

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTIONS**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**MAY 20, 2005**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair; Jim Bellotti, representing CDE; Arleen Downing, M.D.; Ed Foulk, R.N., Ed.D., representing DMHC; Gretchen Hester; Rick Ingraham, representing DDS; Cynthia Jaynes, representing ADP; Thomas McCool, Ed.D.; Hallie Morrow, M.D., representing DHS; Theresa Rossini; Cheryl Treadwell, representing CDSS; Lois Pastore, representing Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.; Zelna Banks, representing Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.; Toni Gonzales; Hedy Hansen; Beverley Morgan-Sandoz; Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

See Attachment A.

**RECORDERS:**

Cheri Schoenborn  
Angela McGuire

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. ICC members and the audience provided self-introductions. Zelna Banks and Lois Pastore were thanked and acknowledged for representing the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Public Awareness Committee and Quality Service Delivery Systems Committee.

New ICC Community Representative, Wanda Davis, Early Start Manager, Regional Center of the East Bay, was introduced and welcomed to the ICC General Meeting. Ms. Davis serves on the Quality Service Delivery Systems Committee. It was announced that the following regional center Early Start managers were also recently appointed as ICC Community Representatives to standing committees as noted: Bev Ching of Inland Regional Center, to Integrated Services and Health Committee; Cal Enriquez of Westside Regional Center, to Public Awareness Committee; and Rachel Camacho Hagans of Central Valley Regional Center, to Family Resources and Supports Committee.

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**AGENDA REVIEW:**

The agenda was reviewed and approved with the following changes. The action item on ICC Annual Report was removed and will be addressed at a later date and the following items were added: ICC Parent Leadership Institute report by Gretchen Hester and Partnership Committee for Special Education (PCSE) report by James Cleveland.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes summarizing the February 25, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Dr. Peterson reported that he chaired the Executive Committee in Hedy Hansen's absence. The Executive Committee reviewed and suggested revisions to the recommendations that the standing committees have been working on over the past year. The standing committees were asked to continue refining their recommendations in preparation for an interim Executive Committee meeting set for June 8<sup>th</sup>. The recommendations will be finalized at the interim meeting and prepared as an action item for the September 2005 ICC meeting. Approved recommendations will then be forwarded to the Department of Developmental Services for consideration.

The Executive Committee discussed upcoming agendas. The ICC Parent Leadership Institute team will make a brief presentation in September 05 and the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study presentation will be in November 05. It was decided that the ICC members should hold a strategic planning meeting in January of 2006. The 2006 meeting schedule of the ICC meetings will be similar to the 2005 schedule, in that ICC meetings will be scheduled in the months of February or March, May, September and November. Proposed meeting dates will be presented as an action item at the next meeting.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Dr. Peterson thanked the committees for all of their work. He reported that the public hearings on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 are scheduled with one of the hearings scheduled for June 22 in Sacramento.

There was a discussion on the criteria for the ICC Parent Leadership Award. The criteria will be similar that of an award given by the Infant Toddler Coordinator Association in conjunction with the annual National Early Childhood Conference. It was suggested that the criteria be posted on the ICC website. It was agreed that the Public Awareness Committee would finalize a recommended process and present it to the Executive Committee for approval. Options for the selection process were discussed and it was agreed that the PAC would solicit nominations on behalf of the ICC. The PAC will bring nominations to the Executive Committee for the final selection. The members discussed the importance that the process be timed so that the ICC Parent Leadership Award can be presented prior to the registration deadline for the National Early Childhood Conference, so the awardee can make plans to attend as a California representative. It was pointed out that Linda Landry, who received California's ICC Parent Leader Award in February 2005, will be invited to attend this year's National

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Early Childhood Conference, to be held in December 2005, as a California parent representative.

**ICC STAFF MANAGER REPORT:**

The attendance at today's ICC meeting exceeded expectations for the number of overnight rooms needed. Ms. Schoenborn urged ICC members and community representatives who plan to stay overnight to make reservations early to ensure that they secure a sleeping room under the block of rooms reserved at the government rate. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22 and 23, 2005, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. A notice with meeting details will be sent prior to meeting. ICC members and community representatives should contact Melissa Campos concerning travel issues and travel reimbursement. Several members reported that the hotel requested State identification to enable them to receive the government rate when checking in. Staff will check into obtaining ICC identification cards for future travel.

