

**State ICC General Meeting Minutes****Date: Fri., April 24, 2015****Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.****Room: 205****AGENDA ITEMS****RESPONSIBILITY**

9:00 - 9:15 Opening

- Welcome
- Introductions and Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- Approval of January 2015 Minutes

Theresa Rossini, Acting ICC Chair

9:15 - 9:30 Chair's Report

Theresa Rossini

9:30 - 9:45 Executive Committee Report

Marie Kanne Poulsen

9:45 - 10:00 Update on Yesterday's Strategic Planning

Theresa Rossini

10:00 - 10:15 Public Input

Theresa Rossini

10:15 - 10:45 SSIP/SiMR Presentation &amp; Discussion

Marie Kanne Poulsen  
Fernando Antonio Gomez

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 11:30 Update on Annual Performance Report, Application, and State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

Jim Knight

11:30 - 12:15 Department Reports:

Department Representatives will provide a summary of the written report and allow for discussion, questions and answers

Jim Knight, Dept. of Developmental Services

Virginia Bliss, Dept. of Health Care Services

Meredith Cathcart, California Dept. of Education (CDE), Special Education

Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education

Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski, Dept. of Public Health

Mary Sheppard, Dept. of Social Services

	George Andrew, Dept. of Managed Health Care	
12:15 - 12:45 A Tribute to Arleen Downing	Theresa Rossini	
12:45 - 1:00 Next Steps & Adjourn	Theresa Rossini	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Assigned to:</b>	<b>Deadline/Status</b>
Annual Performance Report – Indicator 4 Family Survey - Presentation	DDS - Karla Lannon	July ICC Meeting
“Is education supposed to follow the new RC eligibility or as it is defined in the current CA Code of Regulations, §3030?”	DDS	Unspecified
Update the Handbook	Marie Kanne Poulsen, Emily Woolford	July ICC Meeting
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	As soon as possible

**Notes:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Fernando Antonio Gomez\*  
Gretchen Hester\* (via conference call)  
Jim Knight  
Linda Landry  
Marie Kanne Poulsen  
Theresa Rossini\*  
Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D.  
Sheila Self for Meredith Cathcart  
Mary Sheppard  
Migdalia Wade for Mary Sheppard (when absent)  
Leanne Wheeler

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Virginia Bliss  
Susan Burger  
Douglas Erber\*  
John Robert Hall, Ed.D.\*  
Laura Jelliff-Pawlowski  
Beverly Morgan-Sandoz

**LEAD AGENCY**

Reyna Ambriz  
JoEllen Fletcher  
Jonathan Hill  
Elise Parnes  
Jennifer Parsons

Jennifer Teykaerts  
Emily Woolford

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Brigitte Ammons (via conference call)  
Tony Anderson  
Fran Chasen  
Toni Doman\* (via conference call)  
Arleen Downing (via conference call)  
Rachel Hagans (via conference call)  
Laurie Jordan\* (via conference call)  
Kat Lowrance\*  
Stefani McNeil (via conference call)  
Peter Michael Miller  
Virginia Reynolds  
Debbie Sarmiento\*  
Sherry Torok  
Carmen Vasquez  
Julie Widman\*

\*Parent

Theresa Rossini called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and gave the Chair's Report. Ms. Rossini shared that Doug Erber was unable to attend the ICC meeting and will give a presentation about his child's experience in Early Start at the next meeting. She stated that at the next ICC meeting, she anticipates being able to divide into work groups and begin moving forward with ICC goals. Ms. Rossini also thanked JoEllen Fletcher and Emily Woolford for their assistance with the ICC in the wake of Azadeh Fares' departure from DDS.

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen gave the Executive Committee Report. Dr. Poulsen reported that the Executive Committee has focused on updating the ICC Handbook in order to better reflect the philosophy and "heart" of the ICC, rather than simply reflecting the infrastructure. She also stated the intention to have each state agency provide a summary of their department, as well as how said department contributes to the Early Start system as a whole. Additionally, Dr. Poulsen shared the intention that the ICC Handbook will also list non-state agency partners and describe how they contribute to the system, including The Arc and IDA. The ICC will pull all of this information together and edit it. Ms. Rossini suggested that the handbook also include information regarding the APR and the SSIP, including links to the most recent information.

