education Committee: they funded 1/3 of the way of increasing teachers' salaries
- Legislation was passed to add the dental component back into Medicaid
- Funding 1 of 3 mental health crisis centers
- Pre-K Initiative was introduced in the Education Committee but did not receive a hearing

- HB464 was passed which amended existing law to provide for consultation with Department of Health and Welfare in the emergency removal of a child. The intent was to require a peace officer to consult with H&W before declaring a child in imminent danger in placing them into state care.
- Senate Bill 1221 was passed that amended existing law to revise provisions to interagency multidisciplinary teams and training requirements for team members; and to provide that all investigative or risk assessment interviews of alleged victims of child abuse conducted by personnel of child advocacy center will be documented by audio or video taping.
- SB 1295 removes the sunset clause relating to the Idaho Childhood Immunization Policy Commission

Representative Agidius informed the council that she has been taken off the Education Committee and placed on the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

CHIC/Medicaid Update – Melissa Carico

The Adolescent Depression Screening project will be wrapping up in June. In the beginning, 2% of providers used a validated tool. After the introduction of PHQ9 as a new validated tool, it has increased to 51%. Please see the project level data charts for more detail. (<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3/>)

May 9th is the kickoff of Childhood Obesity Prevention statewide in Boise, Twin Falls and Lewiston. The aim of the learning collaborative is to measure and document BMI accurately with children 2-14 years of age. Kickoffs consist of one-day learning sessions requiring a team of a physician champion, a clinic administrator and a data or care coordinator. They are partnering with 2-1-1 to give resources as a follow up to the sessions.

The latest update on the grant status, which ends in February 2015, is application will be made in January for a no cost extension award for a one year time period. They will be also be applying for a 3-year grant specific to medical home and shared resources for medical home and enhancing care for special needs children. Melissa requested a letter of support from EC3 which was voted on and approved.

Strategic planning – Justin Coleman and Lorraine Clayton

The council members were asked to review documents outlining resources, targeted areas, and early childhood programs and systems in the state. The document is five years old and needs updating. Suggestions are being taken for new graphics also as it will be posted to the ECIC.

Adjourned 5:00 pm.

MINUTES

EC3 Early Childhood Coordinating Council - DAY 2 – May 2, 2014 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Iverson. Several guests were present today and were introduced to the Council and appointees.

Status of Immunizations and Communicable Disease in Idaho – Gary Rillema, District 7 Public Health District

Whooping cough/pertussis cases are up in the Northwest with 93 reported cases in children under the age of one. A recent death from pertussis was just reported in the Southwest Health district. The issue is still very real and he suggests everyone check your pertussis protection as it wanes the older you get. With newborns being extremely vulnerable, it is important for all older family members to receive the TDap vaccine plus those who work with infants and young children. The CDC does not yet recommend a booster in adult life, but your doctor can write a script for it. He asks that everyone please put the pertussis component on all agency websites. Sara asked for the data from the Smart Shot workshop which Sherry and Gary will request. Sherry asked the council to see what each organization's rule is on TDap when people are going out to see clients and please report back to the council.

Super bugs are becoming more and more resistant to antibiotics and his message is we do have some control in our families, so please get your vaccines and remember to wash your hands.

Christy asked for information on low-cost immunizations for contractors which Gary directed her to contact the local health districts and have those involved check their insurance policies. Different options for hand -washing education will be shared. More information on vaccines and policy and procedures will be added to the September agenda.

Child Welfare Report – April Crosby

In its second year, the One Church One child program has recruited 25 resource families and received \$20,000 worth of clothing, toy and gift donations. The older youth have established two programs at BSU and ISU modelled after the Guardians Scholarship program. It involves a social worker on site available for weekly visits and out of thirteen eligible students; eleven have taken advantage of the support. The average GPA of students in the program is 2.66.

In January they rolled out a new standard for use in monitoring of psychotropic medication in children. Training was held around the state for resource families. Forty percent of foster youth are currently taking psychotropic medication compared to 14% of those youth not in foster care. Within these trainings, they also provided information on adult immunizations.

Approval has been received for a waiver from federal government which gives them the opportunity to use money for foster care. They will also be implementing a CANS assessment and increasing use of family group decision making and implementing evidence-based parenting education. They continue to roll out the use of round tables for older youth in foster care.

