

State ICC General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 22, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Room: Capitol Room

AGENDA ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY
9:00 - 9:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Introductions and Roll Call• Review Agenda• Approval of October 2015 and January 2016 Minutes• Review of previous meeting's tasks• Announcements	Theresa Rossini, Acting ICC Chair
9:30 – 9:45	Membership Forms	DDS
9:45 - 10:00	Executive Committee Report	Marie Kanne Poulsen
10:00 - 10:15	Public Input	Theresa Rossini
10:15 – 10:30	Vote on Tagline Action Item	Theresa Rossini
10:30- 10:45	Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNA) Report	Linda Landry
10:45 – 11:15	Department Reports Department Representatives will provide a summary of the written report and allow for discussion, questions and answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jim Knight/Sharon DeRego, Dept. of Developmental Services- Virginia Bliss, Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS)- Sheila Self, California Dept. of Education, Special Education- Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education- Mary Sheppard, Dept. of Social Services- George Andrew, Dept. of Managed Health Care- Richard Olney, Dept. of Public Health
11:15 - 11:30 Break		
11:30 – 12:15	MHSA Cycle 2/3 Presentation	Cassandra L Joubert, ScD
12:15 – 1:00 Next Steps and Adjourn		

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WestEd, Capitol Room

Theresa Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Ms. Rossini welcomed the group and greeted three new governor's appointees: Dr. Richard Olney, Michelle Dove, and Rachelle Arizmendi. She also acknowledged Tara Sisemore-Hester, a new Community Representative.

Ms. Rossini recognized Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, who participated in the meeting via conference call. She thanked him for his service and assistance with obtaining the regional center funding increase. Assemblymember Thurmond is a former regional center employee.

Assemblymember Thurmond said one of his priorities is ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities receive the supports they need. He asked that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) continue to strengthen stakeholder relationships in order to ensure that the service delivery process is open and flexible.

The group reviewed the Agenda. Ms. Rossini requested that "Other Business" be added under "Next Steps & Adjourn." The Agenda was approved as revised.

The group reviewed the October 2015 and January 2016 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Rossini noted that there was a correction on the October 2015 minutes. Under "Members Absent," Susan Burger should be removed because she was not absent but had resigned her position. The October 2015 Minutes were approved as revised and the January 2016 Minutes were approved as presented.

The group reviewed the tasks from the previous meeting.

The group discussed the First 5 website and was informed that DDS has drafted a letter providing input to First 5 on the formatting of their website. It is in the process of being finalized and will be sent to First 5 soon.

The group discussed the ICC Handbook. WestEd will be taking on the update of this resource.

The group discussed the need for a framework encouraging increased parent participation, and the importance of involving southern California parents in the ICC. This is especially timely since the ICC will hold its October 2016 meeting in that part of the state. The meeting location will be finalized by July.

The group discussed strategies for encouraging the participation of parents from southern California, including a networking session on the Thursday evening after the Executive Committee Meeting. Debbie Sarmento will be asked to help coordinate parent participation through the Family Resource Centers (FRCs).

The group discussed potential meeting locations including a Southern California regional center, possibly Westside Regional Center or Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center. Magnolia Place and First 5 Los Angeles were also suggested

The group suggested that the group traveling from northern California all be located at the same hotel. Ms. Rossini inquired about the possibility of hosting the meeting at a hotel. Any recommendations for the hosting of this meeting should be emailed to Jessica Dailey-Keithline at DDS.

Ms. Rossini commented that the southern California fall meeting should include a tribute to Dr. Elaine Fogel-Schneider and Beverly Morgan-Sandoz.

The group requested that 2017 meeting dates be added as an Action Item to be voted on at the July 2016 ICC Meeting.

DDS staff informed the group that the Family Outcomes Survey is available as part of the ICC meeting packet.

Ms. Rossini asked that the new governor's ICC appointees introduce themselves to the group.

Dr. Richard Olney shared that he is a pediatrician and the Genetic Disease Screening Program Division Chief at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Formerly, he was an associate professor and medical director at the Emory University School of Medicine's Genetic Counseling Training Program. He held several positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. He is also a parent of a child with cerebral palsy. He is interested in newborn screening. Currently, CDPH screens for over 75 conditions, and new conditions are added every year. He stressed the importance of early screening, as it directly leads to early intervention and appropriate medical referrals and treatment.

Michelle Dove introduced herself as the Head Start Child Development Director at the Kings Community Action Organization, where she has held several positions including Head Start program manager, Head Start site manager, and Early Head Start site supervisor. She is a member of the National Association for Family Child Care, National Head Start Association, and the Kings County Local Child Care Planning Council.

