

INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

State Interagency Coordinating Council General Meeting Agenda	Date: Fri, 19 Sept 2014 Time: 8:30 a.m.
AGENDA ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome meeting started at 8:30 AM • Introductions 	Theresa Rossini
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call 	Madeline Journey-Lynn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised agenda approved 	Theresa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of May 16, 2014 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved as written 	Theresa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fernando's presentation on his family 	Theresa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report 	Marie Kanne Poulsen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee of the Whole Report 	Theresa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Input 10:00 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Input none • Other public input: Fran Chasen the Infant Development Association conference is this Fri & Sat. There will be over 200 participants. They are celebrating 40 years of support for the field; Nov 12 focus on integrating individuals with unique needs "How do you feel?" • Tony Anderson, The ARC, thanked those who worked to restore Early Start eligibility. The community came together. 	Theresa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break 10:10-10:30 AM 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orientation to Early Start Personnel Development Activities 2014/15 9-10 a.m., WestEd ○ CA Department of Education Report 11:30 a.m. Early Education support division 	Angela McGuire Debra McMannis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Resource Centers Network of CA 	Susan Graham for Linda Landry

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) 	Virginia Reynolds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dept. Developmental Services – Azadeh Fares for Jim Knight ○ Dept. of Health Care Services – Virginia Bliss M.D. not present ○ CA Dept. of Education, Special Education – Meredith Cathcart ○ CA Dept. of Education, Homeless Education – Leanne Wheeler (Attachment B) ○ Dept. of Public Health – Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski ○ Dept. of Social Services – Mary Sheppard will mail report; not present today ○ Dept. of Managed Health Care – Susan Burger 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ICC Meeting Dates Information Item ○ Strategic Planning ○ Question from East Los Angeles Regional Center: the application for community representative is on the Early Start website at http://www.dds.ca.gov/EarlyStart/ICCRepApplications.cfm or you may call JoEllen Fletcher. 	Theresa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn 1:27 p.m. 	

ACTION ITEMS	Assigned to:	Deadline /Status
✓ Doug will present information about his family at the next meeting if time permits or in January.	Doug Erber	Nov/Jan
✓ Put the Office of Special Education Programs data conference web-links in the minutes	DDS staff	Nov
✓ DDS will share Corrective Action Plan with ICC at the next meeting if time permits or in January.	Azadeh	Nov/Jan
✓ ICC report for Annual Performance Report and promotional item for education of families at the next meeting if time permits or in January.	Theresa	Nov/Jan
✓ How many community reps can ICC support? ✓ What resources and budget are available for the ICC?	DDS	Nov/Jan
✓ Data on homeless youth data	Leanne Wheeler	Jan ICC
✓ Linking Early Start webpages on Education webpages	DDS/CDE staff	TBD

✓ View Race to the Top – Early Learning Center Early Intervention Module http://www.wested.org/program/center-for-prevention-early-intervention/	ICC members	
✓ ICC dates for 2015; Introduced today, need vote	ICC members	Nov ICC
✓ Strategic Planning ✓ Kay will send pre-meeting information to all members	ICC members Kay Ryan	Nov ICC

Proposed Dates for the 2015 ICC:

- Jan 22-23
- April 23-24
- July 23-24
- Oct. 22-23

Dates will be voted on during the November General Meeting on Friday, November 21, 2014.

The November ICC meeting will be devoted to creating a Strategic Plan for the ICC. Some of the points to be considered for the Strategic Plan:

- define roles and responsibilities
- define goals and objectives
- determine a period of time for the Strategic Plan (3-5 years)
- utilize the SSIP objectives and State-identified Measurable Results

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Theresa Rossini, Acting Chair
- Susan Burger
- Meredith Cathcart
- Douglas Erber
- Arlene Downing
- Fernando Antonio Gomez
- Gretchen Hester* (via conference call)
- Laura Jelliff-Pawlowski
- Marie Kanne Paulsen
- Mary Sheppard
- Leanne Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Virginia Bliss
- John Hall
- Jim Knight
- Beverley Morgan-Sandoz
- Elaine Fogel Schneider

STAFF

- Kay Ryan, ICC Facilitator
- JoEllen Fletcher, ICC Supervisor
- Madeline Journey-Lynn, ICC Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Refer to Attachment A for a list of additional attendees.

