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**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION  
GENERAL MEETING  
September 21, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raymond M. Peterson, M.D., Chair  
Arleen Downing, M.D.  
Gretchen Hester  
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz  
Theresa Rossini  
Rick Ingraham, Designee for the Director DDS  
Hilva Chan, Designee for the Director DMH  
Donna Clayson, Designee for the Director DADP  
Dan McCord, Designee for the Director DMHC  
Pamela Quiroz, representing Jim Bellotti, Designee for the Superintendent CDE  
Patrick Kelleher, representing Cheryl Treadwell, Designee for the Director CDSS

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D  
Toni Gonzales  
Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.  
Hallie Morrow, M.D., Designee for the Director (CDHS)  
Legislative Representative

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Susan Graham, representing QSDSC  
Shane Nurnberg, representing PAC  
Julie Kingsley representing FRSC  
Patric Widmann, ICC Staff  
Kay Ryan, WestEd

Refer to Attachment A for a complete list of attendees.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and introduced and welcomed new State Department representatives, Donna Clayson (DADP), Dan McCord (DMHC), and Hilva Chan (DMH). Self-introductions were made by Council members and the audience.

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

The agenda was reviewed and revised to note the change in the presentation topic from Autism to Developing Leadership in Underserved Communities. The agenda was approved as revised.

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**APPROVAL OF MAY 2007 MINUTES:**

The May 2007 minutes were approved with revisions on page 68 to delete reference to the age of Gretchen's son as well as the last sentence of item 1 under Gretchen's public input.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Theresa Rossini reported that the Executive Committee meeting included a presentation by Rick Ingraham on the current status of DDS' response to ICC Priorities, Outcomes and Recommendations, and a discussion about the Office of Special Education Programs' response to California's Annual Performance Report and State Performance Plan. The DDS comments to federal Part C regulations were submitted in June 2007 and were provided to members as a handout.

Theresa reviewed the recommended presentations planned for future meetings and announced that today's presentation had changed and would be on *Autism to Leadership Development in Underserved Communities*. November's agenda will include a panel presentation on respite.

The Public Input Protocol on page 162 was approved with the revision that DDS is not able to provide equipment specifically for media-enhanced presentation requests but may be able to make equipment available for this purpose if it is already being used at the meeting. It was also suggested that public input received at each meeting be discussed at the following Executive Committee Meeting and issues requiring response be directed to one of the Standing Committees for response. No action was taken on this suggestion.

ICC members were invited to attend one or all of the Early Start Institutes, which are a redesign of Early Start Core and Service Coordinator Institutes. Members were also requested to submit suggestions about the proposed Newcomer Orientation process and/or materials to Angela McGuire at WestEd by the end of the first week in October. It was announced to all that the OSEP National Early Childhood Conference is scheduled for early December in Arlington, Virginia and that Kate Warren had been asked to attend as a parent and as a recipient of California's Parent Leadership Award.

• **Parent Leadership Ad Hoc Workgroup**

The Parent Leadership Ad Hoc Workgroup submitted recommendations, which appear on page 160 and 161, for changes and additions to the ICC By-Laws and the establishment of a Membership Committee. It was agreed that a small group, consisting of Dr. Peterson, Theresa Rossini, Elaine Fogel Schneider, and Rick Ingraham and/or Kevin Brown will review the process for appointing Community Representatives and provide a proposal at the next Executive Committee meeting. Proposed By-Law revisions will be included as an action item at the November meeting.

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**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Dr. Peterson discussed the challenges associated with reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) at both the state and federal levels and emphasized the program's importance in serving low-income families. He also expressed his gratitude and appreciation with work of committees and the fact that all will have recommendations completed by May 2008.

**ICC STAFF MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Patric Widmann introduced new DDS staff member Anna Ly, who will be filling in during Melissa Campos' maternity leave. All ICC members were given packets of information from the California State Library describing available on-line materials and resources and guidance on how to apply for access. DDS will ask a Library representative to present at one of the Sacramento meetings. Patric also announced that the Family Participation Fund, which is used by some members to reimburse travel expenses to ICC meetings, had been re-funded through CDE and that starting in October, claims could again be submitted. The November meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in San Diego, on November 29 and 30.

