

**STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 29, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Bellotti  
Arleen Downing, M.D.  
Rick Ingraham  
Raymond M. Peterson, M.D.  
Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.  
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz  
Debbie Sarmento  
Toni Doman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gretchen Hester  
Theresa Rossini  
Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.

**STAFF:**

Kevin Brown, ICC Manager  
Patric Widmann, ICC Staff  
Stacie Byrne-Reed, ICC Coordinator  
Elissa Provance, ICC Recorder, WestEd

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Refer to Attachment A for a complete list of attendees.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am on behalf of Theresa Rossini and self-introductions were made. Following self-introductions, he introduced and welcomed new community representatives and assigned them to committees. Kathryn Speer from Oji and Angela Mabel White Thanyachareon from Chula Vista will be participating on the Family Resources & Supports Committee (FRSC) and Tammy DeHesa from Rialto will serve on the Quality Services Delivery Systems Committee (QSDSC).

Dr. Peterson announced that Kevin Brown had been named California's Associate Part C Coordinator under the State's Part C Coordinator, Rick Ingraham, because of the complexity of the program and Kevin's ability to effectively work with all stakeholders, federal and state. He also told the Executive Committee that the 2004-05 Early Start Annual Report has been printed and will be disseminated at the Full ICC.

Following announcements, self-introductions were made.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**LEAD AGENCY UPDATE:**

- **Annual Performance Report Update** – Kevin Brown provided copies of “Early Start – Part C Update to the ICC” (Attachment B), a document prepared at the request of the Executive Committee. The document:
  - Describes the evolution of special education;
  - Describes the shift in early intervention from access to services to program accountability/results;
  - Describes the chain of accountability from the White House down to local programs (regional centers and local education agencies) in the State;
  - Provides the national program rating scheme that the federal Office of Management and Budgets (OMB) applies to the performance of programs across the federal government; and
  - Provides a description of the State Performance Plan indicators – how each indicator is measured, how each is measured, and what was reported to OSEP for each on the most recent Annual Performance Report (APR).

Kevin anticipates that everyone will review the document and encouraged them to contact him with any questions. Dr. Peterson requested that the document be disseminated to the Full ICC. Rick Ingraham referenced page 7, which lists program rankings, and noted that OMB, which is charged with assessing program accountability, ranked the nation’s early intervention program under OSEP as “Results not Demonstrated”.

- **OSEP’s Response to California’s APR Submission** –Ruth Ryder from OSEP sent an email to all states on April 7 indicating the required clarification needed on each state’s APR indicators. The following were required of California:
  - Regional Center Performance: OSEP wanted DDS to post regional center performance scores on the indicators on its website, which it did on April 28, 2008.
  - Family Rights Survey (Indicator #4). California responded last year that it had not received the required number of responses from families served by local education agencies (solely low incidence infants/toddlers) and that it would be necessary to redo a portion of the survey. This year, OSEP said California didn’t submit additional data so they could not determine progress or slippage from previous year. OSEP was reminded about the need to re-survey the CDE-only participants and run the data through the NCSEAM survey again.
  - Transition (Indicator #8). DDS acknowledged that it does not have universal data so data was collected manually at the regional centers. OSEP said the sample size was small and subsequently not valid or reliable because it

wasn't representative of the state. DDS responded that although the sample size was small, it was representative of the program's population because of DDS' use of the stratified random sampling methodology.

- General Supervision (Indicator #9). OSEP said California had failed to follow-up with one program that was out of compliance. DDS clarified and highlighted language in the APR that established the required follow-up.
- Complaint Process (Indicator #10). OSEP stated that a State complaint system under IDEA 2004 must now include mediation like the due process system. DDS clarified that it will eventually change the system to comply. DDS referenced a policy letter from OSEP to Connecticut that indicated until IDEA Part C regulations were updated, the change was not required. The outcome is still pending.

OSEP is expected to release state determinations early in June and DDS will know the impact of its responses to their clarification requests at that time.

- **Focused Monitoring** – Kevin reported that he met with regional center and CDE/Other educational representatives to discuss and determine the measurement standards for the 13 SPP indicators and SPP related requirements. Discussions with CDE/Other educational representatives also focused on future joint monitoring efforts and monitoring of solely low-incidence children served by LEAs and SELPAs. DDS will continue to collaborate with regional center representatives regarding the monitoring process.
- **2005 ICC Recommendations** – The 2005 best practice recommendations had been mailed to regional centers as requested by the ICC. The table on page 103 of this ICC packet provides information about which regional centers were implementing which recommendations.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE WORK PLANS:**

- **Review 2008 ICC's Recommendations Review Process** – The Executive Committee agreed to an interim ICC meeting on June 25 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for the recommendations review process. Each Committee will be represented by at least one representative but no more than two. If the Committee Chair and/or Co-Chair are unable to attend, a representative for the Committee will be designated.

