

Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

December 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Kasey Vermillion called the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS to order at 10:05 a.m. on December 2, 2016 at the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines IA.

Council Members Present:

Julie Allison, Laurie Jeans, Amanda Kleese, Shari Huecksteadt, Kimberly Villotti, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Thomas Scholz, Patrick Judkins, Kim Thomas, Kasey Vermillion, Annette Hyde, Mary Butler, Kevin Koester, Jeffrey Anderson, Marti Andera (zoom), Ryan Allen (zoom), Stacy Kramer (zoom).

Absent:

Angie Hance, Debra Runau-Matzat, Stephanie Peters, Paula Connolly, Janet Stauss Kristle Davis, Kristie Vasey.

Staff Present:

Diane McDonald-Goetzmann (Child Health Specialty Clinics), Meghan Miller (Iowa Department of Public Health), Melissa Schnurr (Iowa Department of Education), Kate Small (Iowa Department of Education), Teri Mash (Department of Human Services), and Cindy Weigel (Iowa Department of Education)

Guests: Casey Abler

Approval of Minutes

Some text edits were noted. Kim Thomas motioned to approve September 28 minutes with edits. Patrick Judkins seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

II. Family Story

Casey Abler shared her family story. Casey has one child who was enrolled and transitioned out of Early ACCESS. She noted that she liked the “team” model for receiving Early ACCESS services and that it was hard to build relationships with multiple people whom she saw once a month. She did not know she had a service coordinator, but saw her son as having four providers. Casey is now a dedicated service coordinator for Early ACCESS and finds that her experiences as a parent help in her current role.

III. Committee Reports and Agency Updates

Parent Committee:

Parents were involved with other committees over the lunch hours and did not meet.

Public Policy

No Report

Governor's Report:

Shared that the requirement for the Department of Education Early ACCESS governor's report is met through the submission of our Annual Performance Report. The council does not have to prepare a report with specific guidelines that is due in January. The committee shared some ideas and propose to hold an agenda item at a future meeting to further discuss creative ways to show that the work we are doing is important.

Membership Nominations:

Co-chairs are absent today. The membership committee shared that five positions need to be filled. Three of these positions are public/private providers, one parent, and one Head Start representative. Kate will create and forward fliers that the council can share with individuals or agencies who may be interested in applying to the Early ACCESS council.

Agency Updates

Agency updates were sent via email. Meghan Miller (Iowa Department of Public Health) highlighted that the number of developmental screening the agency does for kids ages birth to five was nearly 13,000 for the year. Of these screenings, 780 were referred to AEAs for an evaluation. Of the 780, 108 were found not eligible and were then referred to Title V agencies for screening and monitoring. Cindy Weigel and Kimberly Villotti shared that the Department of Education will have submitted the Part C application for federal dollars by the next council meeting. DHS reported that the final rules regarding reauthorization were issued 9/30/2016. The DHS Early ACCESS liaison (Teri Mash) will assist in the development of the training module regarding how to access Early ACCESS.

Early ACCESS Leadership Group

Primary Service Provider model is organically bubbling up as a result of providers changing to FGRBI/coaching; AEAs in different places of implementation (from doing book study, to piloting across entire AEAs). PSP is a tool in the tool belt but not for every family all of the time.

Additional Updates

Cindy Weigel requested volunteers for a Family Engagement Task Team. She shared that the task team is critical to successful programming and ensuring family engagement at all levels. Early ACCESS does not have a formal self-assessment to see how we are doing with parent engagement. Asking for 2-3 people to join meetings via zoom to look at family engagement and how we can improve. Laurie Jeans reported that she is interested.

IV. Early Intervention Field Experience Guidance Review

Laurie Jeans shared the draft Early Intervention Field Experience Guidance document for council to review. The council was asked to review the document and provide

feedback on the following: take-aways, what is unclear, and what needs to be changed to improve the field experience of a teacher. The council provided feedback as a large group and Melissa documented the edits to be shared with the task team that created the guidance document.

V. Executive Slate vote

Slate presented to council is: Patrick Judkins (vice chair), Stephanie Peters (parent), and Shari Huecksteadt (member). Kasey Vermillion (chair) was already voted in during the May meeting. The signatory agency representatives are also automatic members of the executive council. Laurie Jeans motioned to approve the slate. Kim Thomas seconded the motion. All council members approved unanimously.

VI. Annual Performance Report

The Early ACCESS state work team presented indicator data that will be submitted in the Annual Performance Report due to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) February 1st. All data except for indicator C3 (Early Childhood Outcomes) and C11 (the State Systemic Improvement Plan) was presented. The data for C3 and C11 will be shared at a later council meeting date.

VII. Adjournment

Marcus Johnson-Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Annette Hyde seconded. All favored. Meeting ended at 2:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Small 12/14/16