**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS NETWORK OF CALIFORNIA REPORT:**

Susan Graham reported on FRCNCA activities (Attachment B). Susan announced that the *2008 Partners in Policymaking* will be held in Bakersfield.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of the ICC Annual Report 2005-06** - Dr. Peterson clarified that the action requested was to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the ICC once the draft that is in the ICC packet is finalized. People were asked to submit any editorial comments to DDS. The motion was unanimously approved with the proxy votes of Marie Poulsen, Hallie Morrow, and Elaine Schneider.

**Approval of 2008 Meeting Schedule** - The 2008 Meeting Schedule on page 47, which includes dates of February 21-22, May 15-16, September 18/19; and November 20-21, was unanimously approved with the proxy votes of Marie Poulsen, Hallie Morrow, and Elaine Schneider.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Tracy Ferguson:** Tracy is the parent of a son with special needs. Tracy just finished filming a segment of Good Morning America and is working with People magazine on a four-page article about her program, A Brighter Today. This program provides nursing-level care and can administer diastat, work with kids with G-tubes, etc. in a nurturing, natural and safe environment. It includes both toddler and school-age components. The program is licensed through Community Care Licensing and is a vendor program of the Regional Center of the East Bay. Rick Ingraham asked for more information about the media exposure to report to the Governor's Office. A Brighter Day brochure is included Attachment C.

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Shane Nurnberg: Shane provided a visual of the State of California showing the portion of the State that the ICC rarely visits (Northern California) and asked that DDS consider holding a meeting in the northern part of the State. He also asked for feedback on his suggestion from the last meeting that services for certain diagnoses be authorized to begin immediately rather than having to wait for the variety of assessments to be completed, which often delays the start of services.

Gretchen Hester: Provided an update about the need for nursing services her family is not receiving and reported that with the assistance of DDS, Bruno's Medi-Cal has been reinstated. She would like that to happen for every family. She also recommended that Regional Center staff have liaisons for communication with Medi-Cal staff and that these liaisons have an understanding of what is required under Medi-Cal.

Laurie Jordan: Laurie asked Spanish speaking parents to share their stories and read a story from one of the parents served by the Rainbow FRC. The letter is included as Attachment D.

Wanda Davis, from Regional Center of the East Bay and Rachel Hagins, from the Central Valley Regional Center: Presented Dr. Peterson with a plaque in honor of his retirement As Executive Director of the San Diego Regional Center and in appreciation for the important role he has played in promoting and supporting Early Start. The plaque and thanks are from the Northern California Regional Centers Early Start Managers group.

Robin Millar, as Chair-elect of Infant Development Association: Shared information about upcoming training sponsored by the Infant Development Association (IDA), details of which are available on page 247.

### **PRESENTATION:**

#### **“Developing Leadership in Underserved Communities: The East Bay Experience”**

Rocio de Mateo Smith, Director of Area Board 5 of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, described her experience developing leadership in underserved communities in the East Bay area. Rocio was accompanied by Jeanette Muldonado, a parent. See Attachment E for power point.

Rocio emphasized that FRCs are a critical entry point for many families and talked about what has happened in the East Bay as a result of them collaborating with other agencies who are involved with families, especially Spanish-speaking families with special needs. She stated that the program has nurtured leadership through activities that reflect the culture and now have leaders who are bilingual, bicultural, and who support and nurture each other.

Rocio talked about a conference held in the Bay Area called *Congresso Familiar*, that was developed to educate and promote leadership and which has now

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grown from 200-250 participants to over 1,000. She attributes its success to the fact that it is a parent-driven event rather than professionally driven. She said things changed dramatically when FRCs got involved and Spanish-speaking staff became Spanish-speaking leaders.

Jeanette Muldonado described another event, the *Information Fair*, which was the idea of families and is attended by many different agencies. This event provides a great deal of information to families in a format that resonates with them because they have created it. Both events are the result of a multi-agency collaboration and both have many sponsors.

