

April ICC Meeting Agenda (Day One)
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Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Room: Zoom
Meeting ID: 979 0634 6933

AGENDA ITEMS

RESPONSIBILITY

9:00—9:15 Opening

- Welcome
- Introductions/Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- Announcements

Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair

9:15—9:45 DDS Update-follow up Rate Model and
Direct Support Professional Training

Yasir Ali, DDS

9:45—10:15 California's LEAD-K Movement: Optimizing
Early Language Opportunities for Deaf Infants
and Young Children.

Julie Rems-Smario, CDE
Sheri Farinha, NorCal Services for
the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Nancy Sager

10:15—10:30 BREAK

10:30—1:00 Combined Committee Meetings
Overview of the Legislation and Regulations
Process

Amy Whiting, DDS Office of
Regulation and Legislation

<p align="center">April ICC Meeting Agenda (Day Two)</p> <p>Zoom Link: https://wested.zoom.us/j/93888105363</p>	<p>Date: Friday, April 22, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:35 p.m. Room: Zoom Meeting ID: 938 8810 5363</p>
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<p>9:00—9:15 Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Introductions/Roll Call • Review Agenda • Approve January Meeting Minutes • Announcement • Part C Literacy-Birthing While Black: Examining America’s Black Maternal Health Crisis 	<p>Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair</p>
<p>9:15—9:30 Committee Reports</p>	<p>Communications and Outreach Improving State Systems Darby’s Legacy Adhoc</p>
<p>9:15—9:45 An Overview of Homeless Education and Early Education</p>	<p>Leanne Wheeler, CDE Karmina Barrales, CDE</p>
<p>9:45—10:15 Black Maternal Health/Midwifery Continuity of Care</p>	<p>Gingi Allen, Birth Doula Owner of The Art of Mothering</p>
<p>10:15—10:30 Public Input</p>	
10:30—10:40 BREAK	
<p>10:40—10:50 CHHS Guiding Principles</p>	<p>CA Department of Health and Human Services (TBD)</p>
<p>10:50 —11:50 Department and Council Member Reports Representatives will provide a summary allow for discussion, questions, and answers</p>	<p>Michelle Dove, Head Start Agency Richard Olney, Dept. of Public Health Shanice Orum, Dept. of Social Services Lisa Witchey, Dept. of Social Services Susan Ducore, Indian Health Service Maricris Acon, Dept. of Developmental Services Heather Calomese, California Dept. of Education (CDE), Special Education Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education Suzanne Sherinian, Dept. of Managed Health Care Stephanie Welch, CHHS Child Mental Health</p>
<p>11:50—12:25 Voices from the Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero to Three • Statewide Screening Task Force • Infant Development Association of California • The Arc • California Disability Community Action Network 	<p>Christina Nigrelli Karen Moran Finello Fran Chasen</p> <p>Teresa Anderson Marty Omoto</p>
<p>12:25—12:35 Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA)–Report</p>	<p>Robert Rochin</p>

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Zoom Conference Call
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Opening

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

The roll call was conducted.

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Announcements

- The Infant Development Association of California will host its 7th Annual Policy Update on Monday, January 24, and all ICC members are encouraged to attend. A link was provided for registration.

Indian Health Services - Part C Outreach Overview:

Susan Ducore, Indian Health Services (IHS)

Ms. Ducore provided an overview of the organization, including the history, laws that govern the organization, services provided, challenges, and successes, particularly relationships with the tribal leaders and local agencies such as First 5. Ms. Ducore encouraged meeting participants to visit [IHS.gov](https://www.ihs.gov) and [IHS.gov/California](https://www.ihs.gov/california) (for information specific to California).

Rate Model Implementation:

Jim Knight, Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Mr. Knight reviewed the process and results of the rate study conducted to standardize the rates at which regional center vendors are paid throughout California and within service areas.

New rates will be implemented in phases, with rate adjustments occurring across the next several years. The April 2022 rate adjustment will not require any changes to billing/authorizations and no rate reductions will take place in April. DDS is working with stakeholders to address service and staffing standards and other details. Future rate adjustments may address rates for direct service providers (DSP) who are bilingual, have received specific training or certifications, or who provide services that meet specific quality standards. DDS will seek input from stakeholders concerning standards and related rate adjustments. DDS will provide updates to the ICC as additional rate adjustment issues are addressed. Any questions about the rate adjustment should be sent to ratesquestions@dds.ca.gov.

In response to an attendee question, Mr. Knight indicated that DDS would provide information about DSP training and certification and answer additional questions about the rate model at the next ICC meeting.

