

ICC Meeting Agenda (Day Two)

Date: Friday, January 19, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Room: Big Sur Room,
San Andreas Regional Center
Access Code:

| AGENDA ITEMS | | RESPONSIBILITY |
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| 9:00-9:30 Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Introductions/Roll Call • Review Agenda | Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair | |
| 9:30-10:00 Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving State Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care Subgroup • Insurance Subgroup • Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup 2. Communication & Outreach | Committee Chairs | |
| 10:00-10:30 Public Input | Marie Kanne Poulsen | |
| 10:30-10:40 Voices from the Field | Marie Kanne Poulsen | |
| 10:40-11:00 Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report | Linda Landry | |
| 11:00-11:30 Department Reports Department Representatives will provide a summary and allow for discussion, questions and answers | Jim Knight, Dept. of Developmental Services Sheila Self, California Dept. of Education (CDE), Special Education Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education Mary Sheppard/Kim Johnson, Dept. of Social Services Suzanne Sherinian, Dept. of Managed Health Care Richard Olney, Dept. of Public Health | |
| 11:30—11:45 Break | | |
| 11:45-12:30 Help Me Grow | Moira Kenney, Executive Director First 5 Association of California | |
| 12:30-1:00 Next Steps and Adjourn | | |

**State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention
Day Two Meeting Minutes
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San Andreas Regional Center
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen called the meeting or order at 9:07 a.m.

Introductions and Roll Call were conducted.

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

Committee Reports

Improving State Systems

The Committee discussed the Legislative Analyst's Office report [Evaluating California's System for Serving Infants and Toddlers Special Needs](#) and generated questions and/or concerns with the report that will be posed to the authors. Areas of clarification include the identification of resources and data used to develop the report, and the calculation of the proposed cost savings. Some members of the ICC are meeting later this month with authors of the report.

- **Foster Care Subgroup**

The Subgroup reported that the Department of Social Services (DSS) is developing a Release of Information form. This form will allow the child/family team to share information with each other. It is a conversation starter for child/family teams, but it does not provide parental consent.

- **Insurance Subgroup**

The Subgroup continues to edit a survey that has been developed to identify service delays, cost and quality issues, and service gaps. The survey will be available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. The online survey will be disseminated through the family resource centers, providers, the Infant Development Association and Disability Rights California.

- **Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup**

The Subgroup is examining issues related to access, quality, and connecting parents to providers that are in the system serving infants and toddlers with special needs. The Subgroup plans to review models and systems to identify resources that can be leveraged between service systems (mental health and developmental services). A white paper or report that defines goals on the best outreach strategies will be developed and reviewed by the subgroup.

Communication and Outreach

The Committee developed a flyer about the change in respite guidelines. It was modeled after the flyer Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center developed.

The Committee suggested a change to the meeting format to enable the Council to learn more about each other and the represented programs. Day one could be partner focused, where the Council would learn about each other's organization through three 30 minute presentations. On day two, other (non-council) partners would provide information and updates to assist the Council in understanding how programs intersect. Additionally, the agenda could also include time to discuss burning issues. The Committee would like to allow more time for the exchange of resources. The Committee will develop a draft timeline and report back.

The Committee discussed updating the Early Start fact sheets that reside on the DDS website. These sheets are a good resource to assist members with communicating effectively about Early Start and the Council.

The Babyline flyer is finished and will be presented at the April Council meeting. The Committee will also discuss the dissemination plan.

Public Input

Public input was received at 10:00 a.m. Constituents and parents shared experiences accessing Early Start services. Parents Helping Parents (PHP) Family Resource Center shared successes and challenges that their families face in the Early Start system. There is a lack of bilingual providers, and a lack of understanding around the Individual Service Family Plan. Transition is very challenging. Additionally, reconnecting families to services after extended travel is difficult.

A vendor expressed that there is a need for better communication with families about providing services in natural environments.

The Council suggested that guidelines referenced in the ICC policies and procedures be used to assist with providing a format for the comments that the Council receives during the public input period.

Voices from the Field

The Infant Development Association (IDA) of California is a non-profit grassroots organization of professionals from different disciplines, agencies, service systems, and parents, who are committed to improving the early intervention service system.

