

Minutes: Iowa Council for Early ACCESS Committee Meeting

Details

September 15th, 2011
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Adventureland Inn

Attendees

Present: Marty Andera, Margaret Baker, Michael Bergan, Raymond Brownsworth, Paula Connolly, Gina Greene, Gretchen Hageman, Julie Hahn, Angela Hance, Susan Maude (1/2 day), Heather Morman, Janet Stauss, Scott Stran, Kim Thomas, Kasey Vermillion
Staff: Jodi Bruce, Julie Curry, Dee Gethmann, Aryn Kruse, Rae Miller, Chris Rubino, LauraBelle Sherman – Proehl, Cindy Weigel, Meghan Wolfe
Absent: Gladys Alvarez, Robert Anderson, Jodi Angus, Daryl Beall, Nicol Kleespies, Debra Waldron

Call to order

Julie Hahn called meeting to order.

Introduction

Introductions were made among members.

Approval of previous minutes

Julie Hahn – minutes not approved

Family Story

Aryn Kruse – Aryn shared her journey of son Noah, and the many joys and challenges of his development. She shared her experiences learning about Early ACCESS services for physical, occupational, and early intervention and speech – language services.
Aryn had the council divide into IFSP teams to put together puzzle pieces in 60 seconds. The puzzle pieces didn't match and Aryn observed the team's reaction was to collaborate and switch puzzle pieces. She compared the team's reaction to her son's experience of learning and her experience in matching his puzzle pieces to support his learning.

2011 – 2012 ICEA slate of officers

Slate of officers will need to be approved at next meeting.

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Review C2 (Setting), C5 (Child Find Birth-1), and C6 (Child Find Birth to 3)

State Performance plan indicators for 1) services to be provided in the natural environment (home setting); and 2) Child find for the number of infants and toddlers with an IFSP and receiving services.

The Council provided the following input and questions:

C2 – Services provided in natural environment

- State data indicates state met target
- Reporters of data need to be aware of need to report consistently using some definitions
- Where are infants and toddlers really being provided services since data only gathered with primary services location?
- Can Iowa set a more meaningful indicator regarding where services are provided? For example, an infant that must stay in NICU for medical reasons is in that child's natural environment
- How frequently are services provided in the natural environment?
- Are parents informed of their choice of where to have services provided?

C5 and 6 – Child find for birth to one and birth to three

- Child count declined somewhat for all regions, one region increased
- Local providers aren't sharing data; more children are being provided "services coordination" than data showing.
- Natural disasters have impacted the state data. Families more stressed in these times don't seek resources because of need to find basics of food, shelter and clothes.
- Feeling state not spending funds for economically stressed families.
- Was there a decline in funding and therefore a decline of available services?
- What is the referral rate compared to number of children with IFSPs?
- Is there a way to have a central place to capture data since other agencies are providing family support services? Concern we aren't capturing "real" data.

Presenter

Ann Bailey – Talked about how agencies can meet the responsibilities of IDEA.

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Announcement

Aryn Kruse – State rate at Adventureland Inn is \$50.00 call Joe Palensy if you have any question or concerns.

Michael Bergen – has one vacancy open a Health Insurance Representative opening.

Julie Hahn will do Governor report

Kim Thomas is the Chair.

Adjournment

Julie Hahn
