

Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

May 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Emma Bouza called the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS to order at 10:03am on May 15, 2020 on zoom. This meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

Council Members Present: Ryan Tomlinson, John Fuller, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Mike Bergan, Angie Hance, Eric Locke, Stephen Mandler, Ryan Hubbert, Emma Bouza, Laurie Jeans, Johnathon Wunderlich, Lee Pool, Laurie Waddick, Aaron Cronk, Annette Hyde, and Kimberly Villotti.

Guests Present: Susan Selby, Shannon Grundmeier, Jen Jacob, Sonya Sellmeyer, Rae Miller, and Karen Thompson.

Absent: Brittney Magsamen, Jessie Marks, Brook Rosenberg, Julie Allison, Casey Abler, McKaylee Heuton, Donal Welch.

Staff Present: Cindy Weigel, Kate Small, Melissa Schnurr, Meghan Miller, Teri Mash, Tonya Krueger

II. Approval of Minutes

Marcus Johnson-Miller motioned to approve the meeting minutes as written. Angie Hance seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

- III. **Vote on Chair.** Kimberly motioned to vote Emma Bouza as chair of the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS for the 2020-2021 year. Marcus Johnson-Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

- IV. **Parent Story** - Jen Jacob shared about her son, Owen's, journey in Early ACCESS. Jen stated getting information and referred to Early ACCESS was not a problem, she got information while in the hospital. Jen expressed that getting support around speech was difficult. She questions whether the coaching model works for speech services. She stated she didn't really get speech supports until he was closer to three. As a result they sought private services and so she questions if Early ACCESS really gave Owen a head start. Jen commented that she saw a difference between the quality of providers (service coordinator and speech language pathologist) when they moved from a bigger town to a smaller town. Jen wondered if it has something to do with the high turnover they've experienced in the smaller area. She saw a difference in the quality of service coordination, she believes the service coordinator is a social worker. She really felt she lost the support for connecting to resources with that service coordinator and instead got a sense that the service coordinator wanted to chat and play with Owen. What went

well? She shared that she got great support around transition- loved that he got the opportunity to spend time practicing being in preschool. It helped ease her anxiety of sending him to school. She felt her first team in the bigger town were good listeners and connected her to resources. Jen noted that she sought private services around 2.5 years, she really was under the belief that Early ACCESS was all she needed and would meet all the needs. Jen has started an online network for parents. Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network <https://www.dsdiagnosisnetwork.org/> She has decided to homeschool Owen next year due to lack of services this school year. Jen is open to presenting to Early ACCESS Leadership, her contact information: jenjacobt21momgmail.com

- V. Vote: Early ACCESS mission and vision** Tonya presented the final version of the Early ACCESS Mission and Vision. A motion to approve the Mission and Vision was made by Eric Locke, Ryan Hubbert seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- VI. PR/Marketing Task team update** Teri shared that they have reached out to the Iowa State University Business School to see about recruiting a student to assist this could be a project or internship. Marcus stated IDPH has a website where we post internship opportunities. Shannon Grundmeier shared she is an Academic Advisor in the College of Business at ISU. A survey was sent out to the task team to gather information that will help develop messaging and the layout of statewide printed materials. There were 13 responses and family information and referral information were identified as topics to focus on. Next steps include identifying task team members that are willing to review existing handouts to identify important content.
- VII. Institute for Education Sciences (IES) grant: Early ACCESS study** Melissa Schnurr presented Role of Internal Coaches in Systems Change - Using Peer Coaches as Competency Drivers in FGRBI. This included an overview of the professional development model (Distance Mentoring Model) and family guided routines based intervention (FGRBI) SS-OO-PP-RR coaching framework, a video of family services and results from this IES evaluation grant. Focus going forward is on building sustainability within the state to continue this practice without support from FSU.
Melissa shared the IES results. This grant helped us evaluate if what we are doing is working. Results show that coaching makes an impact on practice change and there is a correlation between coaching and it having a positive impact on children.
- VIII. Provider Panel:** Carrie Powders (Green Hills AEA), Kimberly Johnson (Prairie Lakes AEA), Kara Franke (Keystone AEA), and Stephany Brimeyer (Child Health

Specialty Clinics) join the Council to share some information on Early ACCESS from a provider perspective. The following questions were given to panelists in preparation for the meeting.

1. What does a typical week of caseloads look like (e.g. how many hours are they with families, children in school setting, paperwork, PD)
2. How do they explain what their services are like to families?
3. How do they support families in accessing services, programs and activities in their community?
4. Do you feel like there are any gaps in supports or any supports that are lacking in their communities that are often needed by families?
5. How do you help families to support their child's learning and development?
6. What are some examples of family outcomes that you help families to achieve?
7. How do you identify the priorities of families?

Panel and Council and discussion on addressing mental health as well as how does Early ACCESS, is there a statewide procedure, refer to or work with private therapy providers.

IX. Adjournment

Kimberly Villotti motioned to adjourn. Stephen Mandler seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:33.