Data and Resource Committee Report/CPS Process/ACES – Paula Mason, Rick Harris, Janice Carson, April Crosby

Rick Harris reported on the referrals between Infant Toddler and Child Welfare and discrepancies that exist. His analysis centered on children under the age of three who were deemed with substantiated case of neglect/abuse for the first time. The purpose was to see if they were referred to ITP and the timeliness of the referral. The timeframe was between April 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. April 1 was chosen as a start date because of ITP's introduction of a new tracking system. In that timeframe, 364 children were a first-time case and out of those 277 children were referred to ITP. Forty-one of the 277 were already in the ITP system. It is taking an average of 31 days for a referral to reach the ITP system. Compliance with federal and state requirements, each referral should be done in two days. ITP then has up to 45 days to make a determination of eligibility and implement services. Infant Toddler is working with Child Welfare on a new referral form to ensure there is adequate information for ITP to make the contact and work on determination of eligibility. A short-term recommendation from Christy is to give access to Child Welfare to ITP system in order to directly enter the referral, scan the document into the system then refer to a work list that would notify ITP there is a referral from CPS.

Break

Third Party Abuse – Paula Mason, Janice Carson

Who makes the referral to ITP from third party abuse cases? Currently, there is not a protocol/law in Idaho that mandates the police to make the referral to ITP which leads to these children falling through the cracks. Outreach to law enforcement, hospitals, social workers is needed. Sherry will check with the pediatric emergency room doctors at St. Luke's.

ACEs – Paula Mason, Janice Carson

The committee reported data gleaned from a Kaiser Permanente study on Adverse Childhood Experiences. A checklist of questions regarding childhood abuse was presented to adults to understand the link between childhood experiences and adult outcomes. These adverse experiences can present themselves in adulthood as heart disease, depression, substance abuse, risky behaviors, social and emotional impairment, disease and disability.

Various data is being compiled nationwide with one survey being the ACEs Module – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System which consists of eleven questions developed by the Centers for Disease Control. It is standardized and can be compared with other states also utilizing the survey. Other states, such as Montana and Washington, have already taken the results from the BRFSS and presented it at summits and developed programs. Please refer to the presentation on the portal for details. <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3/>

It was moved that the EC3 present information specific to ACEs to the appropriate legislative committees during next year's session and was passed unanimously. The Council would educate and also be prepared to present resources and solutions. Sherry will invite Dr. Womack and Dr. McPherson, who are familiar with ACEs, to be a part of this presentation. Representative Agidius suggested a table be set up in the Capitol during the session with take-away information. This project will be placed on the September agenda for planning with the physicians being invited to the November meeting. A subcommittee was formed with Representative Agidius, Greg Culet, Ericka Medalen and Janice Carson.

The committee also asked the Council regarding a clearinghouse for grants in the state of Idaho. It was discussed that this may be too huge for the Council, but may be placed on a future agenda.

Lunch and networking

Reading Summit/Reading by 3rd Grade Initiative – Lee Ann Simmons, Rod Gramer

Many of the Council members are on the Idaho Reads Task force which is a coalition committed to ensuring that every child in Idaho knows how to read and is dedicated to helping create a reading culture in Idaho. Indicators show the importance of being able to read by 3rd grade as it impacts how well a child does in junior high and high school and on into post-secondary education. Last year, 24% of Idaho 3rd graders were not reading proficiently. The Idaho Reads project goal is to raise Idaho's reading proficiency scores to the top tier of states. Please refer to the presentation on the portal for details. Council members were asked to join the coalition with periodic updates being placed on the EC3 agenda.

Maternal Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting – Deborah Drain

Idaho MIECHV is conducting a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) project on Intimate Partner Violence, based on the benchmark results from its last federal report (submitted October 30, 2013 and finalized January 10, 2014). The project is to increase the number of assessments completed on women, as well as referrals and safety plans for women indicated as at risk. Assessments should be completed within 3 months enrollment, referrals within 2 weeks if indicated, and safety plans within one month if indicated. In reviewing our program data, we discovered that since home visiting services began June 2012: 65% of women completed assessments on time, 16% completed late, and 19% never completed an assessment. It was also found that 83% of women who never completed the assessment are no longer in the

program. These women were enrolled for about 4 months average and active (receiving home visits) for about 3 months. We found that 70% of women who completed the assessments late are still enrolled. We suspect that this was a matter of rapport building with the woman and addressing safety concerns. We also found that 22% of caregivers participating in home visits are men. This is wonderful to have male participation, but it also creates challenges for completing the assessment, which is only meant for the female caregiver or expecting mother.

We are currently working on the renewal application for our FY14 funds for our base grant. This includes getting a waiver signed by the Governor's Office, since MIECHV is funded by the Affordable Care Act. However, MIECHV's funding source may be changing with the recent reauthorization, but details are still pending.