Ms. Schoenborn shared an announcement from the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation concerning the 2006 Parent Public Policy Fellowship Program. The application deadline is September 1, 2005. It was noted that ICC Community Representative, Kate Warren had participated in the program in the past and could be contacted for more information.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA (FRCNCA) REPORT AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Linda Landry, Chair of FRCNCA, and Debbie Sarmento, Coordinator of FRCNCA, presented FRCNCA Notebooks and the CA Early Start FRC Orientation Guide to ICC members. Most of the FRCNCA regions were represented in poster presentations displayed around the meeting room.

Ms. Landry provided an overview of the structure, membership and operations of the FRCNCA. The "Network" utilizes face-to-face meetings, a website and a list-serve to connect Early Start FRCs with resources and technical assistance. A variety of partners collaborate with the Network and provide support for training and special projects. The Network has been instrumental in establishing personnel development standards and recommendations for staff working in FRCs, specifically the "Abilities, Skills, and Knowledge" (ASK), which is supported by the ASK Passport, Parent Portfolio Notebook, and the Early Start FRC Training Conference. Network regional planning was initiated at the 2005 DDS sponsored FRC Training Conference. FRCNCA plans address communication, meetings, sharing information and other regional activities.

Ms. Sarmento provided an overview of the activities they are carrying out under the Family Support Program Grant the Network received from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities. Through stakeholder focus groups and professional questionnaires, FRCNCA identified issues in service access, areas of achievement and areas of need. An additional capacity assessment revealed great variability in characteristics and services offered by FRCs. Ms. Sarmento also reviewed the

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following FRCNCA Strategic Plan topics: operations, funding, strategic partnerships, technology, and data collection.

Ms. Landry and Ms. Sarmiento thanked DDS for the 'bridge' funding provided by DDS to the FRCNCA to allow them to continue their grant activities in between grant funding cycles.

The ICC members and members of the audience raised several questions for the FRCNCA representatives. There was discussion concerning the issue of potential duplication of FRC services when multiple funding streams are involved. FRC staff explained that with the extensive and diverse population and the sheer size of the state being served, they do not see a problem with duplication of services. The FRCs also added that the amount of each funding stream is limited and there can be restrictions on the age the child must be in order for support services to be delivered to a family. They stated that multiple funding sources are needed to effectively provide a wide variety of family support services to all families in need. Jim Bellotti of CDE stated that policymakers are asking the same question in considering the expansion of Family Empowerment Centers. The FRCs also responded that, with the data already collected, the FRCNCA has information on the diversity of populations that need services, and where the need is. There was a discussion on data collection and it was noted that the FRCNCA is working with DDS on a data collection analysis. The goal is for all Early Start FRCs to report on the same/similar data points.

The ICC Members and the audience commended Ms. Landry and Ms. Sarmiento and the Network on the presentation and materials provided – an excerpt of the materials shared is included in the attachment to these minutes. For a complete copy of the FRCNCA's Stakeholder's Report, Parent Portfolio Notebook, ASK materials, and other FRCNCA information, visit [www.FRCNCA.org](http://www.FRCNCA.org).

Martha Sanchez, FRC staff to Region 7 distributed information on her "journey" as a parent of a child with a disability, which is also included as an attachment to the minutes. Ms. Sanchez was acknowledged for her work as a previous ICC member.

#### **ICC PARENT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT:**

Gretchen Hester provided an update on the May 2005 ICC Parent Leadership Institute that she and team members Ed Gold, Marie Poulsen, Laurie Jordan, Susan Graham, and Angela McGuire attended. She shared that the California team gained insight, ideas, and information from this intensive Institute. Other participating states/territories were Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Hawaii and Guam. Ms. Hester noted that the California team is focusing on generating a more dynamic ICC with more parent participation/representation as a result of participating in the Institute. The Institute helped them identify a variety of underserved populations, including families of children who are medically fragile and who are deaf-blind. The team members have committed to continue work during the summer to propose a well-developed plan to share with the ICC at the September 2005 meeting.

**PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (PCSE):**

Jim Cleveland, ICC liaison to the PCSE, reported he attended a meeting on May 12, 2005. The PCSE is under the leadership of CDE and addresses issues related to the State Improvement Grants (SIGs) the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) awarded to CDE for the purpose of improving special education in California. The current SIG outcomes include:

- o Qualified personnel working with students with disabilities
- o Improved academic outcomes
- o Improved behavioral support
- o Improved parent participation
- o Improved data collection and dissemination

**ACTION ITEMS:**

The Family Resources and Supports Committee had reviewed the *Family Support Guidelines for Effective Practice* handbook that was originally released by DDS in 1994. The guidelines were developed with input from the ICC, family resource center representatives and parents. The FRSC determined that revisions and updates to the guidelines are needed. Therefore, the FRSC presented an action item requesting the ICC approve the recommendation that the Department of Developmental Services revise and disseminate the guidelines with input from an ad hoc committee that includes representatives from the FRSC/ICC and a broad array of stakeholders. The recommendation was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Attendees were directed to each committee's minutes from the last meeting and the Executive Committee's "ICC PRIORITIES, OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS" matrix found in the ICC meeting packet. The four priority areas were discussed along with the current status of the recommendations provided by each committee. Dr. Peterson offered congratulations and thanks to all committees and staff on the work completed on the recommendations. The Executive Committee will hold an interim meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, to finalize the recommendations in preparation for an action item to be voted on at the September 2005 meeting. The final recommendations/action item will be in the ICC packet that is mailed out prior to the meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Kris Pilkington announced that "California First 5" is sponsoring a statewide conference in August 2005, on newborn home visiting. More information is available on the First 5 website.

Dr. Peter Michael Miller commented on and recommended the book - *The Temperament Perspective: Working with Children's Behavioral Styles* by Jan Kristal (ISBN 1-5576-791-8).

Zelna Banks announced an upcoming meeting in Los Angeles on Requirements and Responsibilities for Transitioning Children from Early Start to Preschool and from Preschool to Kindergarten in the Los Angeles area. The meeting is being held in

collaboration with the CDE "SEEDS Project" (Supporting Early Education Delivery Systems) and the Infant Development Association (IDA).

Robin Millar thanked the ICC members that supported and participated in IDA's recent annual conference.

Debbie Sarmiento shared information about a new magazine, *Preemie*, and distributed brochures for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Supported Life Conference that will be held in Sacramento on October 5 - 7, 2005. The Supported Life Institute web site has more information: [www.supportedlife.org](http://www.supportedlife.org).

## **AGENCY REPORTS:**

### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE):**

Jim Bellotti reported and submitted the following written report --

#### **CDE Activities for Infants and Toddlers:**

- The CDE website has been updated. Special items of interest are: Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) of 2004 with important references and resources; updated membership directory of the Advisory Commission on Special Education; Senate Bill 1895 CDE Report to the Legislature; Department of Developmental Services Early Start (Birth to Age Three) services; and training and technical assistance opportunities.

#### **Legislative Update**

- CDE is sponsoring Assembly Bill 1662. This bill aligns California special education law to IDEIA 2004 as required for continued eligibility to receive federal special education funds.

#### **Budget Update – May Revision to the Governor's Budget**

- Increases the cost of living adjustment (COLA) from 3.93 (Governor's January 2005 Budget) to 4.23 percent for K-12 programs.
- Provides a \$90 million increase to county mental health agencies for the reimbursement of un-funded mental health services provided to special education students.
- Repeals Chapter 26.5 of the Government Code that requires county mental health agencies to provide mental health services to special education students.
- Provides three additional positions to monitor mental health services provided to special education students pursuant to Senate Bill 1985.
- Provides three additional positions to assist in the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act.

#### **Interagency Collaboration Activities**

- CDE participated with DDS in conducting a full-scope monitoring review of Harbor Regional Center.
- CDE staff worked on the *Reasons for Concern* brochure with DDS. This brochure will provide information to parents about risk factors, the

identification of behaviors that may be cause for concern, and places to obtain information or to make a referral for services.

- CDE provided information to DDS for inclusion in the ICC's annual Report.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS):**

Dr. Hallie Morrow reported and submitted the following written report –  
Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP)

- Approximately three million CHDP health assessments are reported to the State each year
- The number of paid fee-for-service has been decreasing
- The number reported by managed care plans are increasing
- Adding new vaccines as they are approved (e.g. meningococcal vaccine)

### **Title V Needs Assessment**

- Required by the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau as part of Title V Block Grant
- First stakeholder meeting was January 27
- Second stakeholder meeting held April 28
  - Prioritized issues to be addressed over the next five years. Top three will be included as State Performance Measure in the Title V plan –
    1. Expand the number of qualified providers participating in the CCS program
    2. Coordinate to develop and implement a system of timely referral between mental health developmental services, social services, special education services and CCS
    3. Increase the number of family-centered medical homes for CSCHN and the number/percent of CCS children who have a designated medical home
    4. Increase access of CCS children to preventive health care services (primary care providers, well child care, immunizations, screening) as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics
    5. Increase family access to educational information and information about accessing CCS services, including availability of and access to services offered by health plans
    6. Increase access to services for CCS youth, 17 – 21years of age.
- Next steps include “Champions for Progress” grant to facilitate follow-up strategic planning to develop strategies, objective measures, and action plan to address these priority issues.

