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INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL on EARLY INTERVENTION  
GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, August 26, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jill Abramson, M.D. Designee for the Director (DHCS)  
Susan Burger, Designee for the Director (DMHC)  
Arleen Downing, M.D.  
Mike Fuller, Designee for the Director (First 5 of California)  
Gretchen Hester  
Rick Ingraham, Designee for the Director (DDS)  
Marie Kanne-Poulsen, PhD.  
Pamela Quiroz, Designee for the Director (CDE)  
Theresa Rossini, Vice-Chair  
Elaine Fogel-Schneider, PhD.  
Cheryl Treadwell, Designee for the Director (DSS)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Toni Gonzales  
Madeline Journey-Lynn, Designee for the Director (DADP)  
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Debbie Sarmento  
Jeannie Smalley, ICC Manager  
Patric Widmann, ICC Supervisor  
Anastacia Byrne-Reed, ICC Coordinator  
Carolyn Walker, WestEd, Recorder

Refer to Attachment A for a complete list of attendees.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Self introductions were made.

**AGENDA REVIEW and APPROVAL**

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The agenda was approved with the following changes:

- Item #4 should read "Approval of April 2010 Meeting Minutes"
- Item #9, Action Item- 2011 Meeting Schedule, is deferred until the next ICC meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 2010 MINUTES**

The minutes were approved with no changes.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) REPORT**

Cheryl Treadwell, Acting EC Chair, reported that the OSEP verification visit is scheduled for the week of November 15, 2010. It was recommended by the EC that the ICC meeting originally scheduled for October be changed to November 17th and 18th to allow the ICC to meet with OSEP. November 4th and 5th were chosen as alternate dates pending word from OSEP on their availability. The full ICC agreed by consensus.

Cheryl announced that two OSEP surveys were disseminated yesterday to ICC members and community representatives in preparation for the OSEP visit. Copies of the surveys were made available to all who had not already received them. DDS will email the surveys to all ICC members and community representatives to ensure that everyone has a chance to respond.

Cheryl also reported that the EC reviewed future presentation topics and the status of the Under Representation Outreach Workgroup. An update on the Early Childhood Mega Conference held in Washington D.C was provided by those that attended. It was noted that the deadline for the ICC Parent Leadership Award was extended to September 3, 2010, and is posted on the DDS website.

### **ICC CHAIR REPORT**

Theresa Rossini reported that she had forwarded the draft of the Proposed Early Start Personnel Manual to Mac Peterson, former ICC Chair, who commented that he misses everyone, is proud of the manual and would like to thank the authors for doing such an excellent job.

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

Debbie Sarmiento reported for Linda Landry (Attachment B) on recent activities and projects.

### **ICC STAFF REPORT**

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Wishing she had better news to report, Jeannie Smalley said that right now the majority of state workers are on a three-day-a-month furlough schedule which has affected monitoring and on-site visits. Activities are being revamped or postponed to accommodate furlough schedules. Jeannie reminded everyone that travel reimbursements will not be paid until the budget is signed but that everyone should go ahead and submit travel claims so that they can be processed as quickly as possible after the budget is signed.

The Early Start Section has five vacancies, and is working diligently to fill the positions. Current staff, which is a good solid team, is working at maximum capacity and doing the best under the circumstances.

Arleen Downing requested, that in light of having to change monitoring dates and being short-staffed, what plans does DDS have for addressing the OSEP monitoring visit and the "needs supervision" classification received from OSEP. She reminded the group that California is only supposed to be in that category two consecutive years before OSEP takes additional steps. Jeannie indicated that Rick has been working with OSEP on an ongoing basis to address California's status.

Theresa clarified that for hotel guests, parking is included in the room rate. In fact, parking vouchers are available for everyone attending ICC meetings from Stacie Reed. Elaine Fogel-Schneider indicated that she has recently had trouble using the SWABIZ code and wondered if there was a new code. Patric indicated she is not aware of a new code but is available to provide any travel assistance needed. Melissa Campos is available from 9am to 1pm each day.

