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**STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
ON EARLY INTERVENTION**

MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, May 30, 2003
DoubleTree Hotel
Anaheim, CA

ICC MEMBERS PRESENT

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair
Hedy Hansen, Vice Chair
Jim Bellotti
Sylvia Carlisle, M.D.
Arleen Downing, M.D.
Rick Ingraham
Cynthia Jaynes
Lynn Lorber
Hallie Morrow, M.D.
Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.
Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.

ICC MEMBERS ABSENT

George Chance
Michelle Douyon-Davis
Marcy Gallagher
Toni Gonzales
Gretchen Hester
Thomas McCool, Ed.D.
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz
James Quierolo
Theresa Rossini

CALL TO ORDER

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. It was noted that a quorum of ICC members was in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Peterson welcomed everyone to the meeting. ICC members, community representatives, staff, and members of the audience provided self-introductions. See Attachment A.

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2003 MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2003, ICC meeting were approved as written.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Peterson thanked the standing committees for their work to identify activities in support of the ICC priorities of strengthening collaboration, increasing public awareness and increasing access to services. He acknowledged the enthusiasm and commitment of those involved in Early Start and asked persons to monitor the re-authorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) making certain that state and federal elected representatives are kept informed about the value and effectiveness of coordinated early intervention services.

Dr. Peterson announced that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is proposing amendments to its 2002-2006 State Plan. A Plan Amendment Hearing was convened May 29, 2003, following the ICC meeting. *The Notice of Public Review and Comment Period*, which includes a *Schedule of Plan Amendment Hearings* and additional information including the *DRAFT 2002-2006 State Plan Amendments*, and an easy-to-read *2002-2006 State Plan Goals and Objectives Summary* is posted on the SCDD web at www.scdd.ca.gov.

STAFF REPORT

Cheri Schoenborn reported the next ICC meeting would be in September at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom. The government rate is available to those making reservations with the hotel by August 28, 2003. Please contact the Lake Natoma Inn directly at 800-808-5253 for reservations. Members needing assistance with travel arrangements or to request a travel advance may contact Barbara Ferreira at 916-654-1596.

Ms. Schoenborn requested members and community representatives review the ICC rosters and submit updates to Cheryl Holden at 916-654-2809.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA (FRCN-CA) REPORT

Linda Landry, Chair of the FRCN-CA reported on the activities of the FRCN-CA meeting held on Wednesday. The minutes from the meeting are attached.

PUBLIC INPUT

Patty Moore acknowledged the ICC's dedication to the spirit and intent of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), particularly during these challenging fiscal times. Ms. Moore shared her concerns regarding a letter from the Southern California Conference of Regional Center Directors dated April 24, 2003, sent to the Executive Director of the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) and copied to Senator Wes Chesbro. The letter contained twelve recommendations and cost saving strategies related to the operations budget of regional centers including a recommendation, "The regional centers could absorb the work of the Family Resource Networks and save \$1.2 million dollars."

Ms. Moore discussed the FRCN-CA's willingness to collaborate with regional centers and sought support from the ICC to retain the unique role of the Early

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Start family resource centers in providing family support. Dr. Peterson stated that he was not aware of this letter but would get back to Ms. Moore after he reviewed the letter. He stated that the ICC is in full support of the efforts of the FRCs in California.

Linda Brault provided information about First 5 California (Children and Families Commission) technical assistance conferences and workshops for school readiness: “Working with Children with Disabilities and Other Special Needs, Including Early Mental Health, Across the 5 Essential and Coordinated Elements” to be presented in Fresno on June 16, 2003, and in Burbank June 17, 2003. Additional information is available on the web site at www.healthychild.ucla.edu/

Jean Brunelli invited all to become members of the Infant Development Association (IDA) of California. Membership information is available on their website at www.idaofcal.org. IDA’s “Senior Moments – Specialized Trainings for Grandparents and Aging Care-Providers Caring for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs” has been successful in supporting grandparents/aging family members raising infants and toddlers with special needs. The program will be completed September 30, 2003.

Janet Eaton reported that the 15 agencies and programs have been selected to receive State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) Community Program Development Grants Cycle 26, FFY 2003-2004. Seven of these awards pertain to infants and toddlers with special needs and their families. Additional information is available from Dana Spear, at the SCDD, 2000 O Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, California 95814, and (916) 263-5788.