Rick commended these young parents for their ability to speak so compellingly on their own behalf and on behalf of their children and the community, especially in front of the Legislature.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each Standing Committee reported on activities from their September 20, 2007 meetings. Specific details are found in the individual committee notes included in the ICC packet. The following are brief highlights from each committee.

#### **Public Awareness (PAC):**

Shane Nurnberg reported that PAC reviewed information about Colorado's Physician Outreach efforts and developed questions for follow-up contact. The Parent Leadership Award process was discussed and the committee came up with ideas to increase the number of nominations. DDS will investigate whether funds are available to provide a small award – such as an acrylic heart, get local press to the event, and feature the winner in the ICC annual report with their picture. Pac believes that the ICC can do a better job of making this award more prestigious and therefore, more coveted by potential nominees.

#### **Quality Service Delivery Systems (QSDS):**

Beverley Morgan-Sandoz reported that the QSDS had a very rich discussion. They welcomed visits from Dan McCord and Hilva Chan and discussed surveying member departments. Their work plan is on pg 201.

This Committee made several recommendations:

1. Initiate a formal review of the By-Laws by a committee representing all committees of the ICC to get a jump on the new regulations. Include representatives from QSDS and ISH on the membership committee if such a committee is established.
2. Catherine Abarca and Mark Chronic be assigned to QSDS;
3. Members' names be highlighted on sign-in sheets for easy identification by newcomers;
4. ICC send a parent with a younger child to the OSEP National Early Childhood Conference;

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5. DDS provide assistance in getting responses to QSDS survey questions from member partners and agencies.
6. A letter be sent on behalf of the ICC recognizing Julie Woods' history of service along with a certificate of appreciation.

**Family Resources and Supports (FRS):**

Julie Kingsley reported that the FRSC was pleased to have Donna Clayson visit. The FRSC is concerned that evaluating the impact of the Physician's brochure will be difficult. They are also concerned that this brochure did not come through the FRSC for review and/or input prior to publication per ICC 2005 recommendations. (Note: DDS will be conducting a statewide evaluation of the impact of the Physician's brochure based on referral data. DDS agreed to include an FRSC representative on future product workgroups.)

The FRSC suggested that the ICC may want to consider postponing review of the By-Laws until the final Part C regulations are published. They also requested that Catherine Abarca, Dr. Collins, and Mark Chronic be assigned to their committee.

The Family Support Guidelines developed in 1994 are being significantly revised by a product workgroup thru WestEd. A draft of the guidelines is being distributed to a reader's group for review. Julie Kingsley reported that Terry Colburn announced that Virginia Reynolds will be receiving this years' Easter Seals award.

**Integrated Services and Health (ISH):**

Arleen Downing reported that ISH liked the Newcomers' placemat and thought it would be useful. The Committee was also pleased with the Physicians brochure stating that members will review physician referral patterns but that they are concerned with how that data is to be captured. She also noted that one visitor attending the ICC was expecting a presentation on autism and would appreciate advance notice when topics change. Arleen further reported that ISH discussed monitoring visits and reviewed the ICC completed recommendations, for which questions will be compiled.

ISH expressed the need for a member on their committee who is the parent of a young child. Work continued on priority areas (pages 223-225) with review and revision of wording and proposed actions. ISH also had difficulty understanding the State respite data. In response, Rick Ingraham indicated that he would consult with DDS data personnel once committees let him know exactly what questions they are trying to answer. Dr. Downing asked if the panel in November would discuss Regional Center guidelines for respite and Dr. Peterson assured her that it would.

**AGENCY REPORTS:**

Department representatives provided an overview of relevant Departmental activities. Details can be found in the attached written reports.

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**Department of Developmental Services** – Rick Ingraham reported the following:

Comments on the draft Part C regulations were submitted to OSEP and copies were available for review (Refer to Executive Committee Minutes, AttachmentB) Rick anticipates that revisions may be significant enough to warrant re-release for a second public comment period. Rick referred people to page 149 and to the Part C Coordinators report on page 3 for information about the SPP and APR.

