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(not digitally recorded)

EC3 Governance Meeting 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **May 2, 2013**

Towne Place Suites, 1455 South Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702

Attendees: David Allen, Paula Mason, Amanda Holloway, Gary Rillema. **Excused:** Amber Seipert, Sara San Juan. **Guests:** Lorraine Clayton, Christy Cronheim. **Recorder:** Donna McNearney

Paula Mason will invite Janice Carson (University of Idaho Assistive Technology) to be on the Data and Resources Committee, will give her an application, and ask her to give a presentation to the Council. Paula and Lorraine Clayton will meet in August 2013 to gather baseline data. David Allen reported that the Education and Child Care Committee will meet in June 2013. David suggested that past Council members be invited to review the Core Competency document in progress. Lorraine asked if the Consortium should also be invited; all agreed that they should review the Defined Tiers. Suggestions for connecting and engaging committee members included video conferencing, Adobe Connect, Google Docs, Google Hang Out, and Skype. At the discretion of each Committee Chair, the committees may go on summer hiatus and reconvene in September 2013, which might be a good time for the recommended annual face-to-face meeting. It is helpful to send agendas to the committee members in advance, listing the assignments/next steps from the prior meeting. The DHW liaison should also check with the committee chair before generating meeting invitations. Gary Rillema, Chair of the Home Visiting and Parent Education Committee, stated the committee has defined their purpose, and he will present it to the Council soon. This committee has recently lost Laura Alfani (DHW), who served in an advisory capacity, has accepted a job out of state.

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EC3 Early Childhood Coordinating Council 11:00 a.m. **May 2, 2013**

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Attendees: David Allen, Kristina Spain, Erika Wainaina, Kathy McGill, Amber Seipert, Gary Rillema, Stan Burton, Carolyn Keifer, Ellen Neff, Shannon Dunstan, Christy Cronheim, Paula Mason, Amanda Holloway

Staff: Donna McNearney, Lorraine Evans Clayton

Guests: Angela Lindig, Stephan Graci, Sherry Iverson, Karan Tucker, Chris Allenson, Maurine Durning, Jane Zink, Margaret Elkins, Alex Zamora, Jacquie Watson, Erika Medalen, Melissa Carico, Andie Alfaro, Natalie Bodine

David Allen opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. Chair Amber Seipert arrived soon thereafter. Appointments to the Council are pending for Sherry Iverson (Idaho Chapter of AAP/St. Luke's), Kristina Spain (Public Health/DHW), Erika Wainaina (Children & Family Services/DHW) and Kathy McGill (State Department of Insurance) and Chris Allenson (Migrant Early Head Start/Head Start) attended in Sarah San Juan's absence.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November 2012 meeting were unanimously accepted as presented. The February 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously accepted, with minor edits.

Lorraine Clayton reported that DHW is undergoing some procedural changes regarding how data stored on CD/DVD/flash drive is shared outside the Department. Please let her know if you wish to receive a copy of today's PowerPoint presentations.

Idaho Parents Unlimited (IPUL) and Idaho Federation for Families – Collaborative Partnership

Guests Angela Lindig (Idaho Parents Unlimited) and Stephen Graci (Idaho Federation for Families for Children's Mental Health; *IdahoFederation.org*) reported on the Collaborative Partnership between their two advocacy programs. Both organizations cross-refer and are in the beginning stages of tracking trends in similar diagnoses (including reactive attachment disorder, bipolar/mood disorder, ODD, ADD/ADHD, autism spectrum due to behaviors, suspected/undiagnosed), common issues, resources, and support treatments.

Steve reported that next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. His organization will host a video conference next week, *Out of the Shadows: Exposing Stigma*, and a May 10th Community Resource event at Carrington College. Steve reports that autism spectrum is the number one issue they receive calls about, and they receive lots of referral from Children's Mental Health Program in the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare.

Angela reported that IPUL is a parent-led organization and family-to family health information center that offers resources for families with children with all types of disabilities. They also sponsor some arts

opportunities. A quarter of the calls they receive are regarding emotional disturbance/ADHD combined, and 29% are regarding the autism spectrum. They have a new database that can better track diagnoses and issues.

