

**State Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 22, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
WestEd Capitol Room**

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Introductions and Roll Call were conducted.

The group reviewed the April 2016 Meeting Minutes, which were approved without amendments.

The group reviewed the April 2016 meeting tasks.

The group reviewed the Agenda, which was approved without amendments.

Dr. Poulsen announced that Governor Brown appointed her Chair of the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC). She also announced that Theresa Rossini and Gretchen Hester completed their respective ICC terms and their strong leadership and advocacy for children with disabilities and their families will be missed. Marie would like to formally honor them at an upcoming meeting.

Dr. Poulsen suggested that future meetings begin with a picture of a child who has benefitted from Part C. These pictures, along with the child's Part C story, will be used to illustrate the power of early intervention and the impact it has on children with developmental disabilities and their families. She asked that the Council send her photos for contribution to this purpose.

Dr. Poulsen reported that the [Mental Health Reform Act of 2016](#) (S. 2680) now includes infant and early childhood mental health terminology. She asked that group members contact their federal representatives and express their support for the legislation.

Michelle Oliver announced that the Infant Development Association (IDA) is hosting the [Northern California Regional Conference](#) in Milpitas on September 16-17, 2016. Ms. Oliver asked the Council to help promote the conference.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) staff informed the group that the October 20-21, 2016 meetings will take place at Westside Regional Center. Members will be surveyed to determine if there are enough people staying the night to warrant a hotel room block.

Dr. Poulsen opened a discussion about changing the ICC meeting structure to a one-day format with meetings every other month instead of the current quarterly,

two-day format. The ICC requested that DDS will survey the group to determined consensus.

Dr. Poulsen informed the Council that the ICC committees did not meet during on July 21st because the committee chairs were unable to attend the meeting. Instead there was a Council discussion and review of the draft ICC Strategic Plan.

Fran Chasen informed the group that discussions between the California Department of Education (CDE) and DDS regarding the development of a clarification letter related to eligibility continue.

Public/parent input was received at 10:00 am

WestEd gave a presentation on the history, evolution, role and responsibilities of the ICC. A draft of the ICC Member Handbook was provided to the group.

Nancy Sager from California Department of Education(CDE)-Special Programs provided an overview of the Parent Links program. The grant-funded program provides a parent-to-parent support network and referral source for parents with Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) infants or toddlers. Currently, Parent Links is funded through a CDE grant. It is likely that the program will not be refunded and in order for the program to continue, a permanent funding source is needed. CDE is currently working on opportunities to fund the program and house it at two Family Resource Centers (FRCs) – one in northern and southern California. CDE asked the ICC to make a recommendation to DDS that fund the Parent Links program.

Dr. Poulsen stated that the ICC will look into writing a letter supporting the Parent Links concept and send it to DDS.

Linda Landry 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 [Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support \(Standards\) training](#) is a one-day certification training on family centeredness, family strengthening, embracing diversity, community building and evaluation provided by certified Standards trainers. The FRCNCA is proud to have five certified trainers, Diane Storman (San Diego); Yvette Baptiste (Los Angeles); Susan Graham (Bakersfield); Patty Moore (Santa Barbara) and Debbie Sarmiento (Sacramento). Contact [Debbie Sarmiento](#) for further information.

Early Start FRC representatives participated in the ICC SSIP Workgroup meeting to review the Guidelines for Evidence-Based Infant-Toddler Social and Emotional Assessment and Surveillance for Early Start in California. The workgroup reviewed the draft guidelines and made final edits.

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 FRCs 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 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

FRCNCA Manager Debbie Sarmento, Monica Adrian of the Merced County Office of Education and Fran Goldfard of the UCEDD will serve as the Centers for Disease Control's Learn the Signs. Act Early (LTSAE) Ambassadors for the next two years. The program aims to improve California's early identification of children with autism and other developmental disabilities so children and families can get the services and support they need.

The FRCNCA is delighted to share the addition of Rebecca Hawley as the Early Start Plus (ESP) Project Director. Rebecca will oversee the implementation of Early Start Plus and the 41 ESP FRC contracts. She comes with experience in early childhood education, and has previously served as an early intervention specialist, program specialist, and family support specialist.

