

# Iowa Council for Early ACCESS

September 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes

## I. Call to Order

Emma Bouza called the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS to order at 10:01am on September 18, 2020 on zoom. This meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

Council Members Present: Aaron Cronk, Jerrica Brink, Julie Jones, Karen Thompson, Kym Stein, Lee Pool, Megan Lancaster, Ryan Hubbert, Stephen Mandler, Tonya Weber, McKaylee Heuton, Kimberly Villotti, Julie Allison, Emma Bouza, Eric Locke, John Fuller, Marcus Johnson-Miller, Annette Hyde, Donal Welch, Johnathon Wunderlich

Guests Present: Sonya Sellmeyer, Susan Selby, Shannon Grundmeier

Absent: Michael Bergan, Jessie Marks, Brook Rosenberg, Ryan Tomlinson

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

## II. Approval of Minutes

Kimberly Villotti motioned to approve the May meeting minutes as written. Annette Hyde seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

## III. Vote on Executive Committee Slate.

The slate was emailed to the council. Julie Allison motioned to approve slate and Eric Locke seconded. Slate presented: Aaron Cronk as vice chair, John Fuller as the Parent Representative, and McKaylee Heuton as the At-large representative of the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS for the 2020-2021 year. Roll call vote completed and executive slate was approved unanimously

## IV. Parent Story - Shannon Grundmeier shared her family's story of welcoming her son Grady as a newborn with complications. Developmental delays were noted at his 9 month check-up. Early ACCESS services were explained during an appointment with a developmental pediatrician when Grady was about 1 year old. Early ACCESS providers offered care, compassion, coaching and support to help the family meet Grady's needs

## V. Early ACCESS Guidance for AEA staff to implement and parameters for in-person services. Annette Hyde shared with the Council how Early ACCESS services are being delivered during the pandemic.

## VI. APR (Annual Performance Report) Child Find Kate Small provided an overview of C5 (Child Find Birth-1) and C6 (Child Find Birth-3) Annual Performance Review Indicators. Data regarding the number of families that decline services after being found eligible for Early ACCESS may be helpful to determine how to better serve families across the

state. Early ACCESS can also look at case closure reasons- some families are referred and choose not to move forward to have eligibility determined or are referred and Early ACCESS is not successful in connecting with the family. Some groups shared that focusing efforts on birth to age one to increase enrollment in Early ACCESS may be appropriate based on data and trends. Recommendation for a database that can identify childcare centers that accept children with special needs

**VII. Iowa Family Support Network and Statewide Directory**

Meghan Miller shared information on the Iowa Family Support Network website and a look at the Statewide Resource Directory. [www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org](http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org)

**VIII. PR/Marketing Update**

Early ACCESS has updated colors aligned to ACHIEVE (new IFSP/IEP data system to come out in 2021) and i3 (new Procedures website for Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education) websites. Note from member to form a relationship with Iowa Board of Medicine to make a requirement for any physician with a license needs to review these materials.

**IX. Committee Groups**

This item has been moved to first thing next meeting. A list of committee members and contact information was shared with council and included in the google folder.

**X. Adjournment**

Annette Hyde motioned to adjourn. Kymberly Stein seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.