It is felt that Idaho has a very good parent support system for families with autistic children, but that there is room for improvement in the support for families whose children have mental health concerns. Often the family first reaches out to their family physician when they have mental health concerns for their children. Early identification and intervention are key, and there are screening tools for young children, but currently most mental health diagnoses are made when the individual is in their late teens or twenties. Sherri Iverson noted that there are currently 3 (soon to be 4) Idaho practitioners who treat young children with mental health problems. She also talked about the MATCH program for primary care and pediatricians (50 in this area) to learn on a monthly basis, more about mental health treatment. They also offer a yearly conference. It was noted that Idaho Medicaid won't pay for birth-three mental health treatment. AIM Early Idaho and the Act Early Waiver through Developmental Disabilities Program (for 3 – 6 year olds) are trying to address this population.

Twenty-two percent of the child patients at State Hospital South have experienced failed adoptions. Entering foster care is traumatic, and further trauma occurs if a child is moved from home to home. Traumas experienced prenatally, and before a child enters foster care also affect that child's development. Mental health services for children are accessed through Medicaid, through private insurance, or through the justice system if a crime is committed. Parents need supports inside and outside of school that will validate their concerns, increase family and community awareness, and help them find effective treatment. Current collaboration efforts include: AIM Early Idaho, awareness advocacy, anti-stigma, funding resources, and future training of parents and professionals. Electronic/social media support groups are being investigated further. Webinars are already being offered. St. Luke's has begun hosting Twitter events where doctors gather and answer community questions in that format. However, many families, especially in remote areas, do not have computer or smart phone access.

Networking/Lunch – meeting reconvened at 1 pm

Karan Tucker – Mountain States Group Presentation

Karan is the Executive Director of Mountain States Group (www.mtnstatesgroup.org), a 40-year-old 501(c)(3) collective of collaborative programs including:

Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline, which started November 2012. Eleven percent of callers are under the age of 20. Hours for the hotline will expand soon, with the eventual goal of 24-7 coverage. Currently after-hours calls are routed to the National Hotline. Let Karan know if you would like to be on the distribution list for the quarterly reports.

KIDS COUNT, which is developing a communication network around the Children's Medicaid Redesign.

Idaho Office for Refugees: Over the past 12 months, 808 refugees have relocated in Idaho, from 19 countries – currently most are from Bhutan, Congo, Burma, or Iraq. In past years, the number of refugees to Idaho was 1200 – 1500. There are programs to help launch small businesses, and a few grants available for senior refugees, and school districts. There are several active community gardens.

Paula Mason asked how refugees with hearing concerns can be better served. Shannon Dunstan reported that Idaho school districts have had problems getting interpreters for evaluation of students with special education needs.

Mountain States Early Head Start, with centers in Coeur d'Alene, Sandpoint, Rathdrum and Kellogg, ID. **CHIPRA** (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act): spreading the news to providers and families about how to enroll for CHIP, and reaches out to groups of rural and underserved Idaho children where significant gaps in health coverage exist.

Nutrition Works assists licensed child and adult care providers in navigating the federal CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program), and provides nutrition training and education. Barbara Wilson is retiring as Program Director of Nutrition Works. Assistant Director Anji Armagost will be her successor. **Kristina**

Spain – Maternal Child Health Update

Kristina recently assumed the role of State Director of Maternal and Child Health/division of Public Health at DHW. Jacquie Watson is now the State MCH Children's' Special Health Care Needs Director. The Maternal Child Health (MCH) program is currently completing their annual block grant application. MCH has been partnering with Medicaid on a pilot program to help some rural providers transition to "patient-centered medical home" status. A quality improvement effort for the home visiting programs is planned for early fall 2013. There is a plan for St. Luke's to take on the genetic and metabolic clinics and provide nutritional services through their dieticians. The state will provide gap funding. Whether data will reside with MCH or St. Luke's is still under review.

