

State ICC General Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, January 23, 2015
 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Room: 205

AGENDA ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome 	Theresa Rossini
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground Rules and Logistics 	DDS - Kay Ryan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions and Roll Call 	DDS - Kay Ryan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Agenda 	Theresa Rossini
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of November 2014 Minutes 	Theresa Rossini
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Plan Review from Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report-Out from Strategic Planning Accomplished in COTW 	DDS - Kay Ryan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Strategic Planning Process 	DDS - Kay Ryan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Input 10:00 a.m. 	Theresa Rossini
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Format Reminder: Five minutes allotted for each Department Representative to provide a summary of the written report and allow for discussion, questions, and answers. 	DDS - Kay Ryan, Department Reps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Steps and Adjourn 	DDS - Kay Ryan

ACTION ITEMS	Assigned to:	Deadline/Status
Family Survey for the Annual Performance Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information regarding the Family Survey responses and how data is disaggregated Report back to ICC regarding the survey response rate for Spanish-speaking families ICC members requested a review of the survey questions 	DDS/Karla Lannon	Future ICC Meeting- unspecified
Add approval of the ICC By-Laws to the April 2015 ICC meeting agenda	DDS	April ICC Meeting
Updating the ICC History: DDS will send a web link of the ICC Handbook with a reminder that the group planned for reviewing the ICC accomplishments and sending any additions to Marie Poulsen. Marie Poulsen will provide a status update at the April 2015 meeting.	DDS & Marie Poulsen	April ICC Meeting (email sent to group 2/25/15)
DDS will follow-up with Meredith Cathcart regarding Julie's question: "Is education supposed to follow the new regional center eligibility or as it is defined in the current CA Code of Regulations, Section 3030?"	DDS	Unspecified
Special Olympics: Doug Erber and Fernando Antonio Gomez volunteered to work on collaboration/involvement. Marie Poulsen	Unspecified	Unspecified

suggested inquiring with the Children’s Hospital USC. Theresa Rossini offered to inquire with a Central California business she knows. Kay Ryan asked if Fernando Antonio Gomez can ask his Association of Regional Center Agencies connections about identifying athletes that graduated from the Early Start program.		
Update the ICC roster and contact list for packet and online: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Marie Poulsen the updated versions • Edit roster to eliminate “Kingsley” from Julie Widman’s name • Remove Susan Burger, as she retired • Remove Arleen Downing, as she resigned • Add Migdalia Wade, in addition to Mary Sheppard for DSS (Migdalia.Wade@dss.ca.gov) 	DDS	March 2015
Resources offered when parents are informed about prenatal diagnosis. Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski was given four different brochures for families regarding diagnosis. The brochures do not currently have any specific program information as a resource; however, DDS can update those brochures to add program information. Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski will send copies of the brochures to include in the minutes so members can determine if a committee should review and/or provide recommendations/changes.	Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski	Unspecified

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) arranged for Kay Ryan to facilitate the Strategic Planning process on January 22 and 23, 2015.

The November 2014 minutes will be corrected to include Theresa Rossini present as chair for the General meeting. Julie Widman’s name should be corrected to eliminate “Kingsley.” The minutes were approved as revised.

The group developed action items for each of the three goals identified for strategic planning, as specified in the attached draft.

PUBLIC/PARENT INPUT WAS RECEIVED AT 10 A.M.:

Fernando Antonio Gomez: Shared with members that the Special Olympics are coming to Los Angeles this summer. The event will be televised and feature athlete vignettes. Ideas for disseminating information through the media and possibilities for collaboration to promote the ICC and showcase athletes that have graduated from the Early Start program were discussed. In an effort to use this event as a positive image for the ICC, Douglas Erber and Fernando Antonio Gomez volunteered to work on the collaboration portion, Marie Poulsen will inquire with the Children’s Hospital at University of Southern California, Theresa Rossini will inquire with a Central California business, and Fernando Antonio Gomez will work his the Association of Regional Center Agencies to identify athletes that have graduated from the Early Start program.

Fernando Antonio Gomez has been approached by filmmakers who are producing a film, *Where Hope Grows*, about an individual with Down syndrome. Fernando is also working to create film viewings at the Association of Regional Center Agencies and/or during the Special Olympics. Fernando recommended the members watch the online trailers.