DDS is in the process of overhauling monitoring procedures with a focus on child outcomes.

The Legislature's Blue Ribbon Commission on Autism released its report last week and the Department of the Defense has released their plan on how the military will support families who have a child or children with Autism. The Blue Ribbon Commission will declare Autism a public health crisis and will introduce legislation regarding universal screening, early identification and treatment. There may be additional continuing education requirements in some disciplines around Autism. However, it's anticipated that budget challenges will lead to demonstration projects in two or three parts of the State. Rick expects that the concern about transition at 36 months means the focus of demonstration projects will be on kids 0 to 5. Better health coverage is another goal.

Federal CAPTA requires infants and toddlers 0 to 3 who are victims of abuse and/or neglect to be screened for developmental status. Data was reviewed and significant increase in trend was observed but DDS will review it again. The state law around adoption assistance has been changed effective July 1, 2007, decreasing the cap to \$2,006 and adding a potential \$1,100 supplement.

Members of the ICC expressed their appreciation of Rick's list of acronyms included on page 61. Theresa asked that the list of acronyms appear in the front or back of the book.

**California Department of Education** – Pamela Quiroz reported the following:

**CDE Activities for Infants and Toddlers**

- The CDE website has been updated. Special items of interest are: California's Annual State Application under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Superintendent's Autism Advisory Committee; Reporting Requirements of Severance, Expulsion, Exclusion, Exemption, Transfer, or Suspension for Students with Disabilities; Parents Rights – A Brief Summary of Procedural Safeguards for Students with Disabilities; California State Performance Plan (SPP) Update; and California Annual Performance Report Update.
- Grant award letters for fiscal year 2007-08 were sent to the Family Empowerment Centers on September 10, 2007.

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- The two new Family Empowerment Centers are up and running. Family Soup provides services to Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba Counties. Parent's Place, provides services to families located in West Covina.
- The CDE is developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Family Resource Centers to apply for grants to provide parent-to-parent support for infants identified through the California Newborn Hearing Screening Program. The RFP should be posted on the CDE Funding Opportunities website in October.
- The *Reasons for Concern* brochures are being reprinted (4th re-print) with the new address for the California Child Care Health Program, in Berkeley. The reprint is in English, Spanish, Hmong, Chinese, and Vietnamese.
- The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) Work Group completed its final draft relative to special education credential recommendations. No changes were proposed to the CTC relative to the Education Specialist for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) credential.

### Legislative Update

The CDE submitted its response to the proposed changes in the Part C Regulations.

- The Governor approved Assembly Bill 685 (Karnette). This bill made technical changes to align California special education law with the newly released Code of Federal Regulations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Assembly Bill 1663 (Evans) is on the Governor's desk. This is a policy bill to conform California special education law to the newly released Code of Federal Regulations under the IDEA.

### Budget Update

The 2007 Budget Act:

- Provides a 4.04 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for special education programs.
- Provides \$4,668,000,000 for special education which represents 7 percent of the total K-12 education expenditures.
- Provides a \$1.1 million increase for early education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.
- Provides a \$59 million Proposition 98 General Fund increase for special education programs.
- Reflects a decrease of \$8 million in the budgeting of federal special education funding.
- As a result of a steady decline in birth rates throughout the 1990s, attendance growth in public schools is declining.

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### Interagency Collaboration Activities