Erika Wainaina – Child Welfare Update

In the past year, a Youth Advisory Board has been formed of current foster children ages 15 and older and youth 18+ who have aged out of the foster care system. Two of our Idaho youth have been awarded internships, one in Washington, D.C. and one in Seaside, OR. They will be representing Idaho as national Youth Advisory participants. A rule change regarding the information given to foster parents, and the general public passed legislation. Foster parents are to receive full history of a child's previous placements, including the reasons they were moved. Foster parent reimbursement rates increased, although Idaho's rates are still very low. There are new online resources, including a blog for Idaho Resource Parents, and an area where regional and statewide events will be posted. A waiver is in progress which could extend the parameters for use of IV-E funds. There will be training on the outcome of this waiver. A Foster Care Recruitment Program Specialist is being recruited to help address the duplication of efforts in some areas, and identify/fill gaps in others. The Division passed a recent federal IV-E audit that occurs every three years. Eighty files were reviewed for compliance, with only four error cases were permitted.

Jane Zinc, Strengthening Families and Maureen Durning, AEYC

Jane reported that she and Maureen had requested a letter of support from the EC3 Governance Committee for a grant they are preparing (due 5/8/13) which would award \$40,000 over 3 years to Idaho Children's Trust Fund to increase collaboration with *Strengthening Families*. Hence today's presentation to the full Council. However, since their request, they have secured promises for the 2 letters of support required for the grant, although neither is yet in hand. *Strengthening Families* is a strength-based protective/promotive factor framework for child abuse and neglect prevention. It started with child care facilities and direct service providers, who have that regular and intimate contact with families, and can provide an early warning and response system at the first sign of trouble.

Youth Thrive is a new initiative to support foster children. It was noted that adverse childhood experiences can affect a person's physical and mental health even 50 years after they occur. Jane and Maureen presented the Five Protective Factors: 1) Parental resilience, 2) Social Connections, 3) Knowledge of parenting and child development, 4) concrete support in times of need, 5) Social and emotional competence of children, and facilitated a brief group activity to reinforce these factors. They are also working with incarcerated parents, their children, and the childrens' caregiver(s) during the period of incarceration. Sherri Iverson suggested Marian Pritchett Home as a place to offer or extend *Strengthening Families* services.

Motion: Carolyn Kiefer moved, and it was seconded, to support the efforts of the *Strengthening Families* program grant and work to support the grant and use the common language in our own work.

Motion Amendment: Shannon Dunstan amended the motion to add a letter of support to the grant. The presenters were thanked, and discussion continued after their departure, at Chair Amber Seipert's request. **Vote:** accept the amendment to the motion; unanimously defeated. **Vote:** accept the original motion; unanimously defeated. **Motion:** Shannon Dunstan moved, and Carolyn Kiefer seconded that the EC3 Council shall write a letter of support for the *Strengthening Families* grant. Discussion: Council's letterhead has all the members' names/titles on it, and some members are barred by their institutional guidelines from having their name on a letter of support without it being fully vetted through a chain of command. **Motion:** Carolyn Kiefer moved, and David Allen seconded, that the EC3 Council Chair write a (masthead-free) letter of support with her signature only. **Vote:** passed unanimously, with no abstentions. **Motion:** Carolyn Kiefer moved, and David Allen seconded that the letter of support be submitted on the EC3 letterhead, not the Council letterhead. **Vote:** passed unanimously.

Break

Standing Committee Reports

Communication and Marketing, Chair Amanda Holloway

Working on the "why" statement, and how it relates to the EC3 "why" statement. In May 2013, they will be addressing social media. **ACTION ITEM:** Amanda asked Council members to include in their electronic "out of office" message, that they are attending the EC3 meeting, and add the EC3 link. She also requests that members explore adding a link to EC3 website on their organization's website.

Education and Child Care, Chair David Allen

Have met monthly to complete Core Competency document, and have generated a Purpose. Four Tiers are almost complete and described. Met with some professionals in higher education, and received input regarding entry level, AA, CDA and Bachelor's level. Master's Level tier will not be included in the document. Finding how each of the competencies fit in the Tiers. The language still needs to be tweaked. There isn't much that needs to be done in Idaho that is not being done at the National level. The goal is, by May 17, 2013, to have a draft for each of the competency areas, and send it back out on May 25. The committee will meet June 4th and 5th to complete a draft, and will then want to share it with Head Start and schools for critique. The committee has a question on Tier 4: Bachelor's Level; alternative pathways to teacher certification, where they can have a degree that's not typically listed. Alternate path to certification, which an individual with a non-educational background can get a teaching certificate. There's also the alternate route to get the Early Childhood Endorsement piece.