Fernando Antonio Gomez is working with Gigi’s Playhouse, a nonprofit with multiple national chapters, and is involved in establishing a chapter in Los Angeles. Gigi’s Playhouse (<http://gigisplayhouse.org/>) is a venue for therapies, training, education, social interaction, and parent support at no cost to families and focuses on every aspect of Down syndrome “from A-Z.” The Los Angeles chapter has gained all of its support, up to this point, without any government funding. Marie Poulsen recommended Fernando Antonio Gomez connect with the developmental pediatrician in Los Angeles that specializes in healthcare for children with Down syndrome.

Fernando Antonio Gomez receives updates from *State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project*. This website, <http://www.stateofthestates.org> is administered by the University of Colorado and funded in part by the [Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#). Information regarding the *State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project* can also be found on the Lanterman Coalition website at <http://www.lantermancoalition.org>.

There was also discussion regarding the prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome and data showing its high numbers due to early diagnosis. Fernando Antonio Gomez shared his experience when his family received a Down syndrome diagnosis. Tony Anderson shared details about a bill requiring resources to be provided at diagnosis.

Fran Chasen: The Infant Development Association (IDA) held the first community meeting in Los Angeles to discuss the new Early Start eligibility criteria. The meeting convened to generate a dialogue on how to most effectively handle the change in Los Angeles. IDA is currently organizing and prioritizing the issues identified regarding referrals to Early Start. As a result, IDA will continue to address these issues at the IDA Conference on April 17-18, 2015.

Tony Anderson: The 8th Annual Conference for Developmental Disabilities will convene on March 8-9, 2015, at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento, CA. Marie Poulsen, along with Sue Swenson, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Education, and Connie Garmen of the Help Committee will present. Tuesday, March 10th has been reserved as a day for talking with legislators and will include a rally celebrating the 30-year anniversary of the 1985 Supreme Court decision to confirming Lanterman Act, as an entitlement.

STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS: (The attached State reports were provided in written form at the beginning of the meeting.)

California Department of Education (CDE): The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and CDE are working to align the regulations that were proposed in the written CDE update. Julie Widman asked, "Is education supposed to follow the new regional center eligibility or as it is defined in the current CA code of regulation section 3030?" DDS will follow-up with Meredith Cathcart, with CDE, to provide a response to Julie Widman's question.

Department of Developmental Services: Erin Paulsen informed members that the compliance indicators in the Annual Performance Report (APR) are expected to be at 100 percent; therefore, DDS is not setting targets. Erin Paulsen explained that the data is not comparable from year-to-year as each data set creates its own unique set of challenges. The group discussed challenges as to why the data cannot be compared to prior years as each RC is unique.

The most current APR reflects monitoring of seven regional centers (RCs) including San Andreas, San Gabriel Pomona, North Los Angeles, Tri Counties, Golden Gate, South Central Los Angeles, and Redwood Coast, along with the children monitored by CDE with solely low incidence disabilities. There was a discussion amongst members why DDS only monitors seven regional centers each year. Erin Paulsen advised the members that monitoring is intense with only a limited amount of staff to clear findings and implement a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). Erin Paulsen also discussed each compliance indicator and the state's performance on each.

CDE and DDS completed a statewide training for each RC on transition in order to correct the issues identified in the CAP. Azadeh Fares shared that the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is working closely with DDS right now regarding transition processes and policies. The OSEP continues to provide guidance and direction to DDS.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH): There was consensus among the members that Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski can provide verbal updates to the group as written reports must be approved by management and can take a significant amount of time. Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski reported that CDPH wants to assist in spreading the word regarding changes in eligibility.

Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski provided an update regarding resources offered when parents receive a prenatal diagnosis. Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski was given four different brochures for families that do not currently have any specific program information; however, DDS can update the brochures to add relevant information. Laura Jelliffe-Pawlowski will send copies of the brochures for the minutes so members can determine if a committee should review and/or provide recommendations/changes.

After the State department reports were provided, the group resumed its strategic planning efforts and expanded upon the three goals identified. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

January 2015 ICC Meetings

Executive Committee:	1/22/15	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Room 205
Committee of the Whole:	1/22/15	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Room 205

General Meeting: 1/23/15 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Room 205

All meetings for January 2015 were held at the CA Dept. Social Services located at 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.