

Interagency Coordinating Council

June 10, 2019
9:00 AM – 1:00 p.m.

*BEACON Health Options
500 Enterprise Drive, Rocky Hill*

Minutes

ICC Members Present: Leona Adamczyk, Elaine Balsley, Andrea Brinnel, Anne Giordano, Cindy Jackson, Angela Jimenez (DPH) for Ann Gionet, Elizabeth Howe, Ginny Mahoney, Carol Peltier, Alice Ridg-way, Michelle Rinaldi, Melissa Roberts, Elisabeth Teller, Myra Wat-nick, Sharon Marie, Andrea Brinnel

ICC Members Absent: Corrine Griffin, Tiffanie Allain, Kim Nilson, Shanda Easley, Louis Tallarita, Nicole Villanueva, Lauran Barbosa, Melissa Roberts, Dr. Carol Weitzman, Robin Wood

The meeting began at 9:15 AM.

Introductions:

Cindy Jackson, ICC Chair, welcomed everyone to the State ICC meeting. Council members and members of the public introduced themselves.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Announcements

Sharon announced DORS-BESB events including a workshop for providers working with children (ages 0-5) with visual impairment or blindness on October 16th. There is also a workshop for paraprofessionals working with deaf/blind population on 9/25 and teachers and families on 9/26. More information can be found on Eventbrite or contact sharon.marie@ct.gov

Cynthia Jackson
ICC Chair/Provider
Corrine Griffin
Vice Chair/Parent
Carol Peltier
American School for the Deaf
Michelle Rinaldi
Parent
Melissa Roberts
Dept. of Insurance
Tiffanie Allain
Parent
Kim Nilson
Dept. Of Children and Families
Elisabeth Teller
SARAH-Kidsteps.
Anne George-Puskar
University Center for Excellence DD
Elaine Balsley
Reachout
Alice Ridgway
Office of Early Childhood
Shanda Easley
Parent
Senator Marilyn Moore
State Senator
Dr. Carol Weitzman, M.D.
American Academy of Pediatrics
Ginny Mahoney
Dept. of Social Services
Sharon Marie
*DORS-Bureau of Education and Services
For the Blind*
Andrea Brinnel
State Dept. of Education
Leona Adamczyk
Parent
Louis Tallarita
SDE-Homeless Children
Nicole Villanueva
Early Head Start
Lauran Barbosa
Parent
Ann Gionet
Dept. of Public Health
Myra Watnick
Rehabilitation Associates, Inc.
Vacant
House of Representatives
Robin Wood
Dept. Developmental Services
Anne Giordano
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Old Business:

The ICC retreat was held April 1st with Ron Benham former Massachusetts Part C Coordinator as a facilitator for the retreat. Three areas of discussion were related to system support, fiscal/legislative, and Members of subcommittees at retreat reported on meeting.

Myra Watnick made a motion to approve the February minutes. Carol Peletier seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Parent Support Grant Update Jane Hampton, Training Director of the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) gave an update on parent support grant. Many families are joining the Facebook group and are not requesting mentors. They are always seeking ideas to get families what they need in terms of support.

August 5th ICC meeting was discussed. Chris from OEC will send an email to determine if there will be enough able to attend to meet quorum.

The National ICC meeting in Washington D.C. in July will be attended by Cindy Jackson and Leona Adamczyk.

Lead Agency Update/Fiscal Update

Alice Ridgway, Part C Director-Office of Early Childhood (OEC)-Birth to Three System gave the lead agency update.

Education and Outreach

Follow up on how Part C is supporting families with children who are D/HH: Hearing impaired programs (CREC Soundbridge, ASD, and NECHEAR) and ICC provider members as well as Alice Ridgway are part of a work group that has met once and will continue to meet (next meeting 6/18) to develop options to assure supports for families who don't live in or near one of the three programs that specialize in hearing.

FY 18 Annual Data Report with O'Donnell Co. and should be printed (x300) next month. Having the reports over the summer will allow legislators to review them while they are home with constituents.

There were 6 regional transition forums; they were well attended and feedback was positive. Over 350 people registered. Andrea Brinnel will welcome feedback from both Part C and Part B in terms of how transitions forums affect change.

Personnel Development

Last Activity-Based Teaming training on this contract was held this week with 75 people attending. Work-group is being planned to explore how to scale up and support Master Coaches at the local EIS program level.

The results from the quality practice self-assessment are being grouped by program for distribution.

Online video about completing the Insurance forms and a System of Payment learning module will be posted in July. The System of Payment module draft will be reviewed by the ICC Personnel Development work group.

Need a way to collect data about practitioner shortages. Some states include this in the IFSP section of their database.

Remote EI draft procedure going back to DSS before rates are explored. SB 1052 passed to expand Medicaid coverage of Telehealth services.

Fiscal Enhancements

The OEC received permission to transfer \$1,889,710 to B23 from other OEC divisions for FY 19 deficit. There will likely be a remaining shortfall of \$320,000 that will be covered by Federal Part C Funds. The bi-

ennium budge passed with \$22,845,964 in FY 20 and 23,452,407 in FY21. The budget increases are good signs of the state's commitments to Part C, as long as is it due to supporting more families.

Planning a convening with Commercial Insurance MD Directors with Dr. Milanese, CT-AAP President, Dr. Dumont-Mathieu, Commissioner Bye and PCG to discuss coverage.

All 28 contract amendments have gone out to extend contract to June 30, 2020. 25 are back, and 21 have been signed by OEC and sent to AG for signature.

Met with a few programs to discuss possible changes to simplify payment for interpretation. OEC considering setting rates and paying actual up to one rate regardless of which vendor is used to avoid having programs having to contact multiple vendors.

OEC working on getting their indirect rate approved and it will then be applied to the Part C Federal Grant.

OEC bill SB 936 passed and removes verbiage about a physician or APRN signatures on IFSPs. The current language is too narrow and the current State Plan Amendment allows any qualified practitioner listed in the Birth to Three Personnel Standards to sign the IFSP.

Committee Reports

Legislative/Fiscal Committee: (Co-Chairs: Myra Watnick & Elaine Balsley):

Elaine shared that the committee is looking at ways to assist the lead agency in maximizing reimbursement from Medicaid and commercial insurance. Nicole to get data on percent self-funded plans and HSAs. Ginny Maloney will be assisting with prior approval issues.

System Support/ Professional Development: (Co-Chairs: Anne Giordano & Elisabeth Teller):

Communications/Education/Outreach Committee: (Co-Chairs: Corinne Griffin & Carol Peltier)

The meeting ended at 12:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Balsley/Cindy Jackson

NEXT State ICC MEETING: Monday, April 1, 2019 at BEACON, 500 Enterprise Drive-Suite 3D (Hartford Room), Rocky Hill, CT. Please RSVP to Anna Hollister at 860-500-4411 or via e-mail at:

anna.hollister@ct.gov The 2019 ICC Meeting dates: June 10, August 5, October 7, and December 9, 2019