David asked for input on whether the document should be based on Idaho's standards, or NAEYC's (national) standards, which require more credits. His committee believes that Idaho has high standards that are adequate and reasonable. Idaho requires 20+ additional credits in special education and early childhood and a supervised practicum period to gain an Early Childhood Endorsement. It was noted that portability of endorsement across State lines should be taken into consideration. It was agreed that the national standards should be included in the document, for context.

There is no alternate pathway for Infant Toddler "certification." Idaho has no requirements for this; the Infant Toddler Program has its own procedure. **ACTION ITEMS:** Christy Cronheim would appreciate seeing a side-by-side comparison (Idaho and national standards) before she comments more on this topic. David will get the complete information from Christy on what ITP requires.

Data and Resources, Chair Paula Mason

New focus will be to gather the data to support the recent grant application. The committee has lost a couple of team members and is now down to Paula + 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Paula plans to invite Janice Carson (University of Idaho Assistive Technology) to join the committee, and assess the interest of Jenny Hirai (parent.) **ACTION ITEM:** Christy Cronheim suggests the Infant Toddler Program's Data Analyst. Please submit your recommendations for other committee members to Lorraine Clayton.

Home Visiting and Parent Education, Chair Gary Rillema

ACTION ITEM: Purpose statement submitted at February 2013 meeting is undergoing minor revisions, as requested, for presentation at the next meeting. The committee is doing self-assessment of the State of Idaho's home visiting programs, including PAT and Early Head Start, identifying gaps and standards. The meeting planned for April 2013 did not take place. The Committee regrets losing Laura Alfani as a member, and probably will be in hiatus until Laura's replacement at DHW is hired. New committee member Diane Demarest works for Family Advocates and is supporting Shaken Baby education efforts.

Head Start Update, Mr. Chris Allenson for Chair Sara San Juan

Sara San Juan, Carolyn Kiefer, and Frances Huffman presented at a Title One conference held in Boise April 8 -10, 2013, and talked about how North Idaho College Head Start has collaborated with the Coeur d'Alene school district on a pre-K program to serve both the Head Start children and the Districts' special education students aged 3-5. The committee has discussed an Interagency Agreement between Part B and Head Start.

School-based Medicaid Update – Shannon Dunstan

School-based Medicaid will impact school districts greatly. Regional conferences have been held presenting parent education regarding the changes that will go into effect July 1, 2013, and there are three 1-hour webinars on the Department of Education's website. Developmental Therapy will no longer be a service available through the school district. It is being moved under the home and community-based waiver for adults (18 and older) if client meets ICFID level of care. This will mean a 35% decrease in Medicaid funding to schools. One Idaho school district will potentially go from serving 177 children to serving 60. To access either of the two replacement services, behavioral intervention or behavioral consultation, students currently receiving developmental therapy must either: 1) meet personal care services (activities of daily living; eating, toileting, dressing, etc.) through a nursing

assessment, or 2) meet Developmental Disabilities criteria in addition to being two standard deviations on a behavioral score, or 1.5 standard deviations in two domains by two raters. Christy Cronheim added that the Infant Toddler Program is moving out of school-based rules as of July 1, 2013.

Adjourned 4:42 p.m.

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EC3 Early Childhood Coordinating Council DAY 2 May 3, 2013 8:00 a.m.

Chair Amber Seipert called the meeting to order.