- The CDE is coordinating the *Reasons for Concern* brochure with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). This brochure provides information to parents about risk factors, the identification of behaviors that may be cause for concern, and places to obtain information. This is listed in the CDE Press Catalogue informing interested parties of its availability after the first of the year. A third reprint for The *Reasons for Concern* brochure has been ordered. The copies should be available shortly in the following languages and quantities: English (75,000), Hmong (5,000), and Vietnamese (5,000).
- On October 7-9, 2007, Nancy Sager I will be attending the Investing in Family Support Conference in Nashville, TN. I will be attending this conference with Marcos Ramirez, President of IMPACT (California's organization for parents of deaf and hard of hearing children), and two staff members from the Southern California Hearing Coordination Center.
- Pamela Quiroz attended the public hearings for the Infant-Toddler Foundations.
- CDE participated in the Parent Mentor Advisory Committee for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing meeting, June 14 and 15, 2007.
- Pamela Quiroz attended the SpecialQuest trainer of trainer's conference in Chapel Hill, NC.
- On August 28, 2007, Pamela Quiroz visited the Rowell Family Empowerment Center in Redding, Ca.
- CDE met with WestEd on August 29, 2007, to review the Early Start Institutes.
- The CA Head Start-State Collaboration Office is working with the federal Office of Head Start, the CDE Special Education Division, First Five California and the State Department of Developmental Services to develop a number of activities to support the use of Head Start programs as quality inclusive programs for young children with developmental delays or disabilities. You may contact Michael Zito at 916/323-9727 or [mzito@cde.ca.gov](mailto:mzito@cde.ca.gov) if you would like more information.

Participation Fund was funded at the same level as last year.

**Department of Health Care Services** – The following written report was submitted by Hallie Morrow who was unable to attend:

#### Reorganization

- Split into the Department of Public Health ([www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov)) and the Department of Health Care Services ([www.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov))
- CMS Branch web pages are still accessible on the old website ([www.dhs.ca.gov/cms](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/cms))
- New web pages for CMS Branch programs are being constructed

#### California Children Services (CCS)

- Handout of Number Letters provided. Refer to Attachment G.

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- Quality Improvement Initiative (NQI)
  - Prevention of central line bloodstream infections in the NICU
  - Reduced infections by 28% from baseline, resulting in a savings of \$2.83 million
  - Working with California Children's Hospital Association to extend the project for two more years
  - Web page: [www.dhs.ca.gov/pcf/cms/nqi](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcf/cms/nqi)
- Pediatric Palliative Care
  - Provides for a pilot project to develop a Medi-Cal waiver to provide a pediatric palliative care benefit
  - CMS Staff writing the waiver with the goal to submit it to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in December 2007.
  - 13 county CCS programs expressed interest in participating in this pilot project
  - 65 home health agencies and hospice providers expressed interest in participating
  - Webpage: [www.dhs.ca.gov/pcf/cms/ppc](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcf/cms/ppc)

#### High Risk Infant Follow-up (HRIF) restructured program

- Between July 1, 2006 and September 1, 2007, have received enrollment and assessment information on 4900 infants
- There are 43 facilities providing HRIF services
- Web page: [www.dhs.ca.gov/cms/hrif](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/cms/hrif)

#### Newborn Hearing Screening Program (NHSP)

- Program expansion to all general acute care hospitals with licensed perinatal services
  - Funding was included in the 2007-08 budget
  - Finalizing contracts with Hearing Coordination Centers to include the expansion activities:
    - Bay Area/Coastal Region – John Muir Health System
    - North Eastern and Central California Region – John Muir Health System (new contractor for this region)
    - Southern California Region – Miller Children's Hospital
    - South Eastern California Region – Loma Linda University Medical Center
  - Provided 3 hospital orientation meetings around the state in June and a training by teleconference on 9/20
- Web page: [www.dhs.ca.gov/nhsp](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/nhsp)

#### Legislation

- SB 137 (Torlakson) – Increase CCS financial eligibility to the same federal poverty level as Healthy Families – on the Governor's desk
- AB 1642 (Hancock) – Allow CCS to authorize services for Medi-Cal children at CCS-approved Kaiser facilities that do not have Medi-Cal contracts – on the Governor's desk

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- AB 368 (Carter) – 2-year bill that would require insurance coverage for hearing aids up to \$1000 be offered for children under 18 years of age

#### Budget

- There were no changes in the 2007-08 budget for the CMS programs.