#### **ACTION ITEM: MEETING SCHEDULE**

Item has been deferred to November pending revisions to accommodate the new furlough schedule. Meetings will continue on a Thursday/Friday schedule if possible.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**Department of Developmental Services (DDS)** – Rick Ingraham reported on the following:

- DDS responded to a meeting announcement from Margaret Dunkle in which she mentioned that California's ranking is "at the bottom of the barrel". See Rick's point-by-point response in Attachment C.
- California is one of 28 states that is ranked in the second category, "needs assistance," out of four possible categories and is not "at the bottom of the barrel." OSEP has several options in response to ranking results, including

withholding money and special conditions in the contract, etc. California currently is receiving technical assistance from OSEP.

- DDS resumed monitoring last January with fourteen regional centers having been visited in the past eight months. Some were full record reviews and some have been compliance verification reviews to clear prior findings.
- DDS is undergoing three fiscal audits for Early Start: one by the Bureau of State Audits, one by the Department of Finance, and one by the Office of the Inspector General. All of the audits are a result of the receipt of federal stimulus dollars.

#### OSEP Determination

Rick stated that OSEP wants to see that states are monitoring local programs, issuing findings where needed, taking action and making improvements. For heavily populated states like California, it's very difficult to make adjustments quickly. None of the five largest (most populated) states are meeting all Part C requirements. Plans are in place to work toward a "meets requirements" first ranking. The lynchpin of that effort is the revision and launching of the Early Start report form which is a universal data collection tool that corresponds to OSEP's data requirements. DDS is currently gathering data by hand. For example for child outcomes, last year's sample size was 1,300, with almost 900 charts having useable data. So far, OSEP has accepted our sample size. However, with 50,000 kids being served annually, a larger sample is needed. Universal data collection will be the foundation of the effort to receive a "meets requirements" ranking.

Clearing findings is another area that OSEP emphasizes. A "finding" is an instance where a local program did not perform to federal requirements. For example, an IFSP meeting with a child was scheduled for 45 days, but was held in 50 days. The finding must be reported and investigated. DDS determines if the 50-day time frame was an anomaly (perhaps the child was hospitalized) or a systemic violation. OSEP has both performance measures and compliance measures and is persistent on the topic of meeting compliance measures at a 100% level. By law the regional center has one year to correct findings. OSEP has been emphasizing a two-pronged approach to corrections of noncompliance: First, verify that the particular child got what was needed and that services are In response to a query about whether DDS is using a parent interview questionnaire that incorporated questions the FRSC committee recommended, Rick indicated that they are not doing parent interviews but that they use a family outcome survey, required by OSEP, to interview families. Five thousand were sent out last year and double that amount will be sent out this year.

DDS is coordinating with the Department of Education on data needs, monitoring and the family outcome survey. Pamela Quiroz mentioned that CDE is on a four-

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year review cycle, whereas DDS is on a three-year review cycle and indicated that CDE is revising its internal processes so it can meet Part C needs.

Rick addressed Theresa's question about a June 30, 2010, memo from OSEP regarding the fiscal Part C assurances. There were actually two memos, one dated June 29 and another dated June 30, 2010. OSEP was responding to the budget reduction measures DDS had included in its amended federal grant applications in June and October 2009 and to due process changes required by OSEP.

The memos required California to ensure that parental consent was obtained before sharing information with private insurance. Other language pertained to the OSEP required changes to our due process procedures regarding mediation and complaints. Notification of all changes is posted on the DDS website.

A discussion ensued about the differences among state ICCs and how they handle OSEP's priorities versus their own and that perhaps we need a better balance.

Marie asked whether there are things addressed in the survey that we should be more informed about so that we can do our job better. More discussion is needed.

