

***Iowa Council for Early ACCESS
Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2013***

I. Call to order

Heather Moorman called to order the regular meeting of the **Iowa Council for Early ACCESS** at **11:06 AM** on **September 13, 2013** in **Clive, IA** at the **Country Inn and Suites**.

II. Attendance

Council Members Present: Gladys Alvarez, Marty Andera, Jeffrey Anderson, Mary Butler, Maria Cashman (late, cc), Paula Connolly (late) Chad Dahm, Gary Guetzko, Gretchen Hageman (late), Julie Hahn, Angela Hance, Stacy Kramer, Debra Matzat, Heather Moorman, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Joshua Tessier (late) Kasey Vermillion, Debra Waldron.

Staff Present: Rae Miller, Melissa Schnurr, Cindy Weigel, Meghan Wolfe, Kate Small

Absent: Brenda Best, Kevin Koester, Shari Huecksteadt, Kim Thomas

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the May 2013 meeting were reviewed and corrected as follows: 1) Delete “present the” from the family story and 2).” **Motion** made by Angela Hance, seconded by Gladys Alvarez. **Approved** unanimously.

IV. Parent Story

Showed a video “Jude’s Story”

V. Executive Committee Slate

Julie Hahn announced the slate of officers: Heather Moorman (chair), Kasey Vermillion (Vice Chair), Paula Connolly (Parent), and Kim Thomas (Member at Large). Jeffrey Anderson approved the slate of officers and seconded by Gary Guetzko. Approved unanimously.

VI. Committees

Heather Moorman discussed the various council subcommittees. Members are to pick which committee they would like to serve. Each committee needs a chair. This needs to get distributed to the whole group.

VII. Reimbursement/Forms

Kate Small discussed the methods for payment/reimbursement

VIII. Race to the Top Grant

Cindy Weigel presented about the Race to the Top Grant. The purpose of the grant is to promote high quality programs, comprehensive assessment, competent workforce, and comprehensive data systems to promote an end result of healthy and successful children.

The grant is due October 14. Need letters of support for this system. Tom Rendon will be sending out letters for request.

IX. Council Activity

Council members selected and voted on topics that they wanted to know more about in the coming year.

1. IFSP: Is it individualized? What is the duration/frequency of services region by region? (7 votes)
2. Socio-emotional services (12 votes):
 - a. Screening
 - b. Analyze outcomes
 - c. Tools/Services provided
 - d. Location of services
 - e. ACCESS resources (plans, options)
 - f. Outreach and Technology
3. Data and metrics: How many children are eligible for foster care (7 votes)
4. How Early ACCESS partners with Early Childhood Iowa at the ground and program level (1 vote)
5. The Distance Mentoring Model of Professional Development (2 votes)
6. Health Care Reform (15 votes)
 - a. How does autism fit within this structure?
 - b. MIECHV (home visitation)
7. Council member roles and responsibilities (3 votes)
 - a. What do individuals do with info from meetings?
8. Promoting/Outreach for Early ACCESS (13 votes)
 - a. Coordinated Intake
 - b. Use of technology for P.R.
9. A.C.E/Trauma Informed Care/Family Mental Health (15 votes)
 - a. Experiences/How can we use that data to inform EA?

X. OSEP Leadership Conference Update

Council members who participated in the meeting in D.C. spoke about their experiences while attending the meeting. Cindy Weigel, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Maria Cashman, Heather Moorman, and Kasey Vermillion attended the conference.

XI. Part C Update:

Memorandum of Agreement- signed by the four agencies for the next 5 years. The Signatory Agencies will develop an action plan to implement the MOA the next 5 years.

XII. Annual Performance Report/State Improvement Plan Indicator

More information will be provided in November. As a state, we will look at data and decide what we want to focus on to create a plan of action to determine what our indicator is going to focus on. The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP-the national office) is going to offer guidance on what the new indicator will be. Other states have focused on child find and the family outcome indicator (for example). This is a 3 year process (starting in 2015).

XIII. Committee Reports

Parent Committee

Stacy and Kasey are co-chairs and have ideas for Day on the Hill such as getting personal stories and displaying them in case they can't go to Day on the Hill. Jude's story was a good example of how to put a video together. Meghan suggested that we could try to reach out to our legislators and show them the video one-on-one or via email when they are not in session so they are not bombarded.

Public Policy Committee

Some of the ideas for updates include the autism language that was passed and the insurance mandate. We also look into new policies surrounding First Five.

Governor's Report Committee

Aryn Kruse is chair. The committee brainstormed ideas how to display information to be more attention grabbing and concise. They talked about using parents as presenters to include stories in the report. Also, it was suggested to take a systems focus for working across agencies to improve services for children and families.

Membership/Nominations Committee

Gladys Alvarez is the chair of the committee. The committee looked at who will be eligible or ending terms for the current year. They would like to have more males and diversity represented on the Council. They need to look for statewide representation. Paula reported Early ACCESS is the topic at the November ASK meeting.

By-Laws Committee

Currently up to date.

XIV. Sharing of Activities and Upcoming Events

Paula reported that Saturday May 3 was the "Together We Can" conference. Will pay parents mileage, etc. and childcare is available for reimbursement. Had 300 parents attend this year. The goal for this year is to have 500 parents register for this conference.

Stacy reported that they had a fundraiser for Prader-Willi syndrome. They raised over \$12,000 this year.

Gretchen reported that the ACE summit October 14- will be releasing data and look at how we start at different communities and how to build awareness at community level.

LauraBelle reported the Department has a new Director of Education , Dr. Brad Buck.

Early Childhood Fall Institute is next weekend in Altoona. Aryn Kruse is taking 5 students to present on embedding math and science in home intervention (birth to three).

Angie Hance is providing professional development on RBI (Routines Based Interviews/Intervetion) with AEA (Area Education Agency) staff.

Meghan is on the governor's disability council. This year they are focusing on employment. Discussion goes from the IEP and then to birth (IFSP) about why we aren't asking parents early on what the goals of their children are and what they want to do for employment. Parents reported that they should start asking that question early on.

Distance Mentoring Model of Professional Development is having a big meeting in September (also update in the DE). First EALG (Early ACCESS Leadership Group) meeting is Oct 9 and 10.

Heather Moorman adjourned the meeting at **3:02 pm**.

A motion was made by Paula Connolly and seconded by Debra Waldron. It was approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Kate Small