



**Region IV Regional Early Childhood Committee Meeting
November 5, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Present: See Agency Announcements for members present

Absent: See Agency Announcements for members absent

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Next Steps
Call To Order	Co-Chairs	Phyllis Vernon	
Introductions	Co-Chairs		
Approval of Previous Minutes	Co-Chairs	Michelle G. motioned, Dedra seconded. Motion passed. Minutes approved	Approved minutes.
Financial Report	Lindsay	Spend portion of budget on 10 more packs of behavior wheels as the committee has received positive feedback from Power to the Profession. Dedra moved to approve purchase, Deb seconded. Motion passed.	Approved purchase.
OLD BUSINESS			
Mission/Vision		RECC Mission: Advise and assist the ITP in the implementation of the early intervention system; Provide information on early childhood development; Coordinate and collaborate with community partners to support at risk young children and children with delays or disabilities.	
Outreach		November 6, 2019 Lakeshore Event. All set up for tomorrow. There are 6 people signed up. Deb, Lindsay, Sarah, Michelle, Emily and Michelle G. Any further words on hospital bags and putting RECC information in those. Discussed who we might now as a contact. Deb offered to take flyer and brochure to one of the hospitals (probably St. Luke's –Sheri Iverson may be able to direct you on who to contact). Deb plans to start with the social worker at the hospital.	Deb will take lead on hospital bag outreach idea.
Membership		Need to recruit parent for committee as they will offer a different perspective and help add to our committee. Parent postcards were passed out.	Members will pass out postcards to potential parent representatives.
Sub-committees			
NEW BUSINESS			
AIM Early Idaho Institute	Phyllis Vernon	Michelle Graff and Phyllis attended. Two really good presenters. Leah presented an awesome presentation on grief and loss. Idaho AEYC may have her present at their conference. Mindy presented on trauma and the topics complemented each other well. Both did well talking	

		about self-care.	
Week of Young Child		April 13-17, 2020 is Week of the Young Child. Saturday event will be on Saturday April 18, 2020 11 am – 3 pm.	
Agency Announcements:			
Boise School District	Dedra Swanstrom	Screeners this year have been extremely full (30-40 each time). Most students are qualifying; numbers are high. District is really good and looking at ways to support teachers.	
BSU Children’s Center	Chris Zacharias	Not present	
BSU Early Childhood	Patricia Hampshire	Will not be able to participate any more due to job change. She is looking for a replacement.	
Children’s Therapy Place	Sondra McMIndes	Not present	
Family Advocates	Le Ann Edwards	New hire email address: leann@familyadvocates.org	Send minutes to you
FOCAF Head Start	Tressa VanNest	Not present	
FOCAF Early Head Start	Carrie Boock	Busy hiring, training and keeping services going for families.	
Homeless Representative			
IESDB	Deb Maxwell	Numbers plateaued for right now. Focus on new ITP paperwork and procedure...still going through it and learning it. More focus on getting people up to speed. Getting a lot of unidentified kids popping up in the school. Big event in October Zoo event. Art and Jill retired; person who took it up opened it up for everyone after hours. Vendors came in; 470 families came in. Raised money for animal experience for reptile. Families with older children talking with families with younger children. See the possibilities with the older children.	
IPUL	Sarah Tueller	Busy keeping up with growth and calls. New hires; people leaving. Lost one of our parent education coordinator; children come first. Lost North Idaho parent education coordinator. Busy training. Help educators engage with families.	
Idaho STARS	Michelle Cole	Pushing developmental milestones app with Steps to Quality sites and to get parents to use the app. Step 2 – 5 for one family provider. Others moving from Step 1 -2	
Idaho SDE			
Infant/Toddler Program	Lindsay Leyva	Currently have 585 children enrolled. 104 referrals for October. 80-100 month referred each month. Created a new team serving mainly Kuna area...more therapists and coordinators out there. Been up and running for about a month now. All state positions are filled. Usually about ½ of referrals move to enrollment each month.	
Librarian		Need a representative.	
Parent Representative		Need a representative.	
Parents as Teachers	Michelle Graff	Had a developmental specialist leave (20 slots). Need to serve 45 in Ada County. Expanding Elmore County to 20 slots. Executive director working on state paper to see if can bill Medicaid for PAT services.	
West Ada School District	Emily Malek	One teacher on medical leave and 2 on maternity leave; having a hard time keeping para professionals. Star Elementary building on so may add one on there. Black Cat and McMillian will have a new school; have two out there. Started out the year with 50 more students each. As of yesterday, some sites 45 children with 2 teachers. Beginning of school year, people moving from out of state as opposed to school district transfers is the reason for	

		the increase of numbers.	
WICAP: Head Start/Early Head Start	Phyllis Vernon	Still revolving door for hiring. Fully staffed in Valley County. Child care; EHS center based and home based. Growing by leaps and bounds. Developmental delays, trauma and social emotional is what they are seeing an increase. Working with school district for social emotional IEP for child. People not going in the education field. Idaho AEYC preschool planning grant; governor is on-board. Wait and see if get the grant.	
NEXT MEETING			
Refreshments		Michelle Graff; Carrie to bring homemade goodies.	
Adjourn	Chair	Phyllis asked for motion to adjourn meeting. Carrie motioned and Sarah seconded. All approved. Phyllis adjourned the meeting.	Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: 2020, January 7 at 9:00 am
Dept of H&W Ste. D Conference Room A or B.