*Parent

Attachment A
OTHER ICC MEETING PARTICIPANTS
Friday, September 19, 2014

Community Representatives

Tony Anderson
Fran Chasen (via conference call)
Wanda Davis
Toni Doman (via conference call)
Susan Graham
Rachel Hagens
Laurie Jordan (via conference call)
Kat Lawrence
Carmen Vasquez
Julie Widman

DDS Staff

Azadeh Fares
Jonathan Hill
Elise Parnes
Erin Paulsen

Guests

Virginia Reynolds
Angela McGuire
Jennifer Miller
Evelyn Hoskins

Attachment B
**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER NETWORK OF CA (FRCNCA), RACE TO THE TOP – EARLY
LEARNING CHALLENGE (RTT-ELC), and STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
Friday, September 19, 2014

FRCNCA Report to the ICC – Susan Graham:

The FRCNCA is pleased that the ICC now has the ability to support the attendance of the community representatives. We regret that many of our representatives are not able to attend due to prior commitments. Linda and Sherry are doing training for the California PROMISE (more on this later) on engaging families at the Inland Regional Center Conference facility. Debbie is attending the IDA conference.

The Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA) Steering Committee meets monthly via conference call.

Outreach and collaboration activities included participation at the UCD MIND Summer Institute, UC Davis CED Advisory Committee, the UCLA Tarjan Center University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Consumer Advisory Committee, USC/UCEDD, Lanterman Coalition, California Network of Family Strengthening/Support Networks Training and Technical Assistance Collaborative, California Standards for Family Strengthening & Support Committee, and Arc California Board of Directors, California Family Strengthening Roundtable Steering Committee and the Screening Collaborative.

The FRCNCA is participating in the **California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (CECY)**.

Learn the Signs Act Early. Ambassadors Fran Goldfarb of the USC UCEDD (Southern California) and Debbie Sarmiento of the FRCNCA (Northern California) will be implementing the California plan to increase knowledge of the Learn the Signs Act Early Materials by presenting at the Fall 2014 PRRS trainings and at the 2014 Northern and Southern California CAPTAIN Summits. To learn more about this nationwide effort you may visit: <https://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=756>

The FRCNCA continued the **implementation of Prevention Resource and Referral Services (PRRS)**

- Bimonthly 1800 Second PRRS calls on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday continue to be held for all PRRS staff and provide a forum to ask questions, raise issues, express needs or make comments on general program, budget, data, outreach, training or other items related to PRRS. Attendance averages around 25.
- Individualized technical assistance and training is ongoing.

Eighteen FRCNCA Representatives will participate as a part of the **California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN) Cadre**. The goal of CAPTAIN is to identify and develop a cadre of staff with enhanced knowledge about autism and evidence based practices across California and to develop local multi-agency collaborations between SELPAs, Regional Centers and Family Resource Centers. Statewide, 400 designated participants who have met specific criteria will become part of the CAPTAIN Cadre.

This includes the completion of a Foundation of Autism online class offered through the University of North Carolina on evidence-based practices in autism and attendance at a two day regional symposium. The 2014 CAPTAIN Summits will be held in October.

The **California Promise Initiative (CaPROMISE)** represents the opportunity for multiple organizations, working in partnership, to provide a coordinated set of services and supports to child SSI recipients ages 14-16 and their families designed to increase economic self-sufficiency. Seventeen FRCs are participating in the grant assisting in engaging families and supporting the Career Service Coordinators. More information is available at CaPROMISE.org. Other partners include the California Department of Rehabilitation (CDOR), several other State Departments, 18 local educational agencies (LEAs) and San Diego State University's Interwork Institute.

Our new projects have allowed us to expand the coordination of the Network and we continue to seek additional funding sources to maintain the coordination of the FRCNCA.

Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) -Virginia Reynolds:

1. Training and Technical Assistance Plans in place with 7 Consortia; 6 under development. Some sample activities include:
 - Facilitated meetings with inclusion-related committees/groups within Consortia counties to help support connection/integration of RTT-ELC activities, including Regional Centers (Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) /Tri-Counties Regional Center)
 - Needs assessment surveys to help Consortia identify professional development needs/priorities of coaches/mentors working with RTT-ELC participating sites, related to inclusion and working with children with disabilities/special needs and their families
 - Multiple training dates and TOT sessions scheduled September 2014-June 2015
2. A follow up presentation was provided to the Northern CA Regional Center Early Start Supervisors last week. Both state and local level updates on RTT-ELC implementation efforts and activities were provided. Early Start Supervisors also shared the following:
 - 2 Early Start Supervisors (VMRC/Golden Gate Regional Center) have been involved with local Consortia since the October presentation
 - Early Start Supervisors identified the following as areas of need for early care and education, based on their experience/interaction: 1) inclusive environments and 2) understanding Part C/Early Start system. They also identified needs/limitations within their own EI system for having specialists, interventionists, service coordinators, etc. understand the culture of child care/early care and educations programs.
 - Early Start Supervisors would like WestEd CPEI to share their names/contact information (as points of contact) with local Consortia leads
3. Statewide Screening Collaborative- updates from the 2 workgroups established earlier this year based the group's priorities:
 - ECE Workgroup- working to complete the Screening Toolkit for ECE providers. Components will contain:
 - ECE Guide
 - Referral Pathways/Flow Chart
 - Compendium of Resources
 - Quality Measures/Data Workgroup- preparing to launch a survey via the SSC to learn about local screening services and related referral and data collection activities. This information will help us to understand the characteristics of developmental and behavioral screening services

throughout the state, particularly who is delivering screening and in what types of settings. Hopeful to have some initial data available at the next SSC meeting in October.

4. The first RTT-ELC Early Start On-Line Training Module “Early Start, Early Childhood Special Education and California’s Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System” is now available for use. The announcement of this new resource has been made to the Consortia and we are working on additional dissemination strategies to get the word out.
 - RTT-ELC is currently finalizing the edits for the second Module “Measurable Outcomes: The Intersections between TQRIS and Early Childhood Special Education Programs” which we anticipate will be available end of October.

California Department of Education (CDE), Special Education Division report to the ICC- Meredith Cathcart:

1. The Special Education Division (SED) is currently engaged in the development of the Part B State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). CDE is thinking of selecting graduation and assessment as the State Improvement Measurement Results (SIMR) and discipline, least restrictive environments, and instruction in the Common Core to align as areas of improvement. CDE is aligning the state level work to the work of the districts around the Local Control Accountability Plan.
2. The Special Education Division will be represented at the planning of the Part C SSIP. Meredith Cathcart will represent the SED at these meetings. Meredith is instrumental in the SSIP process at the SED and brings knowledge of the process to contribute.
3. CDE has been in discussion with the Department of Developmental Services, Early Start Unit around joint efforts in building a comprehensive system of personnel development related to birth-to-five. In June this year Meredith attended a National Association for the Education of Young Children summit on professional development. The focus was on building a comprehensive professional development system in California.
4. CDE is currently starting the calibration study of the Desired Results Developmental Profile (2015) assessment instrument for children birth to kindergarten entry. CDE has invited the regional centers to participate in the studies for the infants and toddlers they serve. CDE will conduct fall (time one) and spring (time two) studies.
5. The amendments and change to the California Code of Regulations Title 5, sections 3030 and 3031 is complete. The working for those sections follows. Two important changes are the changes in language from “Age Birth to Four Years Nine Month” to “Age Birth to Younger than Three Years”; and the change in eligibility to match the eligibility for Early Start.

5 CCR § 3030

§ 3030. Eligibility Criteria

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5 CCR § 3031

§ 3031. Additional Eligibility Criteria for Individuals with Exceptional Needs - Age Birth to Younger Than Three Years.

[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I326395A0DEDE11E3B1CDC211BAD8AD24?contextData=\(sc.Search\)&rank=1&originationContext=Search+Result&navigationPath=Search%2fv3%2fsearch%2fresults%2fnavigation%2fi0ad70f7000000148f68d97cf8a6bd7e1%3fstartIndex%3d1%26Nav%3dREGULATION_PUBLICVIEW%26contextData%3d\(sc.Default\)&list=REGULATION_PUBLICVIEW&transitionType=SearchItem&listSource=Search&viewType=FullText&t_T1=5&t_T2=3031&t_S1=CA+ADC+s](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I326395A0DEDE11E3B1CDC211BAD8AD24?contextData=(sc.Search)&rank=1&originationContext=Search+Result&navigationPath=Search%2fv3%2fsearch%2fresults%2fnavigation%2fi0ad70f7000000148f68d97cf8a6bd7e1%3fstartIndex%3d1%26Nav%3dREGULATION_PUBLICVIEW%26contextData%3d(sc.Default)&list=REGULATION_PUBLICVIEW&transitionType=SearchItem&listSource=Search&viewType=FullText&t_T1=5&t_T2=3031&t_S1=CA+ADC+s)

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) report to the ICC – Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski:

Laura will send a written report starting in November. She gave an overview of the Genetic Disease Branch during the meeting.