Per Ms. Rossini, the Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA) gives (and will continue to give) an update prior to the department updates. Future agendas will reflect this.

Fernando Antonio Gomez asked for a one page fact sheet specific to the ICC that gives an overview of "what the ICC is." Dr. Poulsen and Ms. Rossini reported that there is an existing fact sheet that needs to be updated.

Ms. Rossini gave an update on the ICC strategic planning session from Thursday's Committee of the Whole meeting. She reviewed the Strategic Priorities of the ICC, including (1) Supporting the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), (2) Improving the Early Start service delivery system, and (3) Implementing outreach and communication including technology in order to provide information and resources to the community regarding Early Start. She added an additional strategic priority, (4) Supporting FRCs and First 5 as full members of the ICC. Ms. Rossini stated that committees will be developed to address each priority and that the members will be emailed

regarding their preferences for which committee to serve on. The committees will reportedly meet during the morning (during the executive committee) and during the afternoon as well on the first day of the ICC. Ms. Rossini discussed drafting a letter to be sent to the governor regarding the addition of agencies (including the FRCs) to the ICC as members. Dr. Poulsen stated the importance of the FRCs having voting rights within the ICC.

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

Linda Landry requested that table tents and name badges be provided for the next meeting, and that printed materials be made available prior to the meeting. DDS agreed to mail hard copies of meeting packets to anyone who requested them.

Gretchen Hester recommended finding ways to get parents more involved with the ICC, even if only on the phone.

Fran Chasen: IDA has an upcoming webinar on talking to parents about their concerns surrounding their child's development. The California Special Education Task Force released their [Early Childhood Education Subcommittee Report](#), which recommended synthesizing Early Start services under one state agency, the Department of Health Care Services, in an attempt to strengthen the service delivery for Part C children. The task force will reconvene in June to discuss how to develop implementation strategies. This report is posted on the California Department of Education website.

Tony Anderson: A webinar is being developed to share updates on what is happening with the Lanterman Coalition, which is currently advocating for a 10% budget increase across the board for regional center purchase of services and operations. More information about the Coalition can be found at their website, <http://www.lantermancoalition.org/>. The Lanterman Coalition is also on Twitter (@CoalitionPLA) and Facebook.

Toni Doman: In commemoration of her daughter on the 10-year anniversary of her passing, Ms. Doman shared a beautiful poem written by her son. Ms. Doman reiterated the importance of recognizing that siblings of individuals with disabilities are also a part of the discussion and journey. Ms. Doman has given her permission to make the poem available to the entire Council, and the poem will be sent via e-mail to the Council. **(See Attachment B.)**

After public comments closed, Dr. Poulsen, Mr. Gomez and Carmen Vasquez shared a PowerPoint presentation on the California State Systemic Improvement Plan, including the importance of social/emotional development in early intervention and the challenges currently facing implementation of improvement strategies in California. This presentation will be made available to share with the Council by Dr. Poulsen.

Ms. Landry from the FRCNCA gave the following report:

The FRCNCA Steering Committee meets monthly via conference call or face to face. A face to face meeting was held in Sacramento on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 Disability Consumer Advisory Committee, USC University Center for Excellence in Disabilities (UCEDD), Lanterman Coalition, California Network of Family Strengthening/Support Networks Training and Technical Assistance Collaborative, California Standards for Family Strengthening & Support Committee, 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) (pronounced “see see”).

The FRCNCA continues the implementation of Prevention Resource and Referral Services (PRRS) program.

- Bimonthly 1800 Second PRRS calls on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- Regional trainings were held March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in San Diego and March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. The facilitator training for *Positive Solutions for Families* is designed for people who facilitate parent groups. The *Positive Solutions For Families* Modules are based on the *Teaching Pyramid*, which is a systematic framework developed by the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) that incorporates a tiered approach to assisting families promote healthy social-emotional development, provide support for children’s appropriate behavior, teach skills to prevent challenging behavior, and address problematic behavior.

