

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

May 15, 2013
9:30 A. M. – 4:00 P. M. (CST)

**The View 34 Restaurant – Downstairs Meeting Room
4251 E. Hwy 34, Pierre, SD 57501**

Members Present: Shirley Bernie, Amy Bruner, Travis Cornelison, Rayne Dosch, Mona Drolc, Cindy Fisher, Barb Hemmelman, Judy Hoscheid, Wendy Jarvis, Laura Johnson-Frame, Michelle Latt, Barb Magera, Michelle Menke, Patricia Monson, John New, Jamie Reiff and Lisa Sanderson.

Members Absent: David Calhoon, Terrance Fonder, Pam Kean, Mary Ann Myers, and Barb Shoup-Anderson.

Birth to 3 Connections Staff: Susan Sheppick, Crystal Goeden, April Hodges, Steve Livermont, Janet Penticoff, and Mary Giddings (in the absence of Merle Doolittle).

Guests: Luke Comeau, Center for Disabilities; Ann Larsen, Department of Education

Public: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John New. Motion by Judy Hoscheid and 2nd by Barb Hemmelm to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

It was announced that the meeting is recorded and written minutes are available to the public.

Welcome and opening remarks: Susan Sheppick welcomed everyone and introduced newly appointed members Barb Magera and Michelle Latt and those reappointed to a 3-year term by the governor - Amy Bruner, David Calhoon, Cindy Fisher, and Mary Ann Myers.

Susan extended sympathy to board member David Calhoon whose father recently passed away.

Roll call. Roll call was taken by having everyone introduce themselves.

Touch Screen Technology & Early Intervention - Luke Comeau, Autism Specialist with the Center for Disabilities

Luke made a very interesting power point presentation about early intervention and the use of technology, such as the iPad. Before implementing this technology, a goal for its intended use must be made. Some of the uses include personal/business, entertainment, education, executive functioning, and communication.

If these devices are used to encourage independence for an individual, social interaction must still be promoted. A quote from Luke's presentation: "An AAC device (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) is not going to turn someone into an efficient communicator any more than a piano turns someone into a concert pianist." Many questions were answered in the discussion that followed Luke's presentation.

OSEP's Proposed Revisions: State Systemic Improvement Plan - Susan Sheppick

The State's SPP/APR includes a State Systemic Improvement Plan that meets the requirements set forth for this indicator focused on improving results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Phase I is due February 2, 2015, and must include data analysis, identification of the focus for improvement, infrastructure to support improvement and build capacity, and theory of action. One concern raised was that there will not be more money or more staff to implement the plan. Susan suggested using the SWOT Analysis which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. These include internal (attributes of the organization) and external (attributes of the environment) which are helpful or harmful to achieving the objective. April recorded the responses from the group.

FFY 2012 APR Review – Birth to 3 Team

OSEP is proposing to revise the currently approved SPP/APR to represent reporting burden reduction.

Crystal Goeden – Indicator #1, **maintain**: Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.

Crystal Goeden - Indicator #2, **maintain**: Child receives service in natural environment.

Crystal Goeden - Indicator #3, **maintain**: Infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved skills and appropriate behavior.

Steve Livermont – Indicator #4, **maintain**: Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family.

- A. Know their rights: Effectively communicate their child's needs:
- B. Help their child develop and learn:

April Hodges – Indicator #5, **maintain**. Percent of age birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.

April Hodges - Indicator #6, **maintain**. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data.

Steve Livermont – Indicator #7, **maintain**. Eligible infants and toddlers will have an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting within 45 days of referral.

Crystal Goeden – Indicator #8, **maintain**. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday.

Indicator #9: Effective general supervision must be reported.

Indicator #10: Written complaints.

Indicator #11: Due process.

Indicator #12, **maintain**: Hearing request resolved.

Indicator #13, **maintain**: Mediation.

Indicator #14, **remove**: State reported data.

