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**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

COMMITTEE: Policy Topics Committee

RECORDER: Anastacia Byrne-Reed

DATE: November 18, 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Toni Doman, Kathleen Colvin, Susan Burger, Kat Lowrance, Peter Michael Miller, Letha Sellers, Laurie Jordan, Robin Millar, Hallie Morrow, Al Milan, Erin Paulsen, Stephanie Pringle-Fox,

ABSENT: Elaine Fogel Schneider, Tony Anderson, Nancy Sager,

GUESTS: Regina Friedman, Kay Ryan

LIASONS: Erin Paulsen, DDS

MEETING NOTES

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Toni Doman welcomed everyone and self introductions were made.

AGENDA REVIEW

There was no set agenda. The Executive Committee requested that each committee review the new committee structure and identified priorities. The group was instructed to consider priorities, proposed tasks, activities and membership ..

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes to approve due joint strategic planning meetings.

CHAIRS REPORT:

Toni Doman reported that Elaine Schneider had agreed to be Chair of this committee with Toni as Co-chair. Since Elaine was unable to attend, Toni chaired the meeting with the initial assistance of Arleen Downing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arleen Downing and Toni Doman provided a 10 minute orientation on the new committee structure and the priority areas identified for this committee. Arleen stated that the former committees, Public Awareness Committee (PAC) and

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Integrated Services and Health (ISH) would be merged into this committee. The committee would be broken down further into work groups to address specific issues. Toni encouraged members to visit all the standing committees this afternoon so they can make an informed decision about which one they wanted to join. Toni also invited attendees to join the committee by signing in on the sign in sheet indicating that they wanted to be a member of the Policy Support Committee.

Hallie Morrow announced that this would be her last ICC meeting. Her DHCS replacement will be Dr. Jill Abramson who will be joining the ICC in February 2010.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIVITY DISCUSSION

Toni encouraged committee members to think about a new name for the committee as we discuss the priorities and new direction of this group. The title Policy Topics Committee seemed a promising title, but has not been formally agreed upon by all committee members.

After much discussion, the group agreed that the suggested tasks as written on the handout were vague and perhaps in some instances, unattainable. It was also agreed that the core values related to health, outreach and education of the former ISH and PAC should remain the focus. Old recommendations, issues and standards should not be disregarded in the face of developing this new committee and workplans.

Letha Sellars stated that since our time is limited we must be careful with how much time we invest in any one issue or topic in order to make an impact on the topic chosen. Toni reminded everyone that the proposed tasks as written on the handout were not static. Tasks could be changed based on current and emerging topics.

Hallie Morrow suggested that the committee focus on how new policies are effecting Early Start families. In addition, there are some "ongoing" assignments, such as ICC Parent Leadership Award, and the Newcomers Meeting, which in the past were viewed as integral responsibilities of the former Public Awareness Committee, that may be shared with the other committees. Patric Widmann stated that sharing the Parent Leadership Award task and the Newcomers Meeting with other committees should be brought up at the ICC meeting tomorrow.

Based on the discussion, it was proposed that Tasks 1 and 2 be excluded since they were unattainable and that Task #5 be deleted since it is being dealt with in another committee. Tasks # 3 and 4 would be kept and developed further. The committee agreed that the effects on policy change in relation to insurance and eligibility would be very important this year.

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In summary, Toni presented following structure, as discussed by the new Policy Topics Committee, to the Executive Committee:

Priority: The effect of policy changes on children and families

Tasks/Activities:

- 1 Work with DMHC and RCs regarding evidence of denial required for services under ES and PPP.
- 2 Continue product review and revisions. Consider electronic format for information dissemination.
- 3 Imparting awareness, knowledge and collaboration regarding access to services with specific regard to current topics such as insurance and eligibility. This would apply to any future, emerging issues as well.

Meeting Format: Committee would meet as a large group. Based on what was discussed, break down into any necessary work groups to deal with current and emerging issues.