Sherry Iverson – Call to Action Meeting on Shake Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma, and Video

Sherry Iverson brought a 15-minute video to share, *Preventing Abusive Head Trauma, the Crying Connection* (\$99 from *Injoy*.) Baby Care Basics, and the grandparents' classes at St Luke's use this video. It shares some plans for parents to deal with the frustrations of crying babies. *Happiest Baby on the Block*, and *Purple Crying* are videos she has shared with us in the past. The producer has put none of the exclusionary limits on its use that have been an issue with the previous two videos. The former instructs in soothing techniques; the latter focuses more on the dangers of shaking babies. A conference on shaken babies prevention preceding the 2013 Strengthening Families Training Institute in April was well-attended. A SWOT was done, and included the following outcomes: Replace the term "shaken baby" with "abusive head trauma." Challenges: Rural settings, lack of connectivity, frustration. A white paper will be shared with the Council. Statewide work groups have been formed to focus on the following: 1) home visiting and early childhood (led by Diane Demarest), 2) kin care, 3) middle school education/awareness, 4) education of men, 5) social media, with preventive/protective focus. In 60% of these cases, abuser is a non-biological male care provider. Please let Sherry or Lorraine know if you would like to join any of these task forces. New statewide childhood morbidity team has started reviewing cases. Ellen Neff suggests that her Student Senate would be a good audience for this message. Sherry is willing to present to them. David Allen stated that half of BYU Idaho's students are parents, and that the school will be offering a new class called *Infants*. Abusive head trauma prevention in infants would be a good topic for service learning projects. The YMCA's babysitting classes are already in the loop with this education, and it was suggested that the link be made with the Red Cross's babysitting classes, as well.

Alex Zamora – CareLine 2-1-1 (211.Idaho.gov; Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588)

Alex is a past middle school counselor and current Program Specialist at Idaho CareLine 2-1-1. 2-1-1 is an information and referral program through the Department of Health & Welfare's Family and Community Services (FACS) division. It is staffed 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mountain Time. 2-1-1 takes about 900 calls a day, including daycare complaints and fraud calls. They use the Language Line interpretation service extensively, although four staff members are bilingual in Spanish and English. 2-1-1 is trying to become more visible throughout the state. Current outreach events have included a refugee conference and foster care conference. The FACS Resource Library is now accessible on the 2-1-1 website: 211.Idaho.gov. The site offers free loans of videos, DVDs and books to community partners and the public, as well as social workers. Items are mailed by request, with a return envelope. Currently 2-1-1 is receiving many calls regarding the children's benefit redesign. 2-1-1 partners with Idaho STARS. People can call 2-1-1 regarding referrals for daycare services. The 4,000 resources listed on 2-1-1 are updated via staggered mailings and follow up calls. DHW and 2-1-1 both have a presence on Facebook; "Like" them to receive updates.

DHW's Navigation program is under the same umbrella as 2-1-1, and there are 22 navigators throughout the state. Navigation is a case management program that can provide connections to community resources and help a family or individual get a plan started to become self-sufficient. They can provide up to 120 days of service annually per family. To access navigation services, clients can call 2-1-1.

ACTION ITEMS: If you know of a resource that's not on 2-1-1, please ask them to call and get signed up. Lorraine Clayton will get a member number for the ECC so that this body has access to the 2-1-1 Lending Library.

Ericka Medalen – Child Care ICCP Update (reporting in Genie Sue Weppner's absence)

The Division of Welfare has a Ford Foundation Grant. State plan block grant is due in June 2013, and is being finalized currently. ICCP's four upcoming projects are 1) Co-pay redesign, 2) local market rate study slated to be done by June 2013 (the first in over 10 years), 3) integration of tiered reimbursement, and 4) integrating the ICCP program into the IBIS software system. There are currently seven markets for Idaho child care rates, and that number will hopefully be reduced to between 2 and 4. The co-pay project is an effort to even out the distribution of funds among all the eligible clients. Families at 130% of poverty level or below qualify for assistance through ICCP. Currently those at 1% - 110% of poverty level receive 95% of the funds. The long-term goal will be tiered reimbursement for quality child care providers.

Break

Shannon Dunstan – Idaho State Department of Education (ISDE)

A new interagency agreement between the Department of Health & Welfare and ISDE is set to be reviewed by legal on both sides. Existing protocols will stand until then. There have been changes to the way that the Infant Toddler Program notifies the State and Local department of education. This summer ISDE will be training on the service delivery page of the Interagency Agreement, so that funds can be appropriately accessed, and correctly state who's being served, by whom. Hope to form sustainable collaborations between Head Start Programs and public school districts.