### **Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP)**

- As of April 1, 2005, there were 176 hospitals certified
- Four hospitals still need to be certified
  - Two from original list of hospitals that are almost ready for certification: Daniel Freeman and South Coast
  - Two recently approved by CCS: Kaiser Bellflower and Scripps Encinita

- Meeting with DDS, CDE and the Coalition of Agencies Serving People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to discuss continuing parent-to-parent support for families of infants identified through the NHSP.
- Audiologist training on diagnostic evaluation of infants currently in process
- Two audiologist trainings next fiscal year: one on ongoing management of infants with hearing loss and the other may be on diagnostic evaluation or may focus on early intervention.

Medi-Cal Redesign/CPR

- Expected details in the May Revision, however no information was included.

Interagency Agreement with DDS

- Dr. Dalsey is reviewing the draft in light of the recommendations that came out of the Title V Needs Assessment process.

Budget

- Small decrease in CCS funds based on trend analysis of previous and current treatment and diagnostic expenditures
- Funding for certified application assistors and increased enrollment in Healthy Families
- Rate increases for pregnant women, infants, and children enrolled in the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) program
- Increases rate paid to managed care plans that participate in the Healthy Families program
- Three percent increase to CalOptima managed care plan to maintain viability of the plan.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS):**

Ms. Treadwell reported the following -

- All of the DSS' quality improvement efforts have been funded and the department did not fare too badly in the Budget.
- **PIP** submitted 3-year plan to reach agreed upon benchmarks (seven outcomes, seven states continue to meet benchmarks in the PIP, the penalties are held in abeyance)
- Child Welfare Improvement Pilots - Full implementation is projected by July 1, 2005. The three initiatives in 11 counties include standard safety assessment in place, implementation of a differential response system, and improved permanency outcomes for foster youth. Note - there are 16 DSS funded FRCs located in the 11 counties; Cheryl will encourage agencies to partner with the FRCNCA on activities.
- **636** established child welfare outcomes and accountability system to measure outcomes-based indicators for each county. Counties use the outcomes and indicators to improve their performance. Twelve counties are being visited in June 2005, to review the strategies to improve specific outcomes identified in their areas.
- The preliminary report on the ongoing Father Involvement Study, which began in July 2003, and includes families in Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Tulare and Yuba counties, may come out in Spring 2006. The final report is due in 2007. Counties must partner with local FRCs for implementation. The

study is examining the provision of direct training and support to men who are about to become new fathers or who have at least one young child, birth to three. Men with children age four to seven are also included. The study is being conducted by evaluators from Yale and UC Berkeley, through a contract with Connecticut Department of Mental Health (federal/State funds).

- Ms. Treadwell invited the FRCNCA to take advantage of training and to collaborate with parent resource and support activities provided through DSS, including Parent Leadership Training by Parents Anonymous, Special Start Training, **SSB**, and the Parent Outreach Project. She also suggested that the ICC may want a special presentation from Special Start in the future.
- DSS is also involved in work on Proposition 63, encouraging local plans involving education, mental health, and social services.
- Office of Child Abuse Prevention's new Chief is Greg Rose.

**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS (ADP):**

Cynthia Jaynes reported the following -

- The Budget outlook for ADP is good.
- Ms. Jaynes has a new supervisor, Ferol Upton. Former manager, Mardel Rodriguez has retired.
- ADP's conference "Designing The Roadmap" was very successful and Dr; Steinberg presented Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) information during the Prenatal Health and Alcohol and Drugs workshop. Conference proceedings and feedback will be available for conference participants.
- ADP has joined the FASD Task Force which will be holding a strategic planning meeting on June 16, 2005, to determine future activities and services to address FASD. A technical assistant consultant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Excellence is assisting in this process.
- ADP is looking into FASD as a co-occurring disorder and possible inclusion in the Prop 63 program.

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH (DMH):**

Luis Zanartu has accepted a position at CDE and is no longer the DMH representative. No report was submitted.