In September, committees will meet in the morning to review edited recommendations and the Executive Committee will meet in the afternoon to approve recommendations. Everyone received a template for recommendations and an agreed-upon way to state recommendations. Following the May standing committee meetings, all recommendations should be completed, drafted by staff, finalized by chairs and co-chairs, submitted to DDS, put into a packet, and mailed by DDS prior to June meeting. Members should come prepared to talk about changes or questions at the June meeting (See page 159 of the ICC Packet for

the template from the ISH Committee). Approval of the recommendations will be an Action Item at the September meeting. (Note: At the Interim Meeting, it was decided to postpone approval of the recommendations until the November meeting.)

- **Future Planning** – Three Community Representatives have resigned: Juno Duenas, Ivette Peña, and Michele Morales. Based on the possibility of future ICC restructuring, Dr. Peterson asked members to think about their current committee assignments and determine if they want to remain on their committees. Rick Ingraham noted that the landscape for early intervention has changed based on the SPP/APR and the current committee structure may not meet the future priorities and needs of the system. Marie Kanne Poulsen and Arleen Downing asked for direction from DDS regarding priorities. A planning meeting will be necessary to look at ICC committee structure and future directions. Jim Bellotti agreed and noted that the ICC should take a look at how it can best support DDS regarding the new landscape and the SPP.

#### **PARENT LEADERSHIP AD HOC WORKGROUP:**

Angela McGuire, on behalf of Gretchen Hester, provided members a handout of the workgroup's accomplishments. This information will be presented to the Full ICC on Friday (Attachment C).

#### **TRACKING PUBLIC INPUT:**

Marie Kanne Poulsen indicated there is no need to report on public input tracking at each meeting. It was suggested that each committee identify successes and challenges in their community. Committee feedback would be reported in committee minutes as "Community Issues" and Marie will capture these for report purposes. Information will be compiled annually to look at trends and inform DDS for use in the Early Start Institutes. QSDS will compile information for the November meeting.

#### **REVIEW OF MAY 2008 ICC AGENDA:**

The ICC agenda was reviewed with agreement to recommend switching items 10 & 12. Toni Doman shared that Nora Thompson has been selected to receive the Parent Leadership Award.

#### **ICC SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- **Autism:** Rick will present on the California Autism Landscape at the Full ICC on Friday. In September, the Director of the MIND institute will talk about emerging research and future directions for ASD.
- **Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT):** This topic would cover mental health and managed health care.

- **Proposition 63 – Mental Health Initiative:** Linda Landry noted that the California Resource Association received a grant to develop public information regarding the legislation. It was suggested that they present at a future Full ICC.
- **Accountability:** Alan Coulter from Louisiana State University and NECTAC was suggested for November to discuss accountability. Members suggested taking advantage of his expertise and lengthen his presentation or have him lead a facilitated discussion.
- **Response to Intervention (see “Other” under “Other Business”):** For birth-5, it is categorized as “Recognition and Response.”

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **September 2008 ICC Agenda:** Committee meetings will be held in the morning followed by the Executive Committee meeting in the afternoon.
- **Under-Representation and Outreach Work Group:** Committees selected representatives for membership as follows: FRSI-Debbie Sarmiento (Terrie Colburn as back-up); ISH- Nenita Herrera-Sioco; PAC-Rebecca Carroll; QSDS- Kate Warren (Linda Landry/Susan Graham as back-up). Debbie has agreed to chair this committee.
- **Other:** Beverley Morgan Sandoz noted that Response to Intervention (RTI) has been having an impact on children in Head Start. RTI is a method to intervene early without having children referred to special education. It is not to be used as a way to prevent access to special education. Within Head Start, children can be referred to RTI or IEP stream. There is concern that children who should be in the IEP stream are being delayed access because they are in the RTI stream and may not receive necessary services in a timely manner. Jim Bellotti noted that RTI is a general education, not a special education, issue. He added that there are CDE consultants who can speak on the issue as well as there being information on the CDE website.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING ICC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
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**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Tammy DeHesa  
Edward Gold  
Linda Landry  
Shane Nurnburg  
Lois Pastore  
Kathy Speer  
Angela Thanyachareon

**ICC COMMITTEE STAFF**

Peter Guerrero  
Angela McGuire  
Stephanie Myers  
Kay Ryan

**DEPARTMENT LIAISONS**

Suzanne Del Sarto  
Michele Donahue  
Michael Miguelgorry  
Pamela Quiroz  
Erin Paulsen

**GUESTS**

Florence Nelson  
Elizabeth Villanueva  
Gabriel Villanueva