

Approved on 09/20/07

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

COMMITTEE: Public Awareness

RECORDER: Kay Ryan

DATE: May 17, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Toni Doman, Kathleen Colvin, Shirley Stihler, Stephanie Pringle Fox, Shane Nurnberg, Rebecca Carroll, Cal Enriquez

ABSENT: Tony Anderson, Elaine Fogel Schneider

GUESTS: Ann Nurnberg, Kevin Brown

LIAISONS: Erin Paulsen, DDS; Janet Canning, CDE-Absent

PAC welcomed Shane Nurnberg. Although Shane has attended PAC before, this was his first meeting as an official Community Representative.

MEETING NOTES

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

II. AGENDA REVIEW

The agenda was reviewed and approved with the addition of VIII. A through H below.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING NOTES

PAC February 2007 minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Toni Doman provided highlights of the Executive Committee meeting.

- Kevin Brown handed out information about the SPP and APR. He talked about the challenge DDS faces when OSEP makes changes in the reporting requirements. He also reviewed DDS' response to the ICC recommendations and clarified what it means when DDS does not accept a recommendation.
- Cal Enriquez shared his experience being reviewed by DDS and participating in the review of another Regional Center and said that he has found it to be an honest and positive approach. He believes that people feel supported by DDS through this process.
- Rebecca Carroll questioned how sanctions work. She was concerned about hearing at the Executive Committee that funding could be withheld if performance measures were not met. Kevin Brown joined us at this time, just in time to clarify that the sanctions he described were something OSEP could do with States, rather than a tactic DDS would be using with Regional Centers.

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- Kay will mention Barbara Ferrer to Patric as someone who might be able to fill in during Melissa's maternity leave.
- The Executive Committee approved ISH and FRSC work plans.
- Next Special Presentation will be on Autism, at the September meeting. The November meeting will be a presentation about respite. We will talk today about what we want covered in that presentation.
- Kate Warren received 2007 Parent Leadership award. PAC will discuss the process.
- Hotel and hotel transportation accessibility issues were discussed.

V. OUTREACH TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

- Kay will pursue information from Colorado about their Physician Outreach Training Initiative. Elaine is exploring ways to get on the Spanish TV stations.
- Rebecca Carroll reported that the Santa Barbara First 5 Coordinator coordinated a meeting about outreach to Physicians to increase child find and referral activities.
- Kathleen Colvin reported forming a team in the Northern area to address the same issue. Most of their births occur in Reno, NV and Rogue River, OR. It might be interesting to know how many efforts are underway at the local level to encourage Physicians to refer young children to Regional Centers.
- PAC is concerned with both increasing referrals from Physicians and encouraging parents to self refer by providing information about initiating conversations with their child's Physician. Members reviewed the Early Start PSA produced some years ago by DDS. A later version exists, which includes children in more natural environments, but the group thought that even this one was well done, still relevant and would be effective if used again. Kevin will talk with the DDS Public Information officer about how this was used in the past and will find out if there are any issues that must be addressed before it could be used again. PAC members volunteered to contact their local TV stations if we can get approval to run it. DDS is also talking about putting it on their website but there is no timeline for that.

VI. COLLABORATION WITH PARENT LEADERSHIP AD HOC COMMITTEE

- **MENTORING NEW MEMBERS, NEWCOMER FLYER, & ORIENTATION PACKET**
This item was tabled until the next meeting when Elaine, who is our liaison to the Ad Hoc Committee, will be present.

VII. DDS UPDATE

Erin Paulsen reported that DDS completed record reviews in the East Los Angeles Regional Center and a site visit at the Regional Center of the East Bay. They will visit San Andreas, Tri County and Lanterman Regional Centers in June; Inland, San Gabriel/Pomona and San Diego in July; Westside and Golden Gate in August; and, North Bay and Valley Mountain in September. In addition, Staff is currently reviewing the proposed new Part C regulations and will submit comments to OSEP by July.

VIII. OTHER

A. Proposed Guidelines for Public Input - PAC reviewed the Guidelines with the changes suggested in Executive Committee. With those changes (eliminating of the last bullet, adding contact information, and adding the two sentences suggested about the ICC appreciating the public input it receives), PAC believes they are good.

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B. Additional meetings - The PAC work plan was reviewed to determine how many meetings will be needed before recommendations can be submitted to DDS. Tasks remaining were discussed. Members believe it is important to review other existing Early Start materials. The Committee also questioned the status of updates on *The Primary Health Care Providers Role in Early Intervention* brochure. Providing copies of this brochure to parents as well as Physicians was discussed as a possible outreach strategy. PAC is confident that we can accomplish the goals of our work plan in the next two meetings and will present them at the meeting in February 2008. If this is overly optimistic, we will have a conference call between meetings.

C. Newcomer Orientation – There are good reasons to do the orientations on both days. People who are here on the first day report being frustrated with an orientation on day two, but parents usually only attend on day two, and often don't arrive until shortly before the time for public input. PAC will continue to hold an orientation meeting on the first day and will work to identify parents who are new on the second day and talk with them at a break immediately prior to public input. We realize this is not perfect but find holding two orientation sessions challenging for PAC members. We will ask members of the Parent Leadership Ad Hoc Committee for their assistance on the second day.

D. Presentation for November Meeting - PAC thinks the presentation on respite care will be most useful if the parent perspective is presented at the same time the various agencies that fund and/or provide the different kinds of care present information about their services and eligibility requirements. We also thought it would be nice to hear about good programs that are working in the areas where we are meeting.

E. Parent Leadership Award and Process - Kate Warren is the well-deserved 2007 ICC Parent Leadership Award recipient. PAC members found the selection process challenging due to a wide range of information received. We will be clearer about the submission criteria next year and think about how to encourage appropriate nominations. We also will make it clear that if someone is nominated once, they can still be nominated in future years.

F. Alphabet Soup – PAC reviewed the list of acronyms to PAC members – Shane suggests adding: EPSDT, and an O to OSEP. COLA is Cost of Living Adjustment, and FRNCA should be FRCNCA. Shane also noted inconsistency in Committee names as ISH and QSDS must be followed by Committee, whereas PAC and FRSC include Committee in the acronyms. PAC suggests dropping the C from ISH on the list. Cal also suggests that we add LRE and FAPE to the list.

G. Regional Center 800 Numbers – Shane Nurnberg will continue to research the availability of 800 numbers at Regional Centers and will report at our next meeting.

H. 2008 Meeting Calendar - Members reviewed the proposed 2008 calendar and would like to point out that the September meeting coincides with Yom Kippur and may be a problem for some members.