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 SELPAs, RCs and FRCs. Statewide, 400 designated participants who have met specific criteria have become part of the CAPTAIN Cadre. More information is available at [captain.ca.gov](http://captain.ca.gov).

17 FRCs across the state are participating in the CaPROMISE (Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income) grant. The California PROMISE Initiative (CaPROMISE) represents the opportunity for multiple organizations, working in partnership, to provide a coordinated set of services and supports to SSI recipients ages 14-16 and their families that are designed to increase financial self-sufficiency. Participants include the CA Department of Rehabilitation in partnership with several other state departments, 18 local education agencies (LEAs) and San Diego State University’s Interwork Institute. More information is available at [CaPROMISE.org](http://CaPROMISE.org).

*Learn the Signs Act Early* (LTSAE) Ambassadors Fran Goldfarb of the USC UCEDD (Southern California) and Debbie Sarmento of the FRCNCA (Northern California) continue to provide training on LTSAE materials. A webinar for childcare providers is planned for 2015.

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

#### State Department Reports:

Jim Knight (DDS) began the department representative reports. The State-identified Measurable Result (SiMR) has been submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and is currently under review. DDS is awaiting “scoring” results from OSEP. Feedback thus far has praised the statewide training system, but questions whether the system is broad enough. DDS will rely on the SSIP Task Force, through Phase Two of the SSIP, to determine existing resources that

can be leveraged to meet the goals laid out in Phase One. DDS is currently working on posting information regarding the SSIP to the DDS website. Karla Lannon (DDS) will be giving a presentation on the Family Survey (including the return rate of Spanish-speaking families and how random sample areas were selected) at the next ICC meeting.

Over the past four years, OSEP has determined that California needs intervention regarding Early Start. This reportedly has been the result of low compliance with regards to the transition process. A summary of the final version of the most recent APR will go out to the ICC soon. Ms. Rossini asked whether ICC input was requested for the most current version of the APR – Mr. Knight stated that he believes that this year ICC input was not requested by OSEP.

The annual grant will be reduced by roughly \$500,000 next year, due to fluctuations in population. The application for Part C funds will be submitted today (Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>) to OSEP by DDS, and will include additional clarifications and changes regarding how the Part C process is being administered by DDS. The grant will be effective as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

At Mr. Knight's request, Virginia Reynolds reported on the Early Start Partners Institute (ESPI), which will place in May. The ESPI had been previously known as the Advanced Practices Institute. The ESPI will feature topics including results-driven accountability, mental health services, transition, foster families, and poverty, and feature Director Santi Rogers, Mr. Knight, and Sharon Walsh as speakers.

Ms. Reynolds shared that on June 15-16, there will be a face to face training offered to individuals who completed Early Start Online classes, and that these classes have been opened up to Early Start managers throughout California.

Ms. Reynolds stated that First Five IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) has approved a \$190 million initiative to fund early learning for children and their families.

Sheila Self (CDE) reported on behalf of Meredith Cathcart, who was absent. Ms. Self reported that CDE is implementing the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) for 2015 for children ages 0-5.

Migdalia Wade (DSS) reported on behalf of Mary Sheppard. Ms. Wade stated that DSS is working on the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) which is targeted training for parents. Dr. Peter Michael Miller asked for a presentation by DSS on what resources the department makes available for children and child abuse prevention.

The meeting concluded with a tribute to retiring ICC member Dr. Arleen Downing. Ms. Rossini thanked Dr. Downing for all her contributions to the ICC and praised what a gracious and kind member of the ICC she has been. The group presented to her a gift and certificate, which were shared via photograph to WebEx participants. Gretchen Hester also praised Dr. Downing for being caring and stated that she has learned a good deal from her. Dr. Elaine Fogel Schneider composed a letter for Dr. Downing, which recognized her for being both an incredible member of the ICC and a remarkable advocate and friend. Dr. Poulsen stated that the ICC misses her personally and professionally and that she has been an inspiration for the team on behalf of child health. Dr. Downing extended her thanks to everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.