Health Insurance Exchange/Special Enrollment Periods – Kathy McGill

At the end of February, Idaho was second in nation per capita for those enrolled in the Affordable Care Act. Idaho reported 76,061 people enrolling which does not include those who enrolled through insurance companies or those eligible for Medicaid. Open enrollment is over, but a special enrollment period exists for specific situations: situations preventing someone from enrolling initially such as hospitalization; receiving bad information through the website; victims of domestic violence. Medicaid eligible can enroll any time. The second enrollment time is for those experiencing special situations after you enrolled; moving to a different part of the state; a change in employment; getting married/divorced; adopt a child. If you gambled and didn't sign up, the next enrollment period would be November through February 15, 2015 with coverage beginning January of 2015.

Regarding the previous discussion on vaccines and insurance coverage; if someone is enrolled in an ACA compliant plan then vaccines fall into the category of preventive services which are covered 100% free of charge with no deductible. However, if you are in an older plan, the vaccines will not be covered without co-pay. The hope is plans will get updated to be in compliance.

State Department of Education – Shannon Dunstan

Shannon, Christy and Carolyn will be traveling statewide next week regarding interagency agreements and the rollout of the ELGs. She is bringing a group of people together again in June to further delineate the plan for SSIP and the next five years. Part of this will be a statewide survey with child care providers as well as the special education population. The thought behind it is to develop a multiple-tiered layer of training for providers in the social and emotional needs of all students.

Infant Toddler Program - SSIP/Phase I Proposal – Lauren Ertz and Christy Cronheim

The State Systemic Improvement Plan is a new quality indicator required by OSEP that must be included in the state's submission of the FFY 2013 State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR). The SSIP is expected to be a comprehensive, ambitious, yet achievable multi-year plan for improving results for infants and toddlers with disabilities. The SSIP is comprised of three phases with work beginning on Phase I-Analysis. They have put together a Stakeholder Group Structure with a State Team, Small Stakeholder Group and a Broad Stakeholder Group. They need a council member to chair the small stakeholder group who would conduct the analysis and are also asking EC3 to be the Broad Stakeholder Group with responsibilities of reviewing findings and giving feedback. Melissa offered to volunteer on their committee as a parent representative and discussion on a chair from EC3 will continue. See the portal for more details – <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3/>

Idaho AEYC – Beth Oppenheimer

- Republican Senator Steven Litzow from Washington State presented last week on his successes on early childhood.
- In June they are taking a state leadership team to NAEYC Professional Development Summit. Several members of the Council will be attending.
- In Idaho STARS the QRIS and essential trainings are moving forward. There has been great feedback on Essential Trainings I with findings of skyrocketing enrollment in professional development. Essential Trainings II will be ready in several weeks.
- A second Let's Move Child Care workshop on childhood obesity in March. Thirty-five care providers participated. The National League of Cities came to observe and plans to use Boise as a national model.
- They are working with Boise City and Central District Health to bring forth policy in child care licensing standards around health initiatives by incorporating nutrition and physical activity into licensing policy code.

Toxic Stress and the Judiciary System - Judge Greg Culet

In the past, the court system in Idaho has had training in ACEs and this year they are focusing on making the courtroom experience NOT a source of adverse childhood experience. He will be visiting with the coordinators for the divorcing parents' workshop and see if they are focusing on ACEs as part of that education and also suggest utilizing the Crying Plan checklist.

Idaho Child Care Program and TANF – Ericka Medalen

They will be hiring a new program specialist as the previous specialist is now working on the automation team. The child care system has been in an old mainframe system and will now be moved to the statewide eligibility system that is used for all other programming. The Child Care Development Block grant national proposed rules will be coming out this summer. The rules were proposed last June and every state had until September of 2013 for feedback. Shannon Rudisill, Director of the Office of Child Care, has pushed for legislation change and building grass root efforts. The legislation will center on ICCP providers.

Final Business - Sherry Iverson, Justin Coleman

Future Meeting Dates: September 11th and 12th, November 6th and 7th, February 12th and 13th, 2015 and May 7th and 8th, 2015. It was discussed to have the September and November meetings at the Capitol and possibly in the House Majority Caucus room which has more space. Parking, hopefully, will be addressed by utilizing the new parking garage.

Hunger Summit is scheduled for October 28th at the Riverside Hotel.

The Early Years Conference is October 29th and 30th at the Boise State Student Union Building.

Please send feedback to Lorraine regarding the strategic planning input. Once completed, the plan will require Governance Committee review, dispersal for public comment and back to the Council by September.

Adjourned @ 1:38