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INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

COMMITTEE: Integrated Services and Health

RECORDER: Peter Guerrero

DATE: 09/14/2006

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

PRESENT: Arleen Downing, Gretchen Hester, Ed Gold, Dwight Lee, Peter Michael Miller, Robin Millar, Hallie Morrow, Nenita Herrera-Sioco, Beverly Ching, Ivette Pena, Mara McGrath, Kat Lowrance

ABSENT: Sylvia Carlisle, Toni Gonzales

GUESTS: Robert Powell, ASHA, Cyndi Ryan, LACOE, Shane L. Nurnberg,  
Parent: Rosalin Lee RN

LIAISONS: Kevin Brown, Sam Yang, Suzanne Del Sarto, DDS; Nancy Sager,  
CDE,

**AGENDA**

**I. Introductions and Welcome**

**II. Agenda Review:**  
Approved without changes.

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes approved as corrected.

**IV. Chair's Executive Committee Report:**

A. Arleen Downing shared a document entitled: Review of Health Related Action Items, and Discussions ICC Health Systems Committee 1995 to 2003 and Integrated Systems and Health 2003 – 2006. She emphasized that the committee consider these past efforts in discussions related to the committee priority area. She also referred the committee to two other charts and one document related to Early Start and Cal Optima (managed care) referrals in Orange County (attached):

- o A flow chart of referral processes for each
- o Cal Optima referral matrix developed by Cal Optima
- o A narrative document explaining the referral process.

Discussion ensued regarding the process and glitches in the process so far. She will keep the committee updated on how this collaborative process is working in Orange County.

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B. Two surveys were distributed to the committee to collect demographic information related to parent representation on the ICC.

Arleen also distributed an article from the AAP entitled: Identifying Infants and young Children With Developmental Disorders in the Medical Home: An Algorithm for Developmental Surveillance and Screening. (attached)

C. DDS asked that the following health related articles be disseminated to the committee members (attached):

- o Opening Doors: Technology And Communication Options for Children with Hearing Loss
- o Developing the California Health Care Workforce of Tomorrow
- o Improving MCH: A Big Problem in Small Rural Communities (and abstract)
- o Letter from USDOE to Rick Ingraham specific to infants and toddlers with hearing loss.

**V. Assigned Priority:**

Kevin Brown told the committee that DDS would interface with other state departments to access data they might request. He also distributed a fact book by the DDS Information Services Division related to the data collected by the department. This is available on the DDS website.

The committee was divided into small work groups each charged to recommend one or two outcomes for ISH committee assigned priority area. The following recommendations were made and will continue to be addressed by the committee.

Group One:

1. Managed Care plans and Regional Centers will each have a dedicated contact person with full access to information to facilitate service coordination
2. Each RC should have a managed care liaison to facilitate communication between CCS, RC and Managed Care Plans.

In order to facilitate these two recommendations DDS is asked to determine whether there is a designated liaison with managed care at regional centers.

Group Two:

1. Early Start infants and toddlers who are eligible will be referred for EPSDT in home nursing service with assistance of the Early Start Service Coordinator.
2. Early Start infants with health conditions indicating a need for nursing care will receive nursing care and/or nursing level respite care when needed.
  - a. DDS will request that MediCal In Home Operations provide information on the number of children 36 months of age and under who receive in-home-nursing services.

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- b. DDS will request that DHS MediCal identify the MediCal managed care plans that have EPSDT in home nursing care responsibility in their contract responsibility.
- c. DDS will assure that Service Coordinators and Early Start program managers are trained in how to assist families in applying for EPSDT in home respite.

Related Data request: The number of children 36 months of age and under that received nursing via EPSDT and nursing care/nursing level of respite care from the regional center in the past 12 months. Ideally information on the numbers of children eligible/qualify for nursing care but possibly not receiving it from either RC or EPSDT would be of interest as well.

Group Three:

1. Include identification of managed care plan and PCP on regional center and LEA data collection forms so data can be tracked electronically.

VI. **Old Business:**

A. Arleen referred the group to review the recommendation item discussed at the 5/18/06 ISH committee. (ISH Minutes dated 5/18/06, page 136 of the 9/14,15/06 ICC booklet.) Plan is to submit this an action item for the November ICC meeting. Bob Powell indicated that the timing would be good as he expected that the Legislative Blue Ribbon Committee on Autism would also be interested in supporting SLP-A's providing early intervention services.

A motion was made that the recommendation related to regulatory revision go forward as an action item to the full ICC. This was seconded and passed with assurances that rationale related to the original two issues as background be included when the motion is presented. (This related to SLP-As and identifying potential service need for hearing loss in Autism related caseloads, funding an appropriate funding mechanism for SLP-A and data collection for use in the future.)

**ACTION ITEM: The ISH Committee recommends that DDS actively support a change in regulation to revise Title 17, Section 54342 to include language specific to the use of SLP-Assistants similar to that used in reference to OT and PT Assistants.**

**B. Physicians Outreach Brochure update:**

Members of the Public Awareness Committee (PAC) joined this group at 3:30PM. ISH committee had recommended that this brochure be revised, as it did not speak to the role of the physician in the IFSP process. A workgroup was convened by WestEd CPEI

(Center for Prevention and Early Intervention) to research, compose and determine an appropriate format to be forwarded to DDS for approval. At this time a designer is formatting the brochure. The PAC committee will be focusing on a dissemination plan for this and other outreach materials.

Mara McGrath suggested that following developmental screening Physicians include the Reasons for Concern brochure in the Parent's Tool Kit (funded by First 5).

Elaine Fogel Schneider referred to a list of recommendations related to physician outreach from February 20, 2003 (page 109 of the ICC handbook for September) and plans for an evaluation component for outreach activities.

- VII. **Additional Data Needs:** (as requested by Chairs):
- a. The number of children under age 36 months of age and under that received nursing services through EPSDT or nursing care/nursing-level of respite care from the regional centers during the past year.
  - b. The number of MediCal Managed Care Plans, their geographic areas, and whether DHS requires the plans to have a designated liaison with regional centers.
  - c. Data currently collected regarding Early Start children's health via the Early Start report and whether there is any other data.
  - d. DDS to determine which regional centers, if any, have a designated liaison with managed care plans.
- VIII. **Interim Committee activities:** The committee may convene in January 2007 to further develop their work plan matrix.
- IX. **Agenda for November:** Continue addressing priority area by work groups.
- X. **Adjournment:** The committee adjourned at 4:00 PM.