Upcoming IDA events include:

- Support Group Facilitator Training for parents who would like to facilitate support groups;
- Feeding Challenges and Solutions is an interdisciplinary approach to successful mealtimes for infants and toddlers;

- [Intervention and Beyond: Building Foundations for the Future](#) is the southern California regional conference;
- Vivian Weinstein Leadership Day is June 19, 2018. Join early intervention personnel and home visitors to learn more about home visiting best practices and research.

Zero To Three's Western Office works to align ground-breaking research with the real needs of the region's youngest residents and serve as a vital link with programs and policy. A cross-collaboration event is being held at the California Endowment in Los Angeles on March 19th. There will be panel discussions, evaluation findings will be presented, and engagement strategies will be shared.

First 5 leads statewide efforts to champion the complex needs of young children and their families through strong, effective and proven systems of care. Current initiatives include:

- AB 11 (McCarty, Bonta, Carrillo and Nazarian) would require screening services to be available under the Early and Periodic Screening and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for children in Medi-Cal to include developmental screening services for children zero to three. The bill is currently moving through the legislature.
- 2018 is the 20th anniversary of First 5. This year, accomplishments will be celebrated and a plan for the future will be developed.

Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNC)

FRCNCA represents the 47 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) with a Steering Committee consisting of members from each of the 9 regions that meet monthly via conference call. Face to Face meetings are held quarterly the day before each ICC meeting.

Through the Early Start Plus (ESP) program, FRC staff attended a webinar presented by the Department of Managed Health Care.

The ESP Members Only webpage on the FRCNCA.org website continues to be updated on a regular basis with information to assist FRCs in the implementation of ESP. ESP also continues with webinars, monthly conference calls and one-to-one technical assistance.

FRCNCA representatives are participating in the California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN), which identifies and develops a cadre of staff with enhanced knowledge about autism and evidence-based practices across California. The Northern CAPTAIN Summit is planned for January 23rd and 24th in Stockton, CA.

FRCNCA members have opportunities to participate generally in other activities that support and increase the capacity for the service systems used by families of children with disabilities or special healthcare needs.

The FRCNCA has participated in the California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (CECY) (pronounced SEE SEE) since inception. FRCNCA representatives provide CECY members with information on the roles of the Family Resource Centers and the family perspective on transition to work and post-secondary education. While the original grant period has been completed, CECY activities will continue under a one year no-cost extension.

Approximately 17 FRCs across the state are participating in the California PROMISE Initiative (CaPROMISE) grant. CaPROMISE provides 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.

It is designed to increase financial self-sufficiency. 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 <http://www.capromise.org/>.

The FRCNCA continues to seek additional funding sources to leverage capacity building of the network to support families.

Department Reports

Department of Developmental Services

- The authorization and payment of behavioral health therapy (BHT) services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries will transition from regional centers to Medi-Cal. This is a state plan amendment not a piece of legislation.
- The SSIP Cohort 2 is under way. Participants include South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, Regional Center of Orange County, Central Valley Regional Center, San Andreas Regional Center, Kern Regional Center, and Inland Regional Center. Cohort 3 will tentatively begin in the spring and include the remaining 10 regional centers.
- The Early Start Partners Symposium is April 26th-27th, 2018 in San Jose, CA. The theme is "Partnering for Lasting Change." Supporting content will help create partnerships from the child and family level to the local and state level. Additionally, the partner roles of families and FRCs will be highlighted.
- The Mental Health Services Act funding for 2017/18 through 2019/20 has been awarded to four regional centers: Harbor Regional Center, North Bay Regional Center, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, and Valley Mountain Regional Center.

Department of Education (CDE), Special Education

- CDE is partnering with DDS and WestEd on a webinar for LEAs around SSIP. The webinar will assist the LEAs in understanding the SSIP goals and the available support resources.

- CDE is moving away from the current bifurcated system and working toward looking at special education students as general education students first and providing them with the free and appropriate education to which they are entitled.
- Through an increase in the Governor's Budget, the Early Education and Support Division will be funding activities to make state preschools more inclusive.
- CDE is creating least restrictive environment exemplar sites to specifically support children with disabilities through fidelity, coaching, training teachers and coaches. This year, the program will roll out in five regions and will expand to all 11 regions in the future.
- CDE is working on a monograph exploring the disproportionate suspension/expulsion of boys of color in a preschool setting. They will be working with childcare programs around the state to eliminate suspension and expulsion.