Melissa Carico – Medicaid Update/Children's Healthcare Improvement Collaboration (CHIC)

Melissa introduced her co-worker Natalie Bodine. An Adolescent Depression Screening Learning Collaborative targeting ages 12-18 is to be launched October 2013. Medical Home demonstration in pediatric clinics has been in place for one year and has been very successful. Practice has transformed to include: patient registries; team meetings; PDSA (Plan, Do Study, Act) cycles, pre-visit calls and meetings; and care plans and conferences. Core measures 90%, and include updated problem list; concerns documented and addressed; primary care provider documented, well child check up-to-date with primary care provider; follow up documented. Medicaid does not reimburse for this screening. Follow up with substance abuse screen if positive for depression. There is a wait list for providers (need a good clinic contact in Twin Falls), so there are discussions about how family physicians can treat youth with mild depression and help families connect with resources. The screening tool will be the PHQ-9, Modified. Dr. Peter Jensen, of the Reach Institute, is involved in the effort, and will be speaking about the topic. Balancing measure is around SSR and medication. The planning group has many involved

members, including some from BSU, Public Health, Medicaid, and pharmacies. The Pediatric Improvement Partnership meets monthly and is seeking community partnership opportunities.

Carolyn Kiefer – Head Start Collaboration Update

Sequestration will result in a 5.27% cut in Head Start funding this year, with similar cuts expected in the years to follow. Work continues on revising the Early Learning Guidelines and aligning them with the Common Core Standards. Janice Fletcher at the University of Idaho is doing the final review. Four of the five Domains are now complete, and Carolyn is completing work on Domain One (Approaches to Learning and Cognitive Development.) There is national work being done with Head Start health coordinators using Idaho as a pilot for how we are going to bring resources from the National Center for Health to build an internal network, probably electronically.

Margaret Elkins – Idaho AEYC

Idaho Association for Education of Young Children (AEYC) improves practice through professional development. IdahoSTARS Project is funded through the Child Care Block Grant through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The University of Idaho oversees training and curriculum development program. The Quality Rating and Improvement System is mandated. Child care providers are invited to participate, voluntarily, and those participants have access to training and professional development dollars. Participation has increased recently, and Idaho currently has 65 STAR-rated programs. Current rating system is similar to that used to rate hotels (1-5 stars.) The new plan will be that centers who reach a defined level of achievement will get a “star” rating, and as the center staff progresses through the prescribed training and the quality of the care increases, the reimbursement amount will be increased. Child Care Provider Education Levels include CDA (Child Development Associate.) A majority of child care providers in Idaho have high school education or lower. Essential Trainings offered through STARS begin with addressing safety issues and progress through four levels or steps (about 15 hours per level.) They will incorporate the Early Learning Guidelines, and Margaret is working with Shannon Dunstan and Carolyn Kiefer to implement this. The hope is that the State of Idaho will eventually adopt these trainings as being essential to gaining child care licensure. The national recommendation is 40 hours of training per year. Idaho is not there yet. Many of our centers do not pay employees to train. Thus, scholarships and reimbursement are available for these trainings.

ACTION ITEM: At the Chair’s prompting, Council members shared how they plan to disseminate the information from this meeting to their program and larger sphere of influence, including community and family.

Christy Cronheim – Infant Toddler Program Update

Infant Toddler Program Specialist Lauren Ertz has been hired as successor to Carolee Eslinger. Shannon Dunstan and Christy Cronheim applied, and Idaho was selected as one of six states to participate in collaboration with ECTAC (Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, through OSEP) on the development of a System Framework for high quality, effective, and efficient Part C and Section 619 programs. We will be able to learn what other states are doing, and showcase what Idaho has been able to do with their program. www.regulations.gov – 60 day comment period closes June 14, 2013. **Christy will also email this information to Lorraine to pass on to the Council.** Federal Application for Part C has

