

State ICC General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 23, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Room: Capitol Room

AGENDA ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY
9:00 - 9:15	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">WelcomeIntroductions and Roll CallReview AgendaApproval of July 2015 MinutesDisseminate New ID Cards	Theresa Rossini, Acting ICC Chair
9:15 - 9:20	Chair's Report	Theresa Rossini
9:20 - 9:35	Our Experience in Early Start	Doug Erber
9:35 - 9:45	Executive Committee Report	Marie Kanne Poulsen
9:45 - 10:00	Members Vote on Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vote on By-Laws Changes (Attached)Vote on 2016 ICC Meeting Dates (Attached)	Theresa Rossini
10:00 - 10:15	Public Input	Theresa Rossini
10:15 – 11:00	First Five Program - Major Initiatives	To Be Determined
11:00 - 11:15	Break	
11:15 - 11:45	Workgroup Update	Theresa Rossini
11:45 - 11:55	Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA) Report	Linda Landry
11:55 - 12:25	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, Dept. of Developmental Services- Virginia Bliss, Dept. of Health Care Services- 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- Dept. of Public Health (if not vacant)
12:25 –	Other Business	Theresa Rossini
12:45 –	Next Steps and Adjourn	Theresa Rossini

Notes:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Erber*
Fernando Antonio Gomez*
Gretchen Hester* (via conference call)
Marie Kanne Poulsen
Theresa Rossini*
Sheila Self
Leanne Wheeler (via conference call)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

John Robert Hall*
Jim Knight
Mary Sheppard

MEMBERS ABSENT

Virginia Bliss

LEAD AGENCY

Jessica Dailey-Keithline
Sharon DeRego
JoEllen Fletcher
Elise Parnes
Jennifer Teykaerts
Emily Woolford

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Fran Chasen
Linda Landry*
Michelle Oliver
Patty Salcedo*
Debbie Sarmiento* (via conference call)
Julie Widman*

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES EXCUSED

Rachel Hagans
Susan Graham*
Laurie Jordan*
Kat Lowrance*
Robin Millar
Sherry Torok
Kelly Young*

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Brigitte Ammons
Tony Anderson
Maurine Ballard-Rosa
Wanda Davis
Toni Doman*
Jennifer Griffin*

Mara McGrath*
Stefani McNeil
Marty Omoto
Kristine Pilkington
Carmen Vasquez

OTHERS PRESENT

Yvette Baptiste*
Virginia Reynolds

*Parent

Theresa Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Virginia Reynolds gave the group a brief update on the status of Meredith Cathcart's recovery. Ms. Reynolds reported that Ms. Cathcart is making progress and doing well, and appreciates the love and caring she has received from her colleagues.

The group reviewed the Agenda. Ms. Rossini requested to add items to the end of the meeting under "Other Business," including membership, travel, and ad-hoc topics. The Agenda was approved as revised.

The group reviewed the July 2015 Meeting Minutes. Ms. Rossini noted that Ryan Anderson is not an official Legislative Representative, so his attendance should be listed under "Others Present." Linda Landry noted that the "Parent" asterisk should be included with her name. The July 2015 Minutes were approved pending these changes. Ms. Rossini commended Department of Developmental Services (DDS) staff for the quality of the Minutes.

Ms. Rossini shared that new ID cards had been made for the members of the ICC, which members can collect in person if present at the meeting; otherwise, the Department will mail them. She requested that members participating in the meeting via conference call e-mail their mailing addresses to the Department.

Ms. Rossini praised Renee Carnes at DDS for putting together the travel information in the Meeting Packet, and called the group's attention to the section on Direct Billing for taxi service on Page 37. Michelle Oliver noted that the taxi company must offer the State discounted rates in order to accept direct billing. Emily Woolford shared that a sample of the Child Care Reimbursement Form is available, and JoEllen Fletcher confirmed that ICC Members do not need pre-approval from the Department for child care reimbursement unless they are traveling out of state. The group discussed ideas on how to make it easier for parents to attend ICC meetings, including receiving assistance booking travel and receiving a travel advance.

Ms. Rossini gave the Chair's Report. She shared that in addition to Dr. Elaine Fogel Schneider, Beverley Morgan Sandoz is also resigning from the ICC. She shared the ICC's plans to do a combined tribute in 2016. She also shared that Dr. Peter Michael Miller has resigned as a Community Representative. Ms. Rossini welcomed Patty Salcedo as the newest Community Representative to the ICC. Marie Kanne Poulsen stated that the resigning members of the ICC will be missed, and expressed the need for the ICC to move forward in filling the vacant roles. Sharon DeRego shared that she will work with Jim Knight and Brian Winfield, Acting Deputy Director of the Community Services Division at DDS, to request appointments from the Governor. The group discussed the process of getting appointed and the need to find out who has already applied to the Governor's Office for a position on the ICC, as well as the possible

need to recruit applicants from the community. Ms. Rossini requested that ICC members collect names of interested applicants prior to the January 2016 meeting, and Ms. DeRego stated she would help find out who has already applied.