The ICC discussed that the submission of the ICC's annual reports to OSEP and the Governor are three years behind. The ICC agreed to have the State's Annual Performance Reports for each year serve as the ICC's reports so that California will be in compliance on this issue.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Marty Omoto, from the California Disability Community Action Network, is a family member of a sister with disabilities who has passed away. Marty recommended that the grant application refer to "family member" in place of "parent". He also asked about the annual reports: *"What is the reason for the reports? How important is that information? When you have children who've aged out of the system by the time the report is submitted, what is the value of the report?"*

Rick Ingraham responded that the reports essentially describe Part C activities and ICC recommendations, as well as demographic data. The reports are useful for families only if they are interested in policy; however, they have been useful with legislators and other policy makers. Marty Omoto suggested that the report be made useful to families. On a related matter, he recommended that we not use acronyms during meetings.

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Marty also suggested that the OSEP surveys also go out, not only to special interest groups, but also to town halls, as the anecdotal information may be the proverbial “canary in the coalmine” to alert us of issues. Theresa indicated that OSEP has issued two parent surveys in preparation for their verification visits for Part C and B. Parent Training and Information Centers were charged with disseminating the surveys and compiling responses.

Angela McGuire, parent, reported that the Supported Life Institute is having its annual conference on October 7- 8, 2010, with an inclusion celebration the night before. This year the institute has included an early childhood strand. She urges everyone to attend and announced that she has raffle tickets to sell. Debbie Sarmiento added that this year the ARC of California is combining its conference with Supported Life.

Fran Chasen, community representative, gave an update on training activities sponsored by the Infant Development Association (IDA). Refer to IDA’s website for details and registration. IDA has been working on a project to identify and support stories about the impact of early intervention in California that gives families and providers a chance to identify their concerns. IDA decided to take advantage of new technology and created a video for legislators which Fran planned to share with the ICC. Unfortunately, this was not possible due to technological problems. Fran summarized the story of a family who had a child with Down Syndrome that could not afford the co-pay for occupational therapy (OT) through their private insurance. As a result the child has not received OT services.

A discussion ensued around the question, “*How can this happen?*” Suggestions were offered;

- some insurance companies have pockets of money to cut the cost of a co-pay;
- sometimes knowing how to phrase a request or a service will yield results;
- it could be an issue of eligibility;
- persistence is a must and that the website of the Infant Development Association, [www.idaofcal.org](http://www.idaofcal.org), has some resources.
- Letha Sellars of San Gabriel-Pomona Regional Center indicated that her regional center frequently reimburses families for co-pays, even though they aren’t supposed to, so that children won’t go without services.

Elaine Fogel Schneider, ICC member, expressed her concern that DDS has not implemented regulations to include Speech and Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA) as an early intervention service provider. She indicated that there is some misuse of the requirements that speech and language pathologists must follow. For example, some regional centers are using the acronym for an aide position rather than as an assistant, possibly because of the shortage of qualified, credentialed speech and language pathologists.

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Rick Ingraham stated that DDS had planned to incorporate SLPAs into regulations at the same time that proposed federal regulations were incorporated into state regulations. He suggested that in the meantime, a letter be written to DDS indicating appreciation of DDS' support of using SLPAs and offering to work with the department to find other solutions. Theresa and Arleen reminded the ICC that the ICC had recommended the use of speech and language assistants to DDS several years ago.

Tony Anderson, community representative, discussed the urgency to advocate for Assembly Bill 2702 (Chesbro), designed to reiterate that the IPP and IFSP cannot be changed without parent participation. He also announced that Sue Swenson, former executive director of ARC of California, was recently appointed by the Obama administration to the Office of Special Education Rehabilitation.

Finally, Tony announced that the Supported Life Conference is including community outreach training which will focus on the importance of advocacy skills.

Debbie Sarmiento asked that at the top of the OSEP surveys there were designations for voting members, community representatives and family resource centers. Why are these particular choices listed? Rick replied that OSEP would be satisfied with just the voting members input, but that DDS decided that the survey should be expanded further to include community representatives and FRCs. FRCs were included because they are not voting members, yet their input is still invaluable.