been submitted and can be viewed on the Infant Toddler website. ITP E-manual will be updated by July 2013. Sequestration will result in a 5.21% decrease in funding for Idaho ITP this year, which is a decrease of \$137,000. Plans have been made so that this will not affect services and staffing. The new ITP KIDS data system went live April 2, 2013. The billing component that was separate prior to now has been incorporated into the new database. This eliminated manual steps and duplicative efforts, and will result in more timely and potentially better-captured receipts for the program. ITP must implement Children's Medicaid Redesign by July 1, 2013. An interim process requires ITP staff to submit packets of information on some clients to an Independent Assessment Provider (IAP) for Medicaid Developmental Disability eligibility determinations. ITP will make eligibility recommendations to the IAP. The IAP will inform the families of their eligibility determination and budget for services, and will copy ITP. There will be no delay of services while the eligibility determination is in progress. The proposed budget maximums are felt to be quite adequate to provide services to ITP clients. ITP leaves school-based rules as of July 1, 2013, and will then be able to bill for PT, OT, speech therapy and audiology under Basic Medicaid rules. ITP will not be able to bill for Developmental Therapy through Medicaid. In the Enhanced Medicaid Plan rules, there is a waiver package of services, and if clients meet the criteria, they can receive services at a certain budget. If clients also meet Intermediate Level of Care, there are other services available. CHIP eligibility is different than Medicaid eligibility. These changes will not affect the services that ITP actually provides, regardless of whether or not they are billable under Medicaid. Family Education Service should fit very well with the ITP Coaching Practices – we will bill for that in lieu of Developmental Therapy Services. ITP now has more opportunity to provide respite care, under these new rules. If clients meet ICFID Level of Care, more services are available to them in the form of habilitative intervention. Developmental therapists in ITP's employ are submitting their transcripts to be reviewed. The Council questioned the appropriateness of the use of the SIB-R instrument to evaluate children ages birth to three. Christy acknowledged those concerns and validated them, saying that they were strongly voiced during the discussions with Medicaid. Valid, reliable, and evidence-based tools should be used to help determine a child's eligibility. A rule change may eventually be required. ITP has not implemented Family Fees, but it's still on the table. Part C regulations are to be implemented by July 1, 2013, and "train the trainer" activities will be planned around the essential changes in the regulations. A new interagency agreement between IESDB and ITP was effective May 1, 2013. Paula Mason and Jeanne-Marie Kopecky worked closely with ITP to tighten up the cross-referral process and provide comprehensive services.

Stan Burton – Head Start Association Update

New Board - there is only one incumbent from last year. Sequestration will result in a 5% decrease in Head Start Programs this year, with anticipated decreases in upcoming years. Federal fiscal year ends September 30, so the school year and grant year aren't aligned. Several programs are shortening their school year at both ends. Some programs are having a lottery for which families will continue to be served. Universal Pre-K is proposed. However, it will not serve low-income 4 year olds. Head Start is supposed to be reauthorized every five years, and it is now overdue. The TANF contract with the Department of Health and Welfare has been renewed for next year.

BYU Idaho Students – Early Childhood Videos

David Allen introduced Andie Alfaro. She and her partner Juliana, both Communications BYU-Idaho students, created five-minute video profiles of 3 Idaho children with disabilities for their senior project. Andie shared the videos with the Council. The end credits list 2-1-1 phone numbers. The videos were well met, and there were several suggestions for sharing them:

- * Sherry Iverson suggested the March of Dimes website, and she can help make that connection.
- * Special education program directors and principals.
- * Christy Cronheim suggested the ITP website.
- * Shannon Dunstan would use it in training and send to school districts. She would like to have more parent profiles on video. She would also like to get a video of some older special education children participating in a regular classroom.
- * Place on EC3 website.

ACTION ITEMS: Please let David Allen know what sort of customizations you would like to see made to the videos, and then he will send you back the link to the tweaked video(s.) The videos are currently on *You Tube*. David will send links to Lorraine to distribute to the Council.

Council Member Round Robin / Hot Topics

Shannon Dunstan and AIM Early Idaho will present at *Earthquakes to Inner Trauma* – June 13 -14, 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn Spectrum. Lorraine will receive the flyer to forward to the Council.

Sherry Iverson reported that the vaccines for children program was funded for two more years through the Idaho legislature.

All wished Chair Amber Seipert well, as this will be her last meeting.

Adjourn 2 pm

NEXT MEETING: September 5 & 6, 2013 – venue TBA