**Department of Social Services** – Patrick Kelleher reported the following:

#### Current status of Department's activities relevant to children birth to three

- CDSS and DDS along with the assistance of West Ed and the UC Davis Resource Center for Family Focused Practice are developing cross-systems training project that will build partnerships with the intent to formalize processes for implementing the CAPTA changes throughout the state. The goal is to provide a series of training events targeted to management, service coordinators, child welfare staff, and providers. The intended outcome is to have both systems formalize a process that links maltreated children within the CWS system to the EI system.
- The Stuart Foundation is donating funds to place in the Department's Child Welfare Services Program Improvement Fund. The passage of AB 2496 allows private grants, or gifts from various organizations to CDSS for specific Child Welfare Services activities. The funds are provided to support the Department's efforts to promote best practices in infant mental health. Training will be offered to social workers and foster parents.
- DSS has a new Director who was appointed June 1, 2007. His name is John Wagner and he comes from the State of Massachusetts. Ensuring the health, safety and well-being of children, families, the disabled and the elderly is the highest priority of our Director.
- The State is preparing its Statewide Self- Assessment Report as part of phase one of the Child and Family Services Review( CFSR). Specifically, the CFSR's assess how well States perform in achieving positive outcomes in the following three domains for children and families engaged in child welfare services: child safety, child permanency, and child and family well-being. The CFSRs also examine seven State and local child welfare agency systemic factors that affect the achievement of positive outcomes by the children and families that agencies serve. The assessment report is due to the federal government by December 1, 2007. The onsite county case review will begin in February 2008.

#### Legislative Update related to children birth to three

None for CDSS

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DSS Relevant Budget Update  
Child Welfare

- \$4.1 billion (\$1.6 billion General Fund) to provide assistance payments and services to children and families under Child Welfare Services, Child Abuse Prevention, Foster Care, Adoption Assistance, and Adoptions to children who are either at risk of or have suffered abuse and neglect. This is a \$175.4 million, or a 4.5-percent increase, from the revised 2006 Budget Act level.
- An increase of \$3.7 million (\$2 million General Fund), effective February 1, 2008, to double the reimbursement rate for non-profit private adoption agencies that specialize in finding permanent homes for children with high needs.
- An increase of \$17.2 million (\$9.6 million General Fund), effective January 1, 2008, to provide a 5-percent increase to foster family home base rates, specialized care increments, and group home rates; Adoption Assistance Program cases prospectively; and all Kin-GAP and Emergency Assistance cases.
- An increase of \$30.8 million (\$15.2 million General Fund) to create a standard rate paid to foster care and adoptive families who care for children with developmental disabilities. These children are served by both the Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services.
- An increase of \$20.2 million General Fund to increase participation in the Transitional Housing Plus Program, which provides services to youth between 18 and 24 years of age emancipating from the foster care system

Interagency collaboration activities relevant to children birth to three

CDSS, Maternal and Child Health Bureau in Health Services, Education, Mental Health and Department of Developmental Services will start meeting on a quarterly basis. The goal is to discuss state and local models as they relate to the needs of young children. while strengthening the partnerships between all the State departments that serve young children

**Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs** - Donna Clayson reported the following:

The Office of Women's and Perinatal Services (OWPS), have selected the following projects for the new Director's Women's Initiative:

- a) Create California specific guidelines for women's programs
- b) Create a women's services specialty for Alcohol and other Drug Counselors,
- c) Partner with sister agencies to increase awareness about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- d) Partner with the Department of Aging to address the problem of Aging Women and Substance Abuse.
- e) Raise the level of awareness for women's issues in our stakeholder organizations, i.e., CADPAAC, DAC, etc.

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September 2007 is designated as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. Recovery Month provides a platform to celebrate people in recovery and those who serve them. Each September, thousands of treatment programs around the country celebrate their successes and share them with their neighbors, friends, and colleagues in an effort to educate the public about treatment, how it works, for whom, and why. Substance abuse treatment providers have made significant accomplishments, having transformed the lives of untold thousands of Americans. These successes often go unnoticed by the broader population; therefore, Recovery Month provides a vehicle to celebrate these successes. On September 5, 2007 on the West Steps of the State Capitol, the Recovery Happens rally was held in support of Recovery Month 2007. Former Drug Czar General Barry McCaffrey was the key speaker and in addition there was music, singers, food, and more. This event was highly supported by ADP staff.

