

**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

COMMITTEE: Policy Topics Committee

RECORDER: Patsy Hampton, DDS **DATE:** April 29, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tony Anderson, Susan Burger, Kathleen Colvin, Toni Doman, Stephanie Pringle-Fox, Laurie Jordan, Patsy Hampton, Dwight Lee, Robin Millar, Erin Paulsen, Stacie Byrne-Reed, Letha Sellars, Jeannie Smalley, Patric Widmann, and Rick Ingraham

ABSENT: Bridget Ammons, Bev Ching, Toni Gonzales, Mara McGrath, and Michael Zito

GUESTS: Patric Widmann, Jeannie Smalley, and Rick Ingraham

LIASONS: Erin Paulsen (DDS), and Michael Zito (CDE/CDD)

MEETING NOTES

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Toni Doman welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. Tony Anderson discussed today's legislative Budget Committee meeting

AGENDA REVIEW

Added to New Business items: Committee representatives for new Outreach & Diversity committee and attendance at the Newcomer's Orientation

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2010 NOTES

Approved with the following corrections:

- Add Kathleen Colvin's name as absent
- Under PTC Recommendations Regarding Accessing Private Insurance:
#4 Change Medi-Cal A to Medi-Cal Aid
#6 Needs to be re-worded to have legislation be the context for the recommendation.

CHAIRS REPORT:

Provided an overview of the Executive Committee meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

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Reviewed ICC standing committee membership. Members interested in changing committees should inform the committee chairperson and Patric Widmann.

ACTIVITIES & WORK PLAN

PREVENTION PROGRAM

Discussed the need for clear, correct information about the Prevention Program. Referrals in some areas are not occurring because of the belief that there are no services. Important to promote the value of the Prevention Program, who it is for, what a child and family receives. Discussed ways to get the information out into the community.

- Recommendation to share with the ICC the need for consistent information in the field about the about the value of the Prevention Program and how it relates to the Early Start system.

POLICY TOPIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO PRIVATE INSURANCE

Refined and prioritized recommendations for the Policy Topic Committee regarding access to private insurance:

1. Develop a best practice brief for accessing private for required EI services. Include topics such as:
 - Co-pays, deductibles
 - How to establish hardship
 - Learning how to work with different insurance companies and who to go to
 - Learning how to work with Medi-Cal (fee for service & managed care)
 - How does RC deal with appeals
 - Level of support families need – maintaining relationship-based services
 - Ensuring qualified personnel are providing services for private insurance services (i.e. OT/PT/Speech with experience working with toddlers)
2. Recommend training on best practices for different audiences and the content
 - Embed components of best practice brief into the training
 - Include a user-friendly tip sheet for parents to understand the use of their insurance for early intervention services

Staff and DDS liaisons will develop an outline and circulate to committee members to review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rick Ingraham and Kathleen Colvin volunteered to be representatives on the new Diversity Committee. Major objective of the committee is to identify strategies to

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recruit appointees from the governor, and to increase diversity in community reps to be representative of our state, as well as public comment.

Toni will participate in the Newcomer's orientation, and her backup will be Kathleen Colvin.