Department of Social Services – Foster Care (DSS-FC)

- A report on the possible connections between marijuana use and child abuse and neglect is under development.
- The branch is creating a workgroup under the child abuse and prevention act to develop benchmarks for the zero to five population. One focus area is the number of kids that exit the system that entered during ages zero to five. Please reach out with any other focus suggestions.

Department of Social Services – Child Care (DSS-CC)

- The Bridge Program aims to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care settings, increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families. The Bridge Program is being implemented in 42 counties. Participants are eligible for emergency child care vouchers, a child care navigator and trauma informed care training and coaching.
- The Governor's Budget includes a funding increase to expand home visiting within the CalWorks population. The home visits will target mothers of children age zero to two. If it passes, implementation will begin in January 2019.

Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC)

- Blue Shield of CA and Care 1st Health Plan were fined \$457,500 for consumer grievance violations.
- Anthem Blue Cross was fined \$5 million for systemic grievance system violations.
- The [2016 Annual Complaint and Independent Medical Review Report](#) are available on the website. DMHC is currently working on the 2017 report.
- Nine health plans were directed to stop working with Employee Health Systems Medical Group as a result of economic profiling violations.

Department of Public Health (CDPH)

- Flu activity in California is widespread and at levels usually seen at the peak of the influenza season.

- CDPH developed the “Let’s Talk Cannabis” campaign as a result of the legalization. One aspect of the campaign focuses on the potential harm caused by using marijuana during pregnancy. Targeted messaging for this population is currently in development.
- There are plans to include a question about cannabis use in the next Maternal and Infant Health Assessment survey. A summary of data from this survey was requested for the April Council meeting.

Moira Kenney, Executive Director of First 5 Association of California, presented information on Help Me Grow (HMG). HMG is an effective system because its efforts revolve around uniting a community to address the need for early detection through surveillance and screenings of children and building connections to community-based services and supports to address their needs. Early detection and intervention are critical for optimal outcomes for children, but too often children miss this opportunity. HMG addresses this by building collaboration among community programs, providing a centralized access point for information and referral, promoting surveillance and screenings, as well as educating and informing the community.

HMG CA is part of an affiliation comprising 51 individual systems in more than 20 states, raising awareness about the importance of universal developmental screening and the need to identify all children who need services, no matter how little or high the intensity, as early as possible.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie Kanne Poulsen
Libby Woolford*
Matt Chesnut
Michelle Dove
Sally Grevemberg
Melissa Ferkovich (for Suzanne Sherinian))
Richard Olney*
Leanne Wheeler
Susan Ducore
Rachelle Arizmendi
Sheila Self (for Tom Torlakson)
Sharon DeRego (for Nancy Bargmann).
Susan Ducore
Doug Erber
Kimberly Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Assembly Member Tony Thurmond
Rachelle Arizmendi
John Hall*

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Julie A. Taylor Souliere
Mary Sheppard

LEAD AGENCY

Sharon DeRego
Victor Inneh

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Brigitte Ammons
Maurine Ballard-Rosa
Yvette Baptiste*
Fran Chasen
Wanda Davis
Toni Doman
Karen Finello
Edyth Gallardo
Linda Landry*
Heather Little
Gayatri Mahajan
Christina Nigrelli
Sheri Rosen
Debbie Sarmiento*
Patricia Salcedo*

Mary Sheppard
Kelly Young*

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

Tony Anderson
Kathy Angkustsiri
Florence Bracy
Shanee Fulton
Susan Graham*
Jennifer Griffin*
Rachel Hagans
Patsy Hampton
Amy Hansen
Rebecca Hawley*
Tara Sisemore-Hester
Laurie Jordan*
Marty Omoto
Celina Oppus*
Sherry Torok
Julie Widman*
Mark Wild*
Gabrielle Zadra*

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES EXCUSED

Karen Moran-Finello
Lucero Irizarry
Kristine Pilkington
Julie Widman*

OTHERS PRESENT

Christina Johnson
Angela McGuire

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