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE (DMHC):**

Ed Foulk reported the following –

- DMHC may experience a subsequent increase in managed care enrollees as a result of the proposed MediCal redesign by the DHS.
- He advised the Committee and audience of the Department's ongoing efforts to eliminate fraudulent discount health plans and referred to the handout (included in the May ICC meeting packet on page 85). Information can also be found at the DMHC website at: <http://www.dmhc.ca.gov/library/reports/news/DiscHPAlert.pdf>.
- The Office of Patient Advocate has released a free HMO guide for seniors, available by calling toll free 866/466-8900.

- Questions and comments were taken from the members and the audience concerning coordination and continuity of care for seniors who are deaf, blind and/or disabled. The DMHC website provides some information on the HMOs regulated by the Department (<http://www.dmhc.ca.gov/>).

**LEAD AGENCY – DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS):**

Rick Ingraham reported and submitted the following written report -

1. Follow up was discussed addressing concerns from last meeting raised about monitoring activity for San Diego Regional Center, i.e.
  - a. Report issued late
  - b. Report issued to the Regional Center but not the LEA.
  - c. Report not consistent with positive report given at exit interview. Specifically, the exit interview is not fully reflective of the final report and RC may be surprised at negative observations if not mentioned during interview.
  - d. The required follow-up exceeds program requirements.

Mr. Ingraham reported that similar issues were raised by Inland Regional Center. He has made specific commitments to address these issues.

2. IDEA Reauthorization
  - a. With the law in effect July 1, 2005, the new federal regulations are on a fast track. OSEP hopes to have them finalized by November.
  - b. Draft regulations to be released very soon.
  - c. New due process requirement for Part B includes a problem resolution meeting which may apply “by reference” to Part C – awaiting clarification in Part C regulations.
  - d. Awaiting additional information on potential fiscal sanctions for nonparticipation in the option for discretionary 3-5 Part C services. Nationally, a 20% carve-out from the PART C budget to fund those states exercising the 3-5 option.
3. New OSEP requirement: A “State Performance Plan” (SPP) due December 1, 2005.
  - a. SPP will consist of data elements currently included in the states’ Annual Performance Report.
  - b. The SPP requires widespread public dissemination and public input. OSEP providing more requirement details at meeting in Washington D.C. in August 2005.
  - c. California’s ISSUE: How to reconcile OSEP’s timeline for the SPP with California’s strategic planning cycle? OSEP is unwilling to grant a delay.
4. Concerns raised by Inland Regional Center: increased program requirements for various processes are undermining efforts to be “family friendly”. Commitments made to Mary Lynn Clark, Director of IRC:
  - a. Explore ways to achieve program compliance while increasing family friendliness.
  - b. Conduct an independent evaluation of the monitoring process.

- c. Continue to work on the development of child and family outcome measures to answer the basic question: Are children and families better off as a result of participating in this program?
  - d. Continue to press OSEP to be more flexible on some program requirements if equal or improved child outcomes can be demonstrated.
  - e. Mr. Ingraham will visit the IRC program to observe their home visit processes first hand.
5. **DDS Budget**  
The regional center system has had a census drop resulting in lower operations and purchase of service budgets (\$62.5 million total decrease).
  6. The Governor's office is planning to make appointments to the local Area Boards in the next several months. Solicitation letters will be issued. Interested persons are encouraged to go to the Governor's website ([governor.ca.gov](http://governor.ca.gov)) for information regarding appointments. First priority for appointments are Area Boards; ICC appointments may follow thereafter.
  7. **Training**  
University of California San Diego Pediatric Conference was held April 28-30, 2005. Noteworthy: 20,000 international adoptions in U.S. annually. Theme – children have multiple problems (FTT, FASD, TB, parasites, etc.) but are remarkably resilient.
  8. **Early Start Training Calendar.** DDS, in collaboration with West Ed, will be developing the training calendar for next fiscal year.
  9. ICC Annual Report 02/03 has been submitted to current administration. OSEP has agreed that CA can submit a combined report for 02/03 and 03/04. Combined report is being finished up and will be sent out for review and approval over the summer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**OTHERS ATTENDING ICC GENERAL MEETING – May 20, 2005**

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Zelna Banks  
James O. Cleveland  
Wanda Davis  
Toni Doman  
Rachel Camacho Hagens  
Laurie Jordan  
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Linda Landry  
Kat Lowrance  
Robin Millar  
Peter Michael Miller  
Lois Pastore  
Kristine Pilkington  
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