Doug Erber shared his family's experience in Early Start. His firstborn son, Ryan, was referred to Harbor Regional Center for evaluation after his family noticed differences in Ryan's development. Mr. Erber shared his experience participating in an Applied Behavioral Analysis program through the University of California, Los Angeles. He also shared his efforts to advocate for treatment for his son, and the wonderful experience they had through the Autism Partnership Foundation, where Mr. Erber now serves as the Chair. Ryan is now doing well and has not received services since January of this year. Mr. Erber shared photos of Ryan and his sister. He acknowledged the role of early intervention as one of great importance to him and his family.

Public/parent input was received at 10:00 a.m.

Helen Smolinski, a parent, shared her recent experience trying to get home modifications for her daughter approved through Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC). Ms. Smolinski's daughter, Betta, recently turned five years old and has multiple diagnoses and a complex medical history. She shared that her family had a positive relationship with GGRC for the first three years of Betta's life, but reported that the relationship changed when Betta turned three. Ms. Smolinski shared that her family bought a house in San Francisco and requested an accessibility evaluation from GGRC, at which time several home modifications were recommended. GGRC approved one of the modifications, but denied the others, and Ms. Smolinski appealed the decision. Her appeal was denied by the Office of Administrative Hearings. She expressed her sadness and frustration with the entire process and voiced her feeling that GGRC did not seem to be acting in the best interest of her child and family. Several members of the group recommended local resources for Ms. Smolinski and her family. Her letter to the ICC and additional documents are included as attachments to these Minutes.

Fran Chasen gave an update from the Infant Development Association (IDA). She reported that the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing is considering measures to combine the credentialing requirements for general and special education teachers, which may do away with the early childhood special education credential. The Commission created a survey for stakeholders to provide input on this change, the link to which was shared with the group immediately following the meeting.

Ms. Reynolds introduced Sarah Rock, who is new to WestEd's Center for Prevention and Early Intervention as of November 2, 2015. Ms. Rock will be taking over Project LAUNCH and staffing the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Committee.

Camille Maben from First 5 California gave an update to the group about current First 5 initiatives. Ms. Maben has visited nearly every county First 5 in the past three years and had the opportunity to learn about First 5 counties and about the great work going on throughout the state to meet the needs of California's children. She reported that while each county approaches issues differently, the two main areas of concentrated effort are developmental screenings and connection to services for children under 18 months, as well as access to oral health care.

One of First 5 California's major initiatives is the "Talk. Read. Sing." campaign, which began in March of 2014. First 5 is currently strategizing about how to reach vulnerable families to share

the message that these three simple things can improve early brain development. First 5's goal is that 90% of families giving birth in California this year will understand the importance of early brain development. One outreach strategy will be to continue using TV and radio to guide parents to the First 5 parent website, which features a wealth of information on early brain development and multiple resources for parents. Ms. Maben shared that there is a section of the website for parents of children with special needs (<http://www.cafc.ca.gov/parents/health-center.aspx?id=6>) and First 5 is interested in feedback from the ICC on how it can be improved. Ms. Maben shared that a new campaign for "Talk. Read. Sing." will start in January 2016 and will involve new commercials and radio ads, as well as creating trusted messengers such as OBGYNs, WIC (Women, Infants and Children Program) counselors, nurse practitioners, and pastors. ICC members can email their local First 5 to obtain resources to give to families.

Ms. Maben shared an update about another First 5 project called First 5 IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive), a \$190m initiative to improve early learning settings where children birth to five are served. Ms. Maben reported that all 58 First 5 counties opted to participate in this initiative. The aim of First 5 IMPACT will be to build consortia within the county, align resources and services, and improve the quality of early learning settings.

Ms. Maben reported that First 5 California is becoming more involved with policy, and has hired a new Deputy Director for External and Government Affairs. To address declining revenue, First 5 will be introducing a petition to redefine tobacco products to include e-cigarettes.

Ms. Rossini expressed the ICC's wish to have a Governor appointee from First 5 to the Council, and asked who to invite to meetings in the meantime. Ms. Maben recommended Erin Mable and Whitney Staniford.

After Ms. Maben's presentation, public input continued. Ms. Chasen continued her report from IDA, sharing that Governor Brown's special session on the budget is still open, and urged the ICC to contact legislators to address the lack of increases in funding for regional center provider rates over the last seven years. Fernando Gomez shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies website has several resources on this topic, including position papers and a report entitled "On the Brink of Collapse: The Consequences of Underfunding California's Developmental Services System," which can be found here: <http://arcanet.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/on-the-brink-of-collapse.pdf>.

Dr. Poulsen gave the Executive Committee Report. She shared that Jim Knight introduced Sharon DeRego, the new Part C Coordinator, who gave a presentation on Phase II of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP). She also reported that Patty Salcedo from the Desired Results Access Project gave a presentation on the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP), which was adopted by the CA Department of Education (CDE) as an assessment tool, and shared that the group discussed the feasibility of using the DRDP in Early Start programs. Dr. Poulsen shared that Elise Parnes from DDS reported on some of the tools used to assess social-emotional development at regional centers, and that the most commonly used tools were presented with an analysis of the pros and cons. She added that the Committee did not come to any conclusions, but will be looking at the criteria needed to make recommendations to the field on social-emotional assessment tools. Finally, Dr. Poulsen gave an update on two of the Executive Committee Workgroups: Communication and Outreach, co-chaired by Leanne Wheeler and Doug Erber, and Improving State Systems, co-chaired by Fran Chasen and Gretchen Hester. She reported that the Communication and Outreach group is working on a tagline for the ICC, "Promoting Excellence in Early Start," which the Committee will vote on at the next meeting.