### **PRESENTATION: PROPOSED EARLY START PERSONNEL MANUAL**

Marie Poulsen introduced the co-presenters, Maurine Ballard Rosa, Wendy Parise, and Kristine Pilkington, who represent three very different perspectives, Institutions of Higher Education, community colleges, and service providers, respectively. Marie also acknowledged the work of a variety stakeholders, discipline specific organizations, and parents who built on the work from the last 20 years; the three workgroups that ultimately evolved to complete this project; and the support of Patric Widmann of DDS and Virginia Reynolds and Kari Stewart of WestEd CPEI, who "kept the team together."

Marie gave a brief history of the project since 1987 and the rationale for revisions to the original personnel model. Refer to Attachment D for PowerPoint. The co-presenters provided the following:

The proposed Early Start Personnel Manual (ESPM) supports the California Early Start CSPD effort to strengthen California's system of qualified personnel providing services for eligible infants and toddlers and their families. The Early Start Personnel Manual describes the foundational principles, competencies and practices needed to support effective service delivery. The manual also

elaborates key roles of interdisciplinary team members, how to support seamless service delivery and how to matriculate through the Early Start personnel system. Building relationships at all levels will strengthen California's early intervention program. The "Heart of Early Start" is the relationship between providers and the families they serve, and a well-articulated CSPD can support these relationships.

#### Purpose of the Manual

1. To identify the personnel employed in the Early Start service delivery system.
2. To emphasize underlying foundational principles essential to the interactive function of every Early Start team member.
3. To present the core knowledge that is necessary for Early Intervention Specialists (EIS) and Early Intervention Assistants (EIA).
4. To describe role-specific competencies and supervised fieldwork needed for the EIS and the EIA incorporating current research and evidence in the field of early intervention.
5. To recommend Early Start entry and certification requirements for the EIS and EIA and identify potential advanced training options.
6. To provide information for pre-service training institutions, participating agencies, individual practitioners and families.
7. To clarify terminology related to the manual content by providing definitions of key concepts within early intervention practice.

A lively discussion followed the presentation related to implications for the Early Start service community, dissemination and promotion of the document, suggested expansion of service coordinators role on team, and measuring the usefulness of the manual. The proposed ESPM will be an Action Item at the next ICC meeting.

#### **AGENCY REPORTS (continued)**

**Department of Managed Health Care(DMHC)**—Susan Burger reported on the following:

The Department of Managed Health Care ("DMHC") reiterated that its Help Center provides a free consumer service that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer consumers' questions regarding accessing health care services from managed care health plans. The Help Center receives and resolves enrollee complaints to ensure that enrollees receive all the necessary medical and mental health care to which they are entitled and provides referrals to community and other government organizations, when applicable. If medical treatment has been delayed, denied, or modified, managed care enrollees have the right to an Independent Medical review (IMR). If families are uncertain about how to proceed with a health plan dispute or are having other problems involving a health plan, please contact the Help Center at **1-888-466-2219**, **TDD: 1-877-688-9891**, or visit the Department's website at [www.healthhelp.ca.gov](http://www.healthhelp.ca.gov). The

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Help Center can provide help to consumers who speak any of 100 different languages.

The DMHC continues to respond to the impact of the implementation of ABX4 9 on health care service delivery for affected managed care enrollees by doing the following:

- Resolving inquiries and complaints filed with the Help Center resulting from ABX4 9 implementation;
- Conducting outreach efforts to educate individuals on services available from the Help Center to assist consumers and their families as they seek authorizations from their managed health care service plans. Since the April 2010 ICC meeting, Help Center staff provided presentations for the following regional centers:
  - San Diego Regional Center, San Diego CA - May 25, 2010
  - Regional Center of Orange County, Santa Ana CA – June 15, 2010
  - Regional Center of the East Bay, Concord CA – July 22, 2010
- Examining filings of Health Plan Evidence of Coverage documents;
- Tracking complaints and inquiries filed with the DMHC Help Center related to the ABX4 9 implementation.