Ms. Dove explained that her organization oversees several Head Start grants and provides both center-based and home-based programs, so families can be connected with the most appropriate supports for their particular situation. She commented that she is excited to be part of the ICC because it brings together a diverse group of stakeholders to ensure Early Start's continued effectiveness.

Rachelle Arizmendi shared that she is the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE). PACE is a non-profit community development organization that provides job training and employment services; business development; early childhood education; financial education and asset building; housing and rehabilitation services; weatherization and energy-conservation programs; and affordable housing development. She held several positions at PACE including director and nutrition coordinator of the Early Childhood Education Program. She is also the Mayor Pro Tem of Sierra Madre.

Ms. Rossini thanked DDS for working with the governor's office to fill the ICC vacancies.

DDS staff distributed new membership forms for all ICC members. The new membership forms were passed out and completed by most members that were in attendance. The forms will be mailed to those not in attendance. Those group members not present were asked to fill out the forms and return them to DDS as soon as possible.

During this time, group members also asked questions of DDS related to state travel requirements. Members expressed concern over the best way to choose ground transportation that adheres to the state requirements. The department explained that the State will pay the cost of the least expensive mode of transportation, and if an ICC member chooses a more expensive option, they must pay the difference. Members requested that DDS staff provide a ground transportation comparison to make it easier to select the most cost-effective option. DDS staff informed members that transportation comparisons would have to be completed independently.

DDS staff stated that the department and ICC are partners, and that the time and effort contributed by members is greatly appreciated. The group discussed possibilities that could streamline the travel process to make it easier for parents and others who volunteer their time. Ms. Rossini asked that those members with travel concerns to email the designated DDS employee responsible for processing travel claims.

Ms. Rossini recommended that members use travel advances to assist with the expense of meeting travel. She suggested that DDS schedule a conference call with parent members to collect suggestions on traveling. DDS provided information on how members can help parents complete their travel paperwork efficiently and effectively. DDS reminded members that a new arena will open in downtown Sacramento, and it will likely impact hotel space and room prices. Please make room reservations in advance.

Marie Kanne Poulsen gave the Executive Committee report. She shared that both the Early Start Partners Symposium (ESPS) and the Southern California Infant Development Association (IDA) Conference received excellent reviews for the quality of the content and the knowledgeable, engaging presenters. She reported that Jennifer Miller updated the Committee on the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge project, which focused on the development of high quality inclusive early learning and care programs. Dr. Poulsen also shared that DDS reported on the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). She reported that the ICC was charged with addressing infant and toddler social-emotional assessment from an evidenced-based perspective. As a result, a document was developed from a literature review of evidenced-based data and stakeholder input. Currently, the document is being reviewed and will be completed in June. Lastly, Dr. Poulsen gave an update on two of the Executive Committee Workgroups: Communication and Outreach and Improving State Systems.

Dr. Poulsen requested that the individual Workgroup reports be added to future Agendas, to allow Workgroup Chairs to give their own reports.

Public/parent input was received at 10:05 a.m.

Yvette Baptiste shared that the East Los Angeles area is embarking on an initiative to help ensure families that have active cases with child protective services receive equal access to early intervention services. She gave an example of a homeless mother and her two-month-old son who are new to California. Both the mother and son needed intervention services but did not have the necessary system access. She noted that this case is not isolated and that it should be addressed at the ICC level. The group suggested asking Mary Sheppard, DSS, to address this issue at the July ICC meeting.

Ms. Rossini presented the Action Item to adopt an ICC tagline. The tagline "Promoting Excellence in Early Start" was presented. After a brief discussion, the Council approved the tagline as presented.

Ms. Baptiste from the Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA) gave the following report:

The FRCNCA represents the 47 FRCs with a Steering Committee member from each of the nine regions that meets monthly via conference call.

Outreach and collaboration activities included participation at the UC Davis Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (CEDD) Advisory Committee, the UCLA Tarjan Center University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC), the USC University Center for Excellence in Disabilities (UCEDD) CAC, the Lanterman Coalition, the California Network of Family Strengthening/Support Networks Training and Technical Assistance Collaborative, the California Standards for Family Strengthening & Support Committee, the Arc California Board of Directors, California Family Strengthening Roundtable Steering Committee, and the Statewide Screening Collaborative.

The FRCNCA Chair participated on a panel on Early Start Plus, and partnered on the Southern California IDA meeting. At the request of UCEDD, she also presented a February 2016 webinar to Commissioner Aaron Bishop of the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD). AIDD administers the Developmental Disabilities Program through grants to Disability Rights of California, State Councils on Developmental Disabilities, and UCEDDs. The webinar's purpose was to share information with Commissioner Bishop about the parent network represented by FRCNCA. Other presenters included Irene Martinez, Fiesta Educativa, Inc. and Vanda Yung from the Chinese Parent Association for the Disabled. Each provided a picture of what is occurring in Los Angeles and other efforts taking place throughout California. Commissioner Bishop presented at the Arc California on "Federal Efforts on What Makes a Strong Community."

