

Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

September 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Kasey Vermillion called the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS to order at 10:05 a.m. on September 28, 2016 at the Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines IA.

Council Members Present:

Kimberly Villotti, Thomas Scholz, Angie Hance, Kim Thomas, Wendy Van Haften (sub for Julie Allison), Karen Thompson (sub for Paula Connolly), Kristie Vasey, Jeff Anderson, Stephanie Peters, Shari Huecksteadt, Kasey Vermillion, Mary Butler, Kevin Koester, Marti Andera (zoom), Amanda Kleese (zoom).

Absent:

Janet Stauss, Patrick Judkins, Debra Matzat, Stacy Kramer, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Laurie Jeans, Kristle Davis.

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) and Cindy Weigel (Iowa Department of Education).

II. Approval of Minutes

Thomas Scholz motioned to approve the May 20, 2016 minutes as written. Kim Thomas seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. Family Story

Stephanie Peters shared her family story and experience while in Early ACCESS. Her take-away message is for providers to leave the toy bag behind. Already use what is in the family's home. Stephanie's family was also highlighted in several videos posted online showcasing FGRBI (Family Guided Routines Based Interventions) within Iowa's DMM (Distance Mentoring Model) of Professional Development.

IV. Committee Reports and Agency Updates

Parent Committee:

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

Public Policy

The public policy committee discussed policy with childcare and related issues; the council's role; how to connect with Early Childhood Iowa to discover what their public policy format is; and how to include Early ACCESS in Day on the Hill in February. The

committee encouraged members to go to the Capitol and speak with legislators because it is super easy and they want to hear from the public, especially parents. Check with FADSS to see how they involve parents in Day on the Hill; After School Alliance also does very well too (contact to see how they pull this effort together).

Governor's Report:

Looked at previous reports. The last 2 years were good, but would like to see more humanized. Governor should know - who we are, why we do what we do, what are we doing. Discussed including a current family and a "graduated" family to show how services have changed; data to show efficacy of moving to FGRBI/coaching (tell the story of how our services have changed - from family's perspective and data).

Next Council meeting - discuss whether Council wants to address requesting increased funding.

Membership Nominations:

Co-chairs are absent today. The group looked over the roster to see who was going to be done with term(s) at the end of this year. Five members will be done with both terms, two members will be done with one term and are eligible to re-apply at the end of the year.

The slate will be voted on at the December council meeting. Kasey Vermillion is automatically the chair of the executive council. Patrick Judkins shared he would be willing to be the vice chair nominee. We still need a parent representative and additional council member to serve.

Agency Updates

Agency updates were sent via email. The Department of Education update will be sent after the meeting. DHS presented their report in person. Questions for DHS: highlights for 0-3 related to childcare - new regulations on October 1: health and safety related, increased regulations, home childcare required to have pre-inspections, annual inspections, pre-service (12 hour) training (health/safety), need to spend infant/toddler set-aside funds (Julie will keep the Council updated), childcare cliff - went into effect July 1, childcare assistance now 1 year eligibility instead of 6 months (families now have full 12 months regardless of change in income and potential to continue another year "CCA plus").

Early ACCESS Leadership Group

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

Additional Updates

Jeff Anderson shared about the technical assistance grant from National Governor's Association - focused on childcare nurse consultants and EC-PBIS - potentially changing financial structures and bringing the 2 systems together.

The new AEA Special Education Director representative on the council is Annette Hyde from Keystone AEA. She has an extensive background in early childhood, was a provider

V. Task Team Updates

Known Conditions Task Team

Meghan Miller gave the update on this task team. The team held a zoom meeting with practitioners, looked at several other states' processes to determine known conditions. They noted that Texas had a nice brochure for primary care providers and Iowa is using it as a template. Colorado has an online database of conditions (will use Council and physicians to vet the conditions), they use a rubric to determine the diagnoses. Iowa has contacted CO for the rubric and if Iowa agreement, perhaps Iowa can use CO online database. Iowa is waiting to hear back from them.

Biological/Environmental (at-risk) Task Team

Kate Small provided an update on this task team. The team had two meetings with a discussion about pros/cons of becoming at-risk. The final recommendation from the task team is to not become an at-risk state, but we need to improve collaboration and use of informed clinical opinion so kids don't "fall through the cracks".

VI. Measuring our Mission Activity

Cindy Weigel facilitated an activity in which the council split into groups and brainstormed what types of idea will help us be accountable to work toward our mission statement. The council addressed "what data do we have to show that we are doing the work that will get us toward our mission". The activity generated a list of data we currently have and data that we would like to have for each component of the mission statement.

VII. Children at Home (CaH)

Meghan provided an update about this program (power point presentation). Program has been in only 23 counties and was underspent (program overseen by DHS). DHS recently partnered with IDPH to oversee the program. IDPH will expand to 99 counties and bring consistency to use of money. Iowa Family Support Network will implement the program on behalf of IDPH. Month of September, families in existing counties could apply for these funds and on October 1, it opens to all 99 counties. Right now, cap is \$700/child, but this will be monitored and adjusted if needed. Application on Iowa Family Support Network website.

CaH will have an advisory committee. Committee will meet in November, Feb, May, and August. If interested, contact Tabby Kuehl at tabbyk@vnsia.org.

Who needs to know about this?

1. Present at ECI Directors meeting
2. Family Educator Partnership meeting (talk to Susan Selby)
3. Julie Jensen at DE is connected to each AEA (Special Education coordinator meeting) she could let you know when each AEA is having these meetings so someone could zoom into present this info
4. EA SCs

VIII. Adjournment

Jeff Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Peters seconded. All favored. Meeting ended at 3:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Small 11/16/2016