

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

HEALTH SYSTEMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Recorded by Barbara Ferreira

Date: July 26, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Brunelli Arleen Downing, M.D., Mary Lu Hickman, M.D., Julie Kingsley, Nancy Lee, Mara McGrath, Robin Millar, Peter Michael Miller, M.D. Hallie Morrow, M.D., and Terence Williams

REVIEW OF AGENDA:

Items added to the agenda were:

- Early Start Eligibility for Services
- Discussion on upcoming recommendation on newborn hearing screening referrals
- Clarification of Insurance representation
- Review of Annual Report

MINUTES REVIEW:

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with the following correction:

- It was noted that a parent representative has not yet been appointed to the committee to replace Betsy Katz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Hickman announced the MIND Institute video conference presentation on Autism in early August.

Jean Brunelli announced the IDA special training "The Portage Project", August 8-10, 2001 in Vallejo (brochure attached). The workshop will provide both theory and practical applications for relationship-based, ecological intervention within the family context. IDA is also providing training in the fall by Lilly Nelson who is noted for trainings of the visually impaired.

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW:

The committee reviewed its portion of the Annual Report and recommended that the second bullet be split in two.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Department of Health Services (DHS)

Dr. Morrow reported that the Newborn Hearing Screening Project is not moving forward as quickly as anticipated. There are now 27 certified hospital sites (list attached). Over 20,000 babies have been screened to date with 25 having been identified with a hearing loss before 3 months of age. Babies are referred to Early Start after they have been identified with a hearing loss. A toll free number has been established for all children 0-3

to have access to Early Start services at one single point. At that point, the determination will be made if should be referred to the regional center or the local school district. Dr. Morrow provided the committee with copies of handouts that David Banda presented at the full ICC meeting on Friday.

Department of Insurance (DOI)

Nancy Lee again addressed the issue of proper representation to the ICC from the insurance industry and whether it should be DOI or the Department of Managed Health Care. It was suggested that the Family Voices survey results be relayed to the MMRIB presenter on Friday.

Department of Education (CDE)

Terence Williams reported that only 40 verification reviews will be held in comparison to the 55 last year. He reported that all training and travel has been curtailed due to the budget shortfall.

Department Of Developmental Services (DDS)

Dr. Hickman provided a brief update from the Department. Legislation is being proposed to combined the budgets of the Regional Centers and the Developmental Centers. AB688 by Campbell would develop uniform guidelines for evaluation, assessment and determination of eligibility for Autism. The Trailer Bill language would provide for universal assessment of Autistic Spectrum Disorder. There is a collaborative effort to develop state of the art standard assessment.

Dr. Hickman shared information on the outreach program. "First Time" being conducted in New Jersey.

RECOMMENDATION FOR VISION SCREENING:

The subcommittee presented its version and it was reviewed by the committee. An additional component regarding the rationale and issues of vision screening was discussed. A question to be addressed is who is trained or should be trained to do vision screening. The following four screening guidelines will be reviewed: American Academy of Pediatrics by Dr.s Downing and Miller, Child Health Development Program by Dr. Hickman and Ms. Millar, and the Professional Joint Statement and CDE;s First Look by Ms. Kingsley and Mr. Williams. This will continue to be an agenda item.

OTHER:

Mara McGrath inquired to the committee's position on the public hearing regarding the regulations being held on Friday. The committee did not take a stand.

A discussion was held on how to summarize all the Prop 10 activities throughout the state.

How parents are informed of a disability will also be placed on the next agenda.

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Arleen Downing, M.D., Chair

AGENDA

September 20, 2001

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Review Minutes of July Meeting
3. Agency Updates
4. Review recommendation for Vision Screening
5. How parents are informed of a disability
6. Other
7. Adjournment