The FRCNCA Chair was invited by the S. H. Cowell Foundation and the California State Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention to participate in the process of updating the seminal document, "[Family Resource Centers: Vehicles for Change](#)." First published in April 2000, this monograph provided a blueprint for the development of FRCs across the state. As a result, FRCs have become recognized as an effective strategy for addressing individual, family, and community development. This took place in March through a one-hour interview and a half day focus group with other family strengthening and support leaders throughout California.

Early Start FRC representatives participated on the ICC's March conference call in preparation for the SSIP Workgroup Meeting to discuss recommendations for screening and assessment to help develop the social-emotional development document.

The ESPS Planning Committee had three Early Start FRC (ESFRC) representatives. The symposium was a rousing success with over 300 registered attendees. Prior to the ESPS, 36 ESFRC Directors gathered for a day of reviewing and planning for Early Start Plus. This was an interactive forum with statewide sharing of resources and ideas. After the forum, several regions participated in a planning meeting for the next fiscal year.

The FRCNCA is participating in the California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (CECY) (pronounced SEE SEE). FRCNCA representatives recently provided CECY members with training on the roles of the Family Resource Centers and the family perspective on transition to work and post-secondary education.

FRCNCA representatives are participating in CAPTAIN (CA Autism Professional Training and Information Network), which has a goal 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 Special Education Local Plan Areas, regional centers, and FRCs. Statewide, 400 designated participants who have met specific criteria have become part of the CAPTAIN Cadre. More information is available at www.captain.ca.gov.

Seventeen FRCs across the state are participating in the California PROMISE (CaPROMISE) grant. The CaPROMISE Initiative (Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income) represents the opportunity for multiple organizations, working in partnership, to provide a coordinated set of services and supports to child Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients ages 14-16 and their families designed to increase financial self-sufficiency. Participants include the CA Department of Rehabilitation, in partnership with several other state departments, 18 local education agencies, and San Diego State University's Interwork Institute. CaPROMISE FRCs have received training in person-driven planning, motivational interviewing, and social security. The FRC members support the Career Service Coordinators in engaging with identified families and locating resources that support their effort. More information is available at www.CaPROMISE.org.

Learn the Signs Act Early (LTSAE) Ambassadors Fran Goldfarb, of the USC UCEDD (southern California), and Debbie Sarmiento, of the FRCNCA (Northern California), continue to provide training on LTSAE materials. The goal is to expand the reach of the LTSAE program and support California's work toward improving early identification. The work includes:

- Promoting "Learn the Signs. Act Early." messages and strategies through collaboration with partners.
- Promoting the [Autism Case Training \(ACT\): A Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Curriculum](#).

The FRCNCA continues to seek additional funding sources to maintain the coordination of the FRCNCA.

DDS staff asked that the group refer to the Executive Committee report provided on Thursday, April 21, 2016. The Committee was informed that DDS Director Santi Rogers retired and Governor Brown appointed Nancy Bargmann as the new director. It was also reported that as part of a special legislative session related to Medi-Cal managed care, the regional center system received a \$500 million budget increase. This funding will be directed to service provider rate increases, regional center staffing increases and service disparity reductions.

California Department of Education (CDE), Special Education Division reported that staff attended and presented at both the ESPS and the IDA conference. It was also shared that the legislature directed funding to expand preschool to be more inclusive. As a result, 2,500 preschool slots have opened for children with exceptional needs.

CDE reported that SB 210 is being actualized this year. This bill requires CDE to select language developmental milestones for use by parents to monitor and track the language acquisition and development of children age birth to five years who are deaf and hard-of-hearing. CDE is overseeing the stakeholder process and is also responsible for the data component.

CDE staff participated in a monitoring visit in Riverside County and was very impressed with the community cohesiveness and collaboration. It was noted that there is work to be done to ensure that the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are connected to the Part C process to help create smooth handoffs.

CDE staff also reported that new federal requirements will affect preschool homeless students. State educational agencies are required to improve the identification of homeless children and enable those children to participate and succeed in school. It was added that under these requirements, preschool is now considered a school of origin. This will help create more consistency, especially in the case of homeless children. CDE also reported that LEAs must ensure that homeless families and children have access to and receive educational and intervention services.