Ms. Eaton also expressed her appreciation to the ICC for arranging a room for the SCDD’s Plan Amendment Hearing on the previous day. Input on the State Plan may also be submitted to the new SCDD e-mail address: Council@scdd.ca.gov

Bonnie Bear, co-author of *The Manual Of School Health, 2nd Edition*, shared a copy of her book and donated an autographed copy to the Early Start Library. This book is a comprehensive guide for school nurses on the health issues and concerns of students from birth through age 21. Information is provided on developmental stages, learning domains, acute and chronic illnesses, medical syndromes, substance abuse, special education and emergency illness. New topics include diseases and medications, DSM-IV disorders, violence, adolescent health, neuroscience findings from the genome project, psychosexual development, and 21st century challenges such as tattooing and body piercing, bioterrorism, and disaster preparedness.

Kristine Pilkington provided information about a two-day conference sponsored by Sojourn Services. “Capturing the Spark: Treating the Whole Child” is scheduled for June 21-22, 2003 in Santa Barbara. This conference will explore using the Developmental, Individual-difference, Relationship Model (DIR) with

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young children with disorders of relating and communicating. Strategies will include using DIR in natural, home and educational environments. Stanley Greenspan, M.D. and Serena Wieder, Ph.D., authors of “The Child with Special Needs”, will chair this event.

John Zeimantz acknowledged the Early Start Evaluator Training provided by DDS to prepare participants to take part as evaluators on Early Start monitoring teams. Mr. Zeimantz shared that he had recently completed the training and participated on the Early Start monitoring team at Inland Regional Center and found it to be a valuable educational experience.

Kathleen Colvin distributed an article from the Southwest Airlines Spirit magazine called “Doing the Right Thing.” Entrepreneur David Morris credits his employees with disabilities for helping his company triple its sales since 2001. The article is attached.

ACTION ITEMS

Two action items were presented to ICC members for a vote. Proxy votes were received from Michelle Douyon-Davis, Marcy Gallagher, Gretchen Hester, and Beverley Morgan-Sandoz.

Action Item #1: Revised ICC Bylaws

Discussion: Dr. Peterson explained the three technical and non-substantive proposed changes to the ICC Bylaws.

Vote: 9 in favor, 3 in favor by proxy, 1 against, 0 abstentions. The motion to revise the ICC Bylaws passed. The revised bylaws are in Attachment B.

Action Item #2: Revised ICC Agenda

Discussion: At the March 2003 ICC meeting, an action item to revise the ICC meeting structure (agenda) was voted on. It was agreed that the May meeting would utilize the current structure and additional scheduling options would be revisited. ICC members discussed the advantages of each option presented.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on the following agenda (Option B):

Executive Committee	Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Committee Meetings	Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Newcomer’s Orientation	Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Full ICC Meeting	Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Vote: 10 in favor, 3 proxy votes in favor of Option B, 1 proxy in favor of Option C, and 0 abstentions. The motion to approve the agenda above was passed.

AGENCY REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH)

James Quierolo, the DMH representative was unable to attend the meeting, however he submitted information requested by the ICC at the March meeting. This information is attached. Discussion regarding this information was postponed until the next meeting.

LEAD AGENCY – DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)

Rick Ingraham reported that the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has revised the schedule and plans for monitoring Part C programs. It is anticipated that OSEP staff will visit California sometime between September 2003 – January 2004. OSEP has defined two levels for assessing statewide performance and accountability. A “Level 1” state has the ability to verify data and has an approved local monitoring process. A state may be classified as “Level 2” if there are significant problems with data, local monitoring processes or long standing issues of noncompliance. California is classified as a Level 1 state.

Mr. Ingraham stated that Governor Gray Davis released his revised budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, detailing a plan that protects education, public safety, health care and environmental programs while building consensus with the Legislature on a multi-year financing plan to bridge a \$38.2 billion revenue shortfall. The May Revision balances the budget this year, but defers a significant portion of the structural problem to the following budget year. Final modifications to California’s budget will be negotiated during Conference Committee this month.

DDS has developed an Early Start Evaluator Training program to prepare participants to take part as evaluators on Early Start monitoring teams. This one-day training will be presented July 17, 2003 at Central Valley Regional Center; August 7, 2003 at Regional Center of Orange County and August 21, 2003 at North Bay Regional Center. Mr. Ingraham encouraged all ICC members and community representatives to participate.