Every year on September 9, communities throughout the United States and throughout the world observe FASD Awareness Day. Events are held at 9:09, the 9th minute of the 9th hour of the 9th day of the 9th month of the year. This date and time is used to remind women not to drink during the 9 months of pregnancy. Resolutions and proclamations are issued encouraging people to observe ceremonies to promote awareness and increase compassion for individuals with an FASD. On September 9, 2007 interested individuals joined together at the California State Capitol to ring in the Annual International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Awareness Day. ADP/OWPS staff completed a proclamation for Governor Schwarzenegger which was presented during the activities.

On Friday, September 7, 2007, OWPS staff attended the NineZero Conference, sponsored by the FASD Task Force of Santa Clara County. NineZero stands for Nine months of pregnancy, Zero Alcohol & Drugs. Dr. Ira Chasnoff, an internationally acclaimed expert on FASD, was the keynote speaker. The conference was extremely valuable, as it provided some critical information for use in accomplishing some of ADP/OWPS' Women's Initiative Goals.

There has been a grant announcement from the Northrop Grumman Corporation (the prime contractor with SAMHSA). Proposals will be requested from State agencies and other organizations, and there will be full and open competition in each of these three categories: States, juvenile courts, and local communities. Organizations will be asked to organize, implement, and evaluate programs that will either:

- a) Decrease the incidence of FASD by implementing evidence-based programs to eliminate alcohol consumption by pregnant women. (The target audience will be pregnant women who drink or women of childbearing age in alcohol or substance abuse treatment.)
- b) Improve the functioning and quality of life of people with an FASD and their families by diagnosing those with an FASD and providing interventions based on the diagnosis.

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Those submitting proposals should have the authority to change the relevant policies and procedures of the service delivery organization(s) of interest. All State subcontractors, both FASD prevention and intervention, will be required to address the development of policies and procedures to support the implementation of effective practices throughout their State organization. They would also be expected to develop and advocate for policies that support FASD prevention or intervention.

Funded organizations will receive technical assistance to organize and conduct their FASD prevention or FASD intervention program. This request for proposals is an opportunity for those interested in preventing or addressing fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in the population they serve. Please check the [www.fasdcenter.com](http://www.fasdcenter.com) Web site in late September or early October 2007.

In September 2007 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) selected 20 organizations to receive the agency's inaugural Science and Service Awards. These awards recognize exemplary implementation of evidence-based interventions to prevent and treat mental illnesses and substance abuse. The new annual awards program provides recognition to public sector organizations and community-based groups and coalitions that have worked to improve their communities and the lives of individuals by providing the best services possible.

Four awardees were chosen in each of five categories: substance abuse prevention; treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services; mental health promotion; treatment of mental illness and recovery support services; and co-occurring disorders. The 20 awardees were selected based on independent reviews of 115 applications, as well as site visits. To be eligible for an award, an organization had to demonstrate successful implementation of a recognized evidence-based intervention, including interventions that have been published in the scientific literature and/or appear on a federal or state registry. An award was presented to the following organization in California: **Ventura County Behavioral Health, Oxnard** – received an award in the co-occurring disorders category for implementing Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment.

As previously reported, ADP participates as a member of the State Interagency Team (SIT). The SIT recently completed a survey to gain qualitative information to inform interdepartmental collaboration and to ascertain the following:

- Does screening take place within the department's system?
- For those who screen, what is effective and what is ineffective in their screening process?
- If they do not screen, why not?

Through this survey process, proposed and expected outcomes were that departments would discover information that can be shared within their own system and find opportunities for partnership with other systems to address

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common challenges and perhaps leverage resources. ADP surveyed six counties. Surveys were directed to the county agencies responsible for the alcohol and drug programs. Specific findings for ADP – While committed to both screening and assessment as a promising practice, most Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) treatment programs do not screen. In addition, even standardized assessment tools are not common practice. SIT Workgroups made the following recommendations for ADP: 1) Encourage the use of standardized, validated assessment tools. And 2) Considering the new evidence that screening in and of itself can reduce AOD use, ADP recommends that prevention programs that see individuals institute screening protocols. For additional information and results of this survey, please contact ADP ([dclayson@adp.ca.gov](mailto:dclayson@adp.ca.gov) or [pbean@adp.ca.gov](mailto:pbean@adp.ca.gov)).

