

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**RECORDER: Barbara Ferreira**

**DATE: January 25, 2001**

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**SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT POINTS**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair; Patricia Aguiar, DSS; Gwen Aldridge, DADP; Valerie Charlton, M.D., DHS; Walter Olsen, Jr., Ed.D., CDE; Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D., Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D., Cheri Schoenborn, DDS; and Patty Moore, FRC/N-CA

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**Introductions & Announcements:**

ICC members and persons in the audience provided self-introductions. Dr. Peterson announced the release of the Governor's Budget and noted there an increase of \$2.6 million to respond to the need for regional centers' timely evaluations and assessments of children entering Early Start. This will provide funding to the regional centers to increase clinical staffing.

**Discussion on Foster Care Issues:**

Pat Aguiar, Chief of the Foster Care Branch and the Department of Social Services' (DSS) representative to the ICC, gave a brief overview and history of the foster care system and how it relates to Early Start (overheads attached). Ms. Aguiar also shared information on the Child Welfare Services Stakeholders Conference, to be held May 10-11, 2001, in Anaheim. She indicated that the Welfare Stakeholders Group, which has been meeting monthly, is charged with reviewing the entire Welfare Service Delivery System and making recommendations for systemic changes. Dr. Mary Lu Hickman, DDS, shared graphs showing the number of children aged birth to 18 served by DDS who are also in the Foster Care System. The graphs also displayed the reasons for the child's removal from the family (overheads attached). Ms. Aguiar introduced Dawn Blacker, Ph.D. and Elizabeth Gonzalez, Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics who addressed the issue of "Children in Foster Care: Developmental, Emotional and Behavioral Needs" (overheads attached). After the presentation there was much discussion where issues/concerns and recommendations to affect change were charted. DSS agreed to compile the discussion points into a document to facilitate discussion at the next meeting (attached). (DDS also identified long and short term goals from the discussion points and this document is also attached).

### **Future Agenda**

The March 22-23, 2001 ICC Meeting will follow the format of this meeting with continued discussion of foster care issues at the COTW on Thursday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. The other committee meetings will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.