Through ESP 2015/2016, ESP personnel attended a two-day training on "Preventing Behavior Problems through Positive Parenting." The training was developed specifically to assist ESP staff provide training and information for parents. Two webinars were held for ESP staff that updated them on the 2016/2017 data collection tools. The FRCNCA Task Force met to review the ESP Scope of Work, plan and identify issues to be discussed by the Steering Committee and identify dates for trainings, webinars and monthly conference calls. Information from surveys and the Directors' Forum were used to guide the discussion. The [FRCNCA website](#) was remodeled and updated.

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

DDS asked that the Council refer to the report provided on July 21, 2016. DDS welcomed Sandra Gallardo from Health and Human Services Agency. It was also noted that DDS is hosting a disparity stakeholder meeting series. Four meetings are being held throughout the state to discuss and develop strategies for addressing disparities in purchase of service. Any recommendations for meeting participants should be forwarded to Sharon DeRego at DDS as soon as possible.

DDS staff also reported that they receive funding through the Mental Health Services Act for regional centers to develop and oversee innovative projects. These projects focus on prevention, early intervention, and treatment for children and adult consumers with mental health diagnoses, and also provide support for families. Cycle 4 begins in July 2017 and the project priorities have been determined to be social and emotional development and infant mental health.

Only regional centers can apply for MHSA funding; however, they must collaborate with local partners.

Leanne Wheeler gave the CDE report. She reported that there will be a section in the next Bridges Newsletter focusing on homeless education. Past editions of [Bridges Newsletters](#) are available on the CDE website. It is anticipated that the newsletter will be published in early spring 2017 with a webinar soon after publication. CDE is also presenting at the northern California IDA regional conference in September. Information on homelessness and children in foster care is included in the Desired Results Developmental Profile. Information about these two populations will be included in Appendix E: Working in Partnership with Families. Region 9 Federal Programs held their first conference call regarding collaborative efforts to address homelessness.

Dr. Richard Olney gave the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) report. He provided an overview of the department and updated the group on its Zika virus monitoring efforts. CDPH will collaborate with local health departments to provide assistance to families with infants born with Zika-related birth defects to ensure they receive appropriate medical care. The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program helps protect and improve the health of California’s infants through developmental screening and provider education.

The Council heard a presentation, *The Five Protective Factors as a Foundation to Promoting Social and Emotional Development in Early Start*, from Kelly Young from Warmline Family Resource Center. During the presentation, she provided the Council with information on the protective factors that, when present in a family, reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect and help ensure the creation of healthy environments that allow for optimal development in children.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Tasks	Assigned to	Deadline/Status
Send photos of special needs children and families	ICC	October 2016
Conduct survey regarding October meeting location	DDS	October 2016
Conduct survey regarding future meeting frequency	DDS	October 2016
Consider letter of support for Parent Links to send to DDS	ICC	October 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie Kanne Poulsen
Fernando Antonio Gomez* (via conference call)
Libby Woolford*
Rachelle Arizmendi
Michelle Dove
Jim Knight (for Nancy Bargmann)
Richard Olney*
Sheila Self (for Tom Torlakson)
Nancy Sager
Mary Sheppard (via conference call)
Leanne Wheeler

MEMBERS EXCUSED

MEMBERS ABSENT

Assemblymember Tony Thurmond
Douglas Erber*
John Hall*
Virginia Bliss
Andrew George (for Michelle Rouillard)
Kimberly Johnson

LEAD AGENCY

Jim Knight
Sharon DeRego
JoEllen Fletcher
Jessica Dailey-Keithline
Kim Hough
Elise Parnes
Virginia Reynolds

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Brigitte Ammons (via conference call)
Kathy Angkustsiri (via conference call)
Yvette Baptiste*
Fran Chasen (via conference call)
Wanda Davis
Susan Graham* (via conference call)
Laurie Jordan* (via conference call)
Linda Landry*
Kat Lowrance*

Robin Millar
Michelle Oliver (via conference call)
Debbie Sarmiento* (via conference call)
Tara Sisemore-Hester
Julie Widman* (via conference call)
Kelly Young*

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES EXCUSED

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Tony Anderson
Maurine Ballard-Rosa
Toni Doman*
Jennifer Griffin*
Rachel Hagans
Patsy Hampton
Mara McGrath*
Stefani McNeil
Marty Omoto
Kristine Pilkington
Patricia Salcedo*
Sherry Torok

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathy Brian
Gwenetta Cook*
Susan Ducore
Sandra Gallardo
Denise Kyles-Jensen*
Christina Johnson
Celina Oppus*
Dawn Phillips
Jennifer Teykaerts (via conference call)

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