Two charts were presented that provided data on homeless preschool children. In the chart, "Enrolled Homeless Preschool Data," it was pointed out that the decrease between 2013-14 and 2015-16 is due to a change in the way homeless children were tracked, and is not truly representative. It was also stated that the most important information is presented in the "Served Homeless Preschool Data" chart. It shows that children are actually being served, not just enrolled.

California Department of Public Health reported that Governor Brown has appointed Dr. Karen Smith as the CDPH Director. Dr. Smith previously served as the public health officer and deputy director at the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency.

The group heard a presentation, "Building Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity in the San Joaquin Valley" from Cassandra Joubert, ScD, Director and Professor, Central California Children's Institute, California State University, Fresno. During the presentation, she provided the group with the history, evolution and foundations of two training programs: The Infant Parent Mental Health Training in the San Joaquin Valley, and Enhancing Cultural Competence in Clinical Care Settings.

In the course of her presentation, Dr. Joubert stated that there was a lack of trained birth to five practitioners (mental health, clinicians, social workers, nurses, early interventionists) in the San Joaquin Valley. As a result, the Foundations of Infant Mental Health Training was developed to be responsive to the Valley's unique needs. The training, modeled after a post-graduate certificate program based in Napa, had to be community-based, culturally reflective and affordable. Initial funding was awarded to the Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) from DDS through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Training topics included "Impact of Early Relationships on Brain Architecture" and "Impact of Maternal Depression" and were taught by field experts such as Kristie Brandt, CNM, DNP and Connie Lillas, RN, MFT, PhD. To ensure the training's effectiveness, special attention was paid to participant recruitment. Participants were drawn from the CVRC catchment area and selected to match the racial and ethnic profile of each county. The initial training received very favorable evaluations and resulted in increased access to high quality training for a broad range of practitioners. Another outcome was an increased demand for training. Dr. Joubert discussed the next evolution of the project, the development of the "Enhancing Cultural Competence in Clinical Care Settings" training. She shared with the group that pre- and post- tests are being conducted and that the results are favorable. Currently, funding is being sought to sustain and expand the training to additional agencies and regional center catchment areas.

Ms. Rossini thanked Dr. Joubert for the informative presentation and complimented her on the importance of her work. Dr. Joubert informed the group that the training will be presented as part of the 15th World Congress of the World Association for Infant Mental Health this spring in Prague, Czech Republic.

The group discussed the importance and relevance of the project along with the connection between the ICC and Dr. Joubert's work. There are many opportunities for collaboration. Future discussions are necessary to determine how the ICC could assist in the expansion and sustainability of her efforts.

Ms. Baptiste inquired about the next cycle of MHSA grants and the possible project priorities. Emily Woolford responded that the information is not available yet and that work will begin in a few months.

Ms. Rossini thanked DDS and WestEd for their continued support of the ICC.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.

TASKS	Assigned to	Deadline/Status
DDS to share information about MHSA grant application process	DDS	July 2016 Meeting
Mail members, not in attendance, the ICC member forms to complete	DDS	

Add 2017 meeting dates to an action item to be voted on for the July 2016 Meeting	DDS	July 2016 Meeting
Finalize letter for First 5 website and send to First 5	DDS	Once finalized
Update ICC Handbook	WestEd	
Arrange location for October 2016 in Southern California	DDS	Prior to October Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rachelle Arizmendi
Michelle Dove
Fernando Antonio Gomez* (via conference call)
Gretchen Hester* (via conference call)
Marie Kanne Poulsen
Richard Olney*
Theresa Rossini*
Leanne Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED

MEMBERS ABSENT

George Andrew
Virginia Bliss
Douglas Erber
Fernando Antonio Gomez
John Hall
Nancy Sager
Mary Sheppard
Migdalia Wade

LEAD AGENCY

JoEllen Fletcher
Emily Woolford
Jessica Dailey-Keithline
Elise Parnes
Kim Hough
Virginia Reynolds (WestEd)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Tony Anderson
Yvette Baptiste*
Wanda Davis
Laurie Jordan*
Patricia Salcedo*
Debbie Sarmiento* (via conference call)
Julie Widman* (via conference call)

Libby Woolford*
Kelly Young*

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES EXCUSED

N/A

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Brigitte Ammons
Maurine Ballard-Rosa
Fran Chasen
Toni Doman
Susan Graham
Jennifer Griffin
Rachel Hagans
Linda Landry
Kat Lowrance
Mara McGrath
Stefani McNeil
Robin Millar
Marty Omoto
Kristine Pilkington
Sherry Torok
Carmen Vasquez

OTHERS PRESENT

Assembly member Tony Thurmond (via conference call)
Gwenetta Cook* (via conference call)
Christina Johnson
Angela McGuire*
Jennifer Teykaerts