The DMHC continued its participation in both the California Statewide Screening Collaborative and the California Interagency Autism Work Group whose efforts respectively focus on enhancing timely and effective statewide developmental screenings for young children and on enhancing statewide early identification, intervention, and service coordination for children with autism spectrum disorders.

**California Department of Education (CDE)**—Pamela Quiroz reported on the following:

The CDE website is updated and special areas of interest continue to be:

- Information related to disproportionate representation of student by race and ethnicity receiving special education services
- Updates about student participation in statewide assessment
- Focus Monitoring and Technical Assistance (FMTA) unit consultants assignments by county, local education agency (LEA)
- Program summaries and information on specified federal grants allocated to provide services to individual disabilities
- Information about the advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE)

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- National Autism Center Standard Projects that provide critical information about which treatments is shown to be effective for individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder

## **Legislative Update**

### **AB 1841 (Buchanan (D))**

Prohibits a public agency, in the event that the parent or guardian of a child submits a written revocation of his or her consent at any time subsequent to the initial provision of special education and related services to the child, from continuing to provide special education and related services to the child or from using specified procedural safeguards' to obtain agreement or a ruling that the service may be prohibited to the child.

Status: Enrolled 8/9/10

### **AB 2160 (Bass)**

Assembly Bill 2160 (Bass), enacted on August 13, amends Section 44265.1 of the Education Code to extend until October 1, 2013, employment options that allow teachers who hold a credential authorizing them to teach students with mild to moderate disabilities to also service students with autism spectrum disorders.

The measure became Chapter 134, Statutes of 2010, and will also become operative on January 1, 2011. The Assembly bill was approved by a vote of 74-0 and the Senate by a vote of 33-0.

Status: Signed by the Governor on 8/13/10

In addition to the Mild to Moderate Credential, the teacher must demonstrate one of the two options listed below:

- 1) One year of full time or equivalent part time instruction prior to September 1, 2007 in a special education program that serves pupils with autism.  
OR,
- 2) Completion of a minimum of three semester units or equivalent quarter units of course work in the subject of autism offered by a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

### **SB 1283 Steinberg (D)**

Clarifies existing law by assuring that the complaints of consumers are evaluated in an appropriate and timely manner. Authorizes an administrative fine against a service plan for failure to comply with a request for information regarding a grievance.

**Status:** Passed Assembly-To Senate for concurrence.

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### **AB 2072 Mendoza (D)**

Requires CDE to establish a 15 member task force to develop and disseminate a comprehensive and balanced informational pamphlet for parents of newly identified deaf and hard of hearing infants. The pamphlet is to describe all of the language and communication opportunities available to parents, and will be distributed by audiologists and Early Start program providers.

Amended in Senate Committee on 8/20/10

### **Budget Update**

CDE is expecting to receive continued funding from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau for the 2010-11 fiscal year. This grant will provide \$300,000 for the year to fund 1) the Parent Links parent-to-parent support program, and 2) a tele-audiology project for northern California, through an interagency agreement with the Department of Health care Services.

The Governor's proposed budget would fund education at the minimum Proposition 98 guarantee of \$49.9 billion for 2009-10 and \$50 billion for 2010-11. While the proposed budget maintains roughly the same amount of funding year-over-year, the 2010-11 proposed funding level still results in \$2 billion in cuts to education. Some of the significant cuts include a \$1.5 billion cut to general purpose funding for districts and county offices of education and reductions to child care. The budget also assumes \$550 million in savings from the Class Size Reduction program.