California Department of Managed Health Care – Susan Burger:

Current Status of Department Activities Relevant to Children Birth to Three

- SB 946 requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for behavioral health treatment (as defined) for pervasive developmental disorder or autism effective July 1, 2012. The bill has now been in effect two fiscal years. The Department of Managed Health Care (“DMHC”) continues to track and respond to inquiries and complaints related to the implementation of the bill. While the DMHC received a total of 210 SB 946-related complaints filed against health plans during the first two years of implementation, the number of complaints filed during the second year of implementation dropped significantly from the first year of implementation (62 complaints in the second year versus 148 complaints in the first year.) The most common complaints continue to involve treatment that has been denied based on medical necessity and treatment denied with a non-network provider. During the first two years of implementation the case outcomes for resolved cases were 60.7% in favor of the enrollee and 39.3% in favor of the health plan.

If you have a question or problem accessing services or care related to SB 946, please contact the DMHC’s Help Center at its toll-free phone number, **1-888-466-2219** or via email (click the “email” icon displayed on the home page of the DMHC’s website, <http://www.healthhelp.ca.gov>).

- SB 946 did not apply to a health care service plan contract in the Medi-Cal program which thereby excluded coverage of medically necessary behavioral health treatments (BHT), including applied behavior analysis (ABA), for individuals with pervasive developmental disorder or autism on Medi-Cal. On July 7, 2014 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released an informational bulletin that provides information on approaches available under the federal Medicaid program for states to provide these services to eligible individuals with autism. The guidance essentially states that Medicaid programs (Medi-Cal in California) must cover a full range of autism services, including BHT, under the "early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment services," (EPSDT) program for children and adolescents under age 21. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released a draft All Plan Letter (APL) to Medi-Cal managed care health plans (MCPs) with interim policy for the provision of BHT coverage for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. By September 30, 2014 the DHCS intends to file a State Plan Amendment which will allow them to make additional changes to how the BHT benefit is delivered. The DHCS and the DMHC provide joint oversight of Medi-Cal MCPs.

Additional information can be found on the DHCS's public website at: www.dhcs.ca.gov. The DHCS's All Plan Letter may be found at:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Documents/BHT_APL_Final_Draft_8.29.14.pdf.

The CMS Informational Bulletin, "Clarification of Medicaid Coverage of Services to Children with Autism", can be found at: <http://www.medicaid.gov/Federal-Policy-Guidance/Downloads/CIB-07-07-14.pdf>

- The DMHC's Help Center provides a free consumer service that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer any questions consumers may have about accessing health care services. You do not have to be enrolled in a managed care health plan to contact the Help Center. If you have a question or you are uncertain about how to proceed with a dispute or problem with your health plan, have questions regarding health care reform, or need insurance please contact the DMHC's Help Center at 1-888-466-2219, TDD: 1-877-688-9891. If the Help Center cannot help you directly, we will connect you to programs that can. The Help Center can provide help to consumers who speak any of 100 different languages. The Help Center also receives and resolves complaints from managed care enrollees to ensure that enrollees receive all the necessary medical and mental health care to which they are entitled. (Managed care enrollees have coverage with a HMO or have PPO coverage with Anthem Blue Cross or Blue Shield). If medical treatment has been delayed, denied, or modified, managed care enrollees have the right to an Independent Medical review ("IMR"). The DMHC's website contains information on the IMR process as well as information on the benefits, rights, and the grievance system process for managed care enrollees. The DMHC's website is located at <http://www.healthhelp.ca.gov>.

As a reminder, managed care enrollees now have the option to complete and submit a complaint or IMR application to the DMHC's Help Center online. Online application forms are currently available in English and Spanish. A link to the forms is:

http://www.dmhc.ca.gov/dmhc_consumer/pc/pc_forms.aspx

California Department of Social Services – Mary Sheppard

No Report Submitted

California Department of Health Care Services – Virginia Bliss

No Report Submitted