Ms. Rossini presented the Action Item to update the ICC bylaws, and the Council approved without changes.

Ms. Rossini presented the 2016 ICC meeting schedule, and the Council approved without changes.

Ms. Landry from the FRCNCA gave the following report:

The FRCNCA represents the 47 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) with a Steering Committee member from each of the nine regions that meet 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 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. The 2015 NorCal Summit was held in Stockton October 15th & 16th. The SoCal Summit will be held in Ventura November 9th & 10th. 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:

- Promote "Learn the Signs. Act Early." messages and strategies through collaboration with partners.
- Promote the [Autism Case Training \(ACT\): A Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Curriculum \(http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/autism/curriculum/class.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/autism/curriculum/class.html)

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

Sharon DeRego gave the State Department Report for DDS. In addition to ongoing work on the SSIP and Annual Performance Review (APR), DDS is working on the Federal Part C Grant Application to address requirements from the Office of Special Education Programs. Dr. Poulsen requested a list of birth-to-five consortiums in which DDS participates, which Ms. DeRego will compile and provide. Ms. Rossini requested that the APR be presented to the ICC in January, and also discussed the need to develop the ICC's Annual Report.

Sheila Self gave the State Department Report for the CDE Special Education Division. All infant and preschool programs are utilizing the DRDP, and training has begun. Any child with an Individualized Education Program or Individualized Family Service Plan is required to have a DRDP completed and the results submitted to CDE. Additionally, CDE is looking into special issues such as suspension and expulsion, collecting data and investigating and addressing inconsistencies. On October 28th, Ms. Self will be giving a presentation to the State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care regarding the recent Policy Statement on Inclusion from the US Departments of Education and Health and Human Services. The Statement includes nine recommendations for State action, as well as the work that needs to occur to ensure inclusive settings in infant and preschool programs. The full text of the Policy Statement can be found here: <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/quid/earlylearning/joint-statement-full-text.pdf>.

Leanne Wheeler gave the State Department Report for the CDE Homeless Education Program. In January, she will have more up-to-date data on homeless children zero-to-five, and will have more to share at the next ICC meeting.

Ms. Rossini led a discussion about Council membership and attendance, and reviewed the Roster to identify Community Representatives who had not been heard from recently. The list included:

- Mara McGrath (Ms. Chasen to contact)
- Marty Omoto (Mr. Gomez to contact)
- Kristine Pilkington (Emily Woolford has been in contact)
- Stephanie Pringle-Fox – per Debbie Sarmiento, no longer active, and will be removed from the Roster.

Ms. Rossini stated that members who are no longer participating on the Council will receive a letter thanking them for their service, and that they are welcome to re-apply at a later time should their schedule permit. She also requested that in the future, to help track attendance, members and Community Representatives should let DDS know if they are unable to attend meetings. The Handbook will be updated with new attendance guidelines and will be available in January.

The group discussed whether to move forward with developing an ad-hoc Technology Workgroup to disseminate information across multiple platforms, as well as create and manage an email address for the ICC. Ms. Rossini asked Mr. Gomez and Tony Anderson to meet with DDS before January, and at the January meeting an ad-hoc Workgroup will be appointed to start developing the email account.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Tasks	Assigned to:	Deadline/Status
“Is education supposed to follow the new RC eligibility or as it is defined in the current CA Code of Regulations, §3030?”	DDS	Unspecified
Draft a letter to Governor Brown regarding the addition of agencies to the ICC	Unspecified Committee	Unspecified
Send summary of the final APR to ICC members	DDS	ASAP
Find out who has applied to the Council	Sharon DeRego	ASAP
Invite Erin Gabel to be First 5 designee to ICC	Sharon DeRego	ASAP
Send list of consortiums in which DDS participates to Marie Poulsen	Sharon DeRego	ASAP
Check on DDS staff resources to help ICC prepare Annual Report	Sharon DeRego	ASAP
Send list of consortiums in which CDE participates to Marie Poulsen	Sheila Self	ASAP
Collect names for potential appointees to the Council	ICC	January 2016 ICC Meeting
Provide FY14-15 data on number of homeless children ages 0-5 in California	Leanne Wheeler	January 2016 ICC Meeting
Provide numbers from CDE on increase in children served by LEAs due to change in eligibility	Leanne Wheeler	January 2016 ICC Meeting
Develop letter for Community Representatives who have been absent	Theresa Rossini	January 2016 ICC Meeting
Contact Community Representatives who have been absent	Fran Chasen (Mara McGrath) Fernando Gomez (Marty Omoto)	January 2016 ICC Meeting