### **Interagency Collaboration Activities**

- Pamela Quiroz and Meredith Cathcart met with representatives from DDS. Collectively the focus of the meeting was CDE's involvement with the Regional Centers monitoring, CDE's participation in the Early Start Essentials and Skillbuilder trainings, DDS participation in the Early Learning Quality Improvement System (ELQIS) , an update on the revision the transition handbook and an update on the DRDP.
- Pamela Quiroz and Meredith Cathcart participated in the Preschool Inclusion meetings facilitated by the California Department of Education's Child Development Division Head Start Collaboration Office.
- Pamela Quiroz is working with DDS to revise the DDS/CDE Interagency Agreement
- Joan Hirose and other CDE staff responded to the recommendations of the State Interagency Team (SIT) on Children and Youth regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Articles on FASD featured on the MHSAs listserv with the potential of the CDE/SED FASD Fact Sheet on the proposed CDE/SED webpage. The California Department of Alcohol and Drugs presented the FASD's Work Group recommendation to the SIT in the spring and CDE/SED learned about the SIT recommendations on July 15, 2010, one day after the due date for comments from SIT members.

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- The CDE celebrated Disability History Week the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) July 26-30, 2010. Deputy Superintendent, Special Services and Support Branch, and Dr. Fred Balcom, Director, Special Education Division; Guide Dogs for the Blind; California School for the Blind; and Assistive Technology Fair in the CDE Lobby - Assistive Technology Fair/Technology for Deaf or Hard of Hearing students and California Schools for the Deaf, Fremont and Riverside

### **Personnel Updates**

Fred Balcom, Ph.D., is the new Director of the Special Education Division for CDE.

**First 5 California**— Mike Fuller reported on the following:

As a new member on the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC), First 5 California is very pleased to participate on the ICC. We will continue to collaborate with other agencies on new and emerging issues, and continue ongoing efforts, particularly in the Health and Human Services Agency and the Department of Education to address issues that affect health and early learning systems for young children.

Through a statewide technical assistance contract with our partners at WestEd, we are facilitating the ongoing activities of the Statewide Screening Collaborative (SSC) and have begun to create a roadmap to show how the SSC and developmental screening issues intersect with many other collaborative groups. These other collaborations include the ICC, State Interagency Team, Child Welfare Council and local level programs to create synergistic benefits for coordinated children and family services.

### **New Commissioners**

The California Children and Families Commission welcomed five out of seven new commissioners this year, including the Commission Chairperson, Joseph Munso. Mr. Munso currently serves as the Undersecretary for the Health and Human Services Agency focusing on Health Information Technology, emergency preparedness, and health privacy issues. He also was responsible for the budget development process for the entire Health and Human Services Agency.

Previously, he served as Chief Deputy Director of the California Children and Families Commission. Joe was responsible for the start up of the State Commission and assisted in the development of many of the Commission's early initiatives such as health care for all children 0-5, and several other early learning programs.

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### **Budget Update**

Like the rest of the State, First 5 California is awaiting a new State budget. There are proposals in the Governor's Budget and in legislative efforts to shift Proposition 10 (tobacco tax) funding to the General Fund to provide budget solutions to help fill the \$19 billion budget deficit. This prompted the California Children and Families Commission to hold off decisions on funding requests from the January, 2010 and April, 2010 quarterly Commission meetings. The Commission cancelled the July meeting due to the late budget and ongoing budget discussions. Current plans are to conduct the October 20, 2010 meeting as scheduled in Southern California.

**California Department of Social Services (CDSS)-No Report**

**Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS)-No Report**

**Department of Mental Health (DMH)-No Report**

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH)-No Report**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Qualified Personnel Committee: Marie Poulsen reported on committee activities. Refer to committee notes for detail.

Discussion Highlights:

- Proposed Early Start Personnel Manual
- Monitoring process and development of focused monitoring procedures
- Under-representation and outreach workgroup
- Online document for public input
- Capturing suggestions from colleagues in the audience to be sure everything gets to the table

Quality Data Committee: Arleen Downing reported on committee activities. Refer to committee notes for detail.

Discussion Highlights:

- Number of children in Early Start who are also served by each agency represented on the ICC. Pam Quiroz reported on the number of children served by CDE including type of disability.
- Early entry and longitudinal data

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- Assessment data, calculating functional age, tools used, assessing social reciprocity
- Monitoring and the need for family input

Policy Topics Committee: Letha Sellars reported for Elaine Schneider on committee activities. Refer to committee notes for detail.