#### NAADAC, NAATP Join Forces to Lobby

Two major addiction treatment organizations representing counselors and providers are combining their advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., and nationally, the groups announced recently. [NAADAC](#), the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, and the [National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers](#) (NAATP) will jointly fund a lobbying staff, including a full-time legislative liaison. A single Department of Public Policy and Government Relations will serve both groups.

A bill that would change the names of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) has been approved by a key Senate committee, [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America](#) (CADCA) reported July 5. The Recognizing Addiction as a Disease Act of 2007, SB-1011, would change NIDA's name to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and NIAAA's name to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health (NIADH). The measure was approved by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on June 28.

**Department of Mental Health** – Hilva Chan reported the following:

#### Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Support (CSS)

- Provides mental health treatment and recovery services to children and youth with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and older adults who have severe mentally illnesses.
- As of 8/14/07, all but one county have submitted their CSS plans for approval. 53 counties have their CSS plans reviewed and approved and are in various stages of program implementation.
- In May 2007, an initial look at these approved CSS plans identified 53 new or expanded mental health programs (Full Service Partnerships) that proposed to serve a minimum of 4,571 children.

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### MHSA Housing Program

- The application for the MHSA Housing Program was released in 8/07. This program is jointly administered by DMH and the California Housing Finance Agency. Initial funding of \$400 million has been set aside to establish permanent supportive housing. Funding covers both capital cost finance and capitalized operating subsidies.
- Target populations are individuals with serious mental illness and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, which includes families with children who are severely emotionally disturbed.
- Five information workshops have been scheduled statewide from Sept to November to discuss the application process and requirements.

### MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention

- Expand from 'fail first' to 'prevention'
- DMH Info Notice 07-17 was released on August 10 to provide funding instructions to counties for the MHSA Community Program Planning for PEI component.
- \$25 million for PEI community program planning
- \$307 million for PEI for 07-08 and 08-09
- Through the planning process, counties will select Key Community Mental Health Needs and Priority Populations from those identified and approved by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.
- Five Key PEI Community MH needs:
  - Disparities in access to mental health services
  - Psycho-social impact of trauma
  - At-risk children, youth and young adult populations
  - Stigma and discrimination
  - Suicide risk
- Six PEI priority populations:
  - Underserved cultural populations
  - Individuals experiencing onset of serious psychiatric illness
  - Children/youth in stressed families
  - Trauma exposed
  - Children/youth at risk of school failure
  - Children/youth at risk of juvenile justice involvement
- Counties are required to outreach to and solicit input from these partner sectors: underserved communities, education, health, social services and law enforcement. Other sectors are recommended: community family resource centers, employment and media
- PEI Resource Materials are available to help counties develop their PEI programs. A draft copy is available at <http://www.dmh.ca.gov/mhsa/PreventionEarlyIntervention.asp>. This resource guide lists promising practices and evidence based programs under each of the five key PEI community MH needs by the six PEI priority populations. Some of these programs are home based programs that target very young children.

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**Department of Managed Health Care** - Dan McCord reported the following:

- Dan McCord is pleased to be here representing the Department of Managed Health Care and looks forward to ongoing participation on the ICC. Dan's unit is located in the HMO Help Center 1-800 HMO-HELP. DMHC licenses and regulates HMOs and works with DHS around jointly-licensed plans.
- Recent regulations contain a language-assistance package requiring HMOs to identify threshold languages and print materials in those languages by 2009.
- Timely Access Regulations are currently under review.
- DMHC provided input on one of the sections of the Blue Ribbon Report on Autism.
- All reports this agency prepares are available for viewing on the DMHC website.
- Dan also described efforts to identify phantom networks.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The next ICC Executive Committee conference call is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day consequently; it will be rescheduled to November 27th. Members will be notified of the new date by e-mail.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Peterson adjourned the meeting at 1:00.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING ICC GENERAL MEETING**

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**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

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