The Birth to 3 report for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 per region showed the following:

1. Black Hills: met all targets
2. Northwest: met all targets
3. Southeast: met all targets
4. Three Rivers: met all targets except Indicator 5 (target 0.91% - current 0.63%)
5. South Dakota Cares: met all targets except Indicator 5 (target 0.91% - current 0.46%) and Indicator 6 (target 2.86% - current 1.99%)
6. River: met all targets
7. Hub Area: met all targets except Indicator 4 A (target 96.6% - current 95.5%)
8. Heartland: met all targets except Indicator 6 (target 2.86% - current 2.62%)
9. Center for Disabilities: met all targets except Indicator 6 (target 2.86% - current 2.83%)

Legislative Update and DOE's Aspiration – Ann Larsen, SD Department of Education Director of the Division of Educational Services and Support

Ann reviewed the 2013 Legislative Session highlighting the funding decisions and Senate and House bills affecting education.

Ann explained the Department of Education's aspiration that "All students graduate college, career and life ready." These aspirations are supported by the following statements:

- Students have access to high quality standards and instruction.
- Students are supported by effective teachers and leaders.
- Students enter schools that provide an environment conducive to learning.
- Students have opportunities to engage in 21st century learning.

Program Updates

Training Event for Birth to 3 Providers: Susan Sheppick reported that, in spite of the very cold weather, over 100 people attended the autism training in Chamberlain. Dr. Eric Kurtz from the Center for Disabilities, Sanford School of Medicine, was the presenter.

One Year Anniversary for the Online IFSP: April Hodges reported the online IFSP has been in effect for one year as of April 2013. All IFSP data is entered on line. Providers and service coordinators like the system as it saves time and allows them to run various reports on the children they are serving. It also saves copying and postage, since all information is submitted to the state electronically now.

Child Count: Crystal Goeden reported the December 1, 2012 child count: 1,071 (active children on IFSPs on this one snapshot day).

December 2, 2011 to December 1, 2012, - 911 exits (children that exited from the program during this time frame).

$1,071 + 911 = 1,982$ children and families served in 2012

Of the 1,071 children active on IFSPs, 287 are children in need of prolonged assistance. 653 or 61% of the children from 0-3 years of age were males.

For comparison, the December 1, 2011 child count was 1091. From December 2, 2010 to December 1, 2011: 980 children exited the program.

$1,091 + 980 = 2,071$ children and families served in 2011.

Sequestration: Susan Sheppick reported the FFY 2013 federal Part C allocation for SD was cut by \$108,000 due to the across the board cuts known as sequestration. Susan said she is hearing from her contacts at OSEP that it is unlikely the funds will be reinstated. SD's final allocation for FFY 2013 is \$2,056,021. The grant award is usually announced in July.

Fall Conference for Service Coordinators: Susan Sheppick reported the annual training event for service coordinators will be held in Pierre, September 24 & 25, 2013. The theme this year is "Back to Basics".

Child Care Services Announcement

Pat Munson distributed the Department of Social Services Division of Child Care Services Upcoming Public Hearing Notification.

1. Child Care Administrative Rules public hearing was held Tuesday, May 14, 2013.
2. Proposed two-year State Plan public hearing will be Thursday, June 6, 2013, in Pierre

Election of Officers

Chairman John New requested nominations for the chair-elect position. Lisa Sanderson was nominated by Amy Bruner, 2nd by Judy Hoscheid.

Barb Hemmelman moved that nominations cease, 2nd by Mona Drolc. Motion carried. The chair-elect, Lisa Sanderson, will move into the chair position in 2014.

Retirement Announcement

Birth to Three director Susan Sheppick announced her retirement as director of the Birth to Three program effective June 7, 2013. She thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment to the program, especially the South Dakota Department of Education Birth to Three team.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be a webinar at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2013.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Barb Hemmelman, 2nd by Amy Bruner. Motion carried.