The discussion centered around members reviewing a draft outline for a best practices brief on accessing private insurance. The brief will include samples of items that are working in different area across the state. Two documents will be developed: a best practices brief and a family friendly brochure on the issue of accessing insurance. Outline included suggestions on:

- discussion with families regarding requirements for accessing their private insurance,
- reviewing families insurance carrier's policies and procedures,
- identifying generic services available to families,
- explanation of assessments and evaluations and their effect on next steps towards utilizing on private insurance
- obtaining consent to exchange information on assessments/evaluations with insurance carriers

Child and Family Outcomes Committee: Debbie Benitez reported for Cheryl Treadwell on committee activities. Refer to committee notes for detail.

Discussion Highlights:

- Recruitment and retention of parent involvement strategies were identified.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The question arose regarding who will chair the next EC meeting. Theresa will contact Gretchen Hester.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:35p.m..

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STAFF AND OTHERS ATTENDING ICC GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010**

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Tony Anderson  
Fran Chasen  
Terry Colborn  
Dwight Lee  
Kat Lowrance  
Al Milan  
Peter Michael Miller  
Shane Nurnberg  
Lois Pastore  
Kristine Pilkington  
Letha Sellars

**DEPARTMENT LIAISONS**

Michelle Donahue  
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**WESTED STAFF**

Debbie Benitez  
Patsy Hampton  
Peter Guerrero  
Angela McGuire  
Stephanie Myers  
Virginia Reynolds

**GUESTS**

Cindy Arsten-Kerslake  
Maurine Ballard-Rosa  
Mary Goldberg  
Marty Omoto  
Wendy Parise  
Elise Parnes  
Kathleen Sadao  
Kari Stewart



## Family Resource Centers Network of California

### Report to the Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention August 26, 2010

The Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA) Steering Committee met monthly via conference call or face to face.

The **Partners in Policymaking California Collaborative** (PIPCC), funded by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and made up of the FRCNCA, The Arc California, Family Voices of California, People 1<sup>st</sup> of California and the California Association of Family Empowerment Centers, holds conference calls twice monthly to oversee the implementation of Partners in Policymaking California. The Partners in Policymaking 2010 class, consisting of self advocates and family members from Mono, Inyo, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, San Diego and Orange County, is meeting in Ontario and will graduate in September. The four year program will have graduated 140 parents and self advocates who have participated in at least 120 hours of training. The FRCNCA assisted in trainings on ‘telling your story in a magic moment’ and consensus building during the development of the 2010 PIPCA Vision Statement:

*“Together we are united with knowledge and understanding, embracing our dreams as we break all of the barriers of discrimination, labeling, and isolation. Moving forward, we learn from history and protect the future, seeking success and justice for everyone.”*

**Outreach and collaboration activities** have included outreach tables at ADA 2010 Celebration at State Capitol, and the MIND Summer Institute. FRCNCA representatives participate(d) on the DDS Budget Workgroup, the Tarjan Center UCEDD Advisory Committee, the MIND UCEDD Consumer Advisory Committee and the Supported Life Institute Planning Committee, The Arc California Board of Directors and the ADA Celebration Planning Committee and on the planning committee for the California Network of Networks.

The **California Consumer Protection Foundation** is funding a series of eight webinars designed to enhance the skills of collaborative partner staff, other community-based organization staff, and family members to (1) increase the ability of centers and agencies to provide timely information, education, support, and linkages to appropriate services for hard-to-reach families, and (2) provide job readiness and professional development opportunities to families of children with special health care needs, including transitioning youth. This grant meets several of our Strategic Plan goals and builds on our previous Videoconferencing Project. This project is a collaborative with Family Voices California and the California Association of Family Empowerment Centers. To date over 200 people have joined the eight webinars that have been presented.

The FRCNCA has applied for a Family Support and Community Access Demonstration Project grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities and for a continuation Webinar Training grant from the California Consumer Protection Foundation.