Autism is the fastest growing disability served by DDS, affecting more than 21,000 persons in California and representing a nearly 100 percent increase in caseload since 1999. As a result of the DDS Autism Initiative, California has made significant improvements and advances in identifying and effectively treating persons in California who have been diagnosed with autism. Continuing efforts include the release of the DDS Autism Initiative Highlights and a new report on California's autism population: *Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Changes in the California Caseload: 1999-2002*. This report states that from December 1998 through December 2002, persons diagnosed with autism served by DDS increased from 10,360 to 20,377. In addition, between 1987 and December 2002, the population of persons with autism served by DDS increased by

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634 percent. The report is based on data of persons served by DDS and professionally diagnosed with full syndrome autism.

The data does not include children under 3 years of age, persons classified with lesser forms of autism, persons who have not entered California's voluntary developmental services system or persons who are suspected of having autism, but are not yet diagnosed. The full report is available on the DDS web site at www.dds.ca.gov/.

DDS continues to track amendments to Assembly Bill 636. This bill would require DDS to establish an Autism Information Resource Center, to be headed by an Autism Information Resources Director who would be appointed by the Governor. This bill states the duties of the office shall include developing educational and informational guides for families with autistic children and identifying existing services for families, including, but not limited to, private health insurance plans, departmental services, and services within CDE and local school districts.

Mr. Ingraham reported that the Spanish version of the Early Start public service announcement (PSA) had recently been broadcast following a program about autism on a Spanish language television station in the Los Angeles area. DDS' toll free information and referral "BabyLine" received 47 Spanish language calls in the week following the broadcast. BabyLine data is attached.

Mr. Ingraham recognized Bill Bowman, Executive Director of the Regional Center of Orange County, and thanked him for attending the ICC meeting.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE)

Jim Bellotti reported that the Special Education Division has moved to new offices located at 1430 N Street, Suite 2401, Sacramento, CA 95814.

CDE advised the field that the Executive Officer of the State Personnel Board had determined that the current contract with the McGeorge School of Law to provide due process hearings and mediations was not authorized as an exception to the prohibition against contracting out for state services. CDE indicated that the decision was being appealed and that steps were being taken to ensure that there was a state level administrative process in place on June 1, 2003.

In order to ensure that due process hearings and mediation services continue without disruption, CDE has entered into a new contract with the current provider, the McGeorge School of Law, to continue providing services from June 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. It is hoped that during this contract term the legal issues surrounding the contract will be resolved. Until such time as directed otherwise by a court of competent jurisdiction, CDE will continue to comply with Education Code section 56504.5, which requires CDE to contract with a single nonprofit organization or entity.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS)

Dr. Hallie Morrow provided information about the Office of Disability and Health (ODH). ODH works to improve California's agencies' abilities to address public health needs of persons with disabilities, to promote healthy lifestyles and to prevent secondary conditions including injuries and illnesses. The "Living Healthy with a Disability" Program focuses on promoting health and well being among people of all ages with disabilities to enhance the quality of life and prevent secondary conditions. This program's Advisory Committee has requested an ICC member to participate with experts, people with disabilities, and their families to create a statewide plan to guide research, program and policy development to ensure better access to health care services, and health promotion programs for people with disabilities. The minutes from the first Advisory Committee meeting are attached.

The Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program providers will be introduced to the benefits and eligibility requirements of the CHDP Gateway and training is underway. The training schedule is attached. The transition time for provider participation in CHDP Gateway has been extended from October 2003 to January 2004.

Dr. Morrow provided an update on the Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP). Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach was the successful bidder for the contract to serve as the Hearing Coordination Center (HCC) for two regions in southern California. Miller Children's Hospital has served as the interim HCC during the competitive bid selection process.

Dr. Morrow distributed a CHDP information notice regarding a resource for local public health professionals working in the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care and the CHDP program. The publication, *Understanding the Child Welfare System in California: A Primer for Service Providers and Policy Makers*, can be obtained at www.ccrwf.org. Additional information is attached.

Dr. Morrow distributed a Children's Medical Services Information Notice regarding on-line access to the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The internet website is www.oal.ca.gov/. The information notice is attached.

Dr. Morrow shared the CHDP Income Eligibility Determination Table for Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal services. The Eligibility Table is attached.

DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS (ADP)

Cynthia Jaynes reported that the Governor's Budget May Revision proposes a reduction of \$11.8 million in discretionary services, excluding perinatal programs and the maintenance of effort as required by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. ADP's funds are scheduled to be reinstated and ADP is no longer being considered as part of the realignment. Prop 36 implementation and the Resource Center will remain in operation. The 10%

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reduction, as ordered for all departments, will be managed with existing vacancies.

Site visits to the publicly funded Perinatal treatment programs continue. To date, ADP has conducted 80 program visits to 36 counties. Information on the Early Start program is well received by the Perinatal programs and county administrators.

The Office of Perinatal Substance Abuse now has a page on the ADP website. Children's Crisis Nurseries is the topic of the first "spotlight" feature on the Perinatal Web page. There are links to all collaborating agencies, including DDS and West Ed. A general Office of Perinatal and Special Projects email address is posted so staff can respond to questions and comments from the field. The web page address is: <http://www.adp.ca.gov/perinatal/perinatal.shtml> and the email address is perinatal@adp.state.ca.us.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)

George Chance, the DDS representative, was unable to attend the meeting, however, he submitted the following:

The Governor's May Revise Budget promotes the Child Welfare Services Stakeholders Group's vision that *every child in California lives in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities*. The following May Revise funding proposal (Budget Item # 5180-151 TANF/TITLE XX FUNDS), which total approximately \$28 million, will promote the State's ability to comply with the terms of our federal Program Improvement Plan and facilitate the implementation of the Child Welfare Services Redesign. Specific expenditures include:

- (1) Restore the funding for Foster Parent and Relative Caregiver Training - \$10 million
- (2) Fund targeted recruitment of foster and adoptive parents for children who are from ethnic and racial groups that are over-represented in the foster care population - \$3 million
- (3) Increase funding for training of Social Workers - \$6 million
- (4) Jump-start the Program Improvement Plan and Child Welfare Services Redesign - \$9 million

Both the Assembly and the Senate Budget subcommittees rejected the Governor's proposal. However, based upon statements by the Chairs of the subcommittees, there is an opportunity for them to be persuaded that this is a beneficial proposal. They must hear from supporters of these programs right away. CDSS is encouraging supporters of such programs to write subcommittee members in support of this budget proposal and provide them with your insight as to why it is important to support the vision that every child in California lives in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities.

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CDSS recently released a Request For Application (RFA) 03-01 to all county child welfare agencies to provide funds to interested counties to plan, assess, and/or develop county and community implementation strategies for Child Welfare Services Redesign. The ultimate goal is to achieve outcomes for child safety, permanence, and child/family well being, as required by the federal Child and Family Services Review Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and the California Child and Family Service Review (CCFSR). The purpose of the RFA is to encourage specific activity, at the county level, that creates a unified and well organized approach that is integrated with these broad CWS systems reform in California.

A total of \$2.692 million is available to support this effort and is the first in a series of many efforts to support the redesign of child welfare services. Fifty-one counties submitted applications by the due date of May 15, 2003 and will be funded based on the child population in each county.

CDSS would like to thank the ICC and its members for assisting in sharing information regarding the five community forums hosted by CDSS in collaboration with local partners. The purpose of the forums was to engage a broad group of local stakeholders to understand and support recommendations for the Redesign. There is particular emphasis on the importance of public/private community partnerships that have a shared responsibility to prevent child abuse and neglect and to provide support to families at all points in the service continuum and to keep children safe within their families. In addition, the forums provided an opportunity to gather input from local residents, CWS consumers, local public agencies and community-based organizations regarding the broader community's role and responsibility for child protection and child and family well-being. The forums were very successful and extremely well attended.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Attachment A

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING ON MAY 30, 2003

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

Patricia Moore
Juno Duenas
Laurie Jordan
Jan Kearns
Nina LaVine
Sherry Torok
Kate Warren
Linda Landry
Brigitte Ammons
James Cleveland
Ruth Cook
Toni Doman
Lois Pastore
Julie Woods
Julie Kingsley
Bonnie Bear
Jean Brunelli
Sandy Harvey
Dwight Lee
Robin Millar
Peter Michael Miller
Ivette Pena
Zelna Banks
Kathleen Colvin
Shirley Stihler

DEPARTMENT LIAISONS:

Debby Reath (DDS)
Mary Smithberger (CDE)
Cheri Schoenborn (DDS)
Nancy Sager (CDE)
Pat Widmann (DDS)
Janet Canning (CDE)

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