Committee Meetings

The following ICC Committees met for breakout sessions:

- Communications and Outreach
- Improving State Systems

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Chestnut

Sharon DeRego
Michelle Dove
Susan Ducore
Doug Erber
Marie Kanne Poulsen
Richard Olney
Shanice Orum
Suzanne Sherinian
Leanne Wheeler

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Alma Martinez*
Stephanie Welch

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Jazmine Blackman
Karmina Barrales
Elena Bramble*
Shan Chan
Fran Chasen
Karen Moran Finello
Felicia Ford*
Edyth Gallardo
Samantha Hebermehl*
Katie Hornberger
Leah Howley
Laurie Jordan*
Linda Landry*
Gayatri Mahajan
Robin Millar
Patricia Moore
Wendy Morrison
Michelle Oliver
Marty Omoto
Julie Rems-Smario
Robert Rochin
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Pam Chueh
Wanda Davis
Sheri Farinha
Rachel Hagans
Amy Hansen
Lucero Irizarry
Jordan Lindsey
Diana Maffei*
Christina Nigrelli
Maria Ruiz-Merroth

DDS

Maricris Acon
Yasir Ali
Reyna Ambriz
Caroline Castaneda
Aaron Christian
January Crane
Lucia Da Silva
Jeannette Diaz
Desmond Fang
Leslie Hamilton
Jim Knight
Lauren Libero
Julia Lowe
Marcy Okada
Townley Saye
Catherine Schulze
Nathaniel Taleon
Shay Willis

WESTED

Ross Adams
Angela McGuire
Ian Ratliff
Virginia Reynolds
Laura Romero
Jennifer Teykaerts
Jeff Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Ader

Karina Andrade

Leslie Ann

Jennifer Bloom

Shannon Cogan

Julie Eby-McKenzie

Leanna Flores

Brenna Gatti

Nikki Gillespie

Tamara Kidwell

Irene Litherland

Julie Loe

Anh Nguyen

Roxy Ortiz

Darcie Paiva

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Ann Stigelmayer

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Approve October Meeting Minutes

Doug Erber moved to approve; Matt Chestnut seconded. An amendment was proposed and approved to mark Nancy Sager as present.

Part C Literacy – Data and Funding Gaps in Tribal Early Care and Education

Dr. Poulsen shared a white paper on data and funding related to programs supporting the early development of young children who are American Indian and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN). One-third of AI/AN households live below the poverty level; AI/AN households are twice as likely to be food insecure as non-native households. Children from AI/AN households are more likely to have adverse experiences in school. It is a state's responsibility to find and serve children from AI/AN under IDEA Part C and Part B. Dr. Poulsen suggests that anyone interested in this topic review the [white paper](#).

Committee Reports

Communications and Outreach Committee

Doug Erber reported:

- The committee discussed the need for a legislative representative to serve on the ICC to better communicate about Early Start with the legislature. ICC members are urged to contact their state representatives and gauge their interest.
- The committee discussed the decline in evaluations that occurred during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with Mr. Erber remarking in his report that an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 did not receive services. The committee also discussed efforts to disseminate information about Early Start and strategies to secure and build contact lists.

Improving State Systems Committee

Fran Chasen reported:

- The committee chairs disseminated a survey to committee meeting participants prior to the January meeting. At the committee meeting, the large group broke into four small groups focused on the following areas: families and children, regional centers, vendors and providers, and laws and regulations. Each group considered and discussed the input provided so far; input can be provided on these topics until January 31st.
- The committee also discussed a California initiative ([College Corps](#)) that provides college student "fellows" with opportunities to support and learn by volunteering for organizations working in

three priority areas: K-12 Education, Climate Action and Food Insecurity. Fellows receive financial support to participate. The committee wonders if this program might help get more people into education programs that will qualify them for jobs in Early Start.

Adhoc Committee – Darby’s Legacy: Best Practices Serving Families with Infants and Toddlers who are Medically Fragile

Linda Landry provided an update:

- The committee is creating a guide to identify and provide guidance on best practices for staff in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) who work with families of children with special healthcare needs. The guide will help NICU staff educate parents about their rights within the law and the quality of care their children should receive. Once completed, the guide will be provided to family resource centers and regional centers to distribute directly to NICUs in their areas.

Public Input

Comments offered:

- From Samantha Hebermehl: There is a resource for children and parents who are deaf and hard of hearing. [Signup](#) is an extension for the Chrome browser that provides ASL captions over supported content on Disney+.
- From Sheri Farinha: LEAD-K is hosting an event called Love and Literacy Across California, and they encourage ICC members to help promote the event and to attend. Links to the flyers were provided: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Presentation: APR/SSIP

January Crane, Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

- Targets have been updated for State Performance Planning and the Annual Performance Report required by the Federal government for all states participating in the Part C Program. DDS used 2018 for baseline data to set new targets because 2018 reflects data unaffected by the pandemic.
- Across all indicators, DDS has seen improvement over baseline data, except for Indicator 3.C.1: Infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improvements in the use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs, which saw a .1% decrease.
 - Compliance indicators show:
 - Improvement in providing timely services from the 19-20 to the 20-21 fiscal year,
 - Improvement in transition steps and services,
 - Improvement in timely transition conference, and
 - A 4% decrease in the timely notification of transition to the LEAs.
 - Child outcome indicators showed decreases across the board.
 - Family outcome indicators have decreased with an exception for families knowing their rights, which saw a 4% increase.
 - Rates for child find and services in natural environments also decreased.

To address the declines across indicators, the Department is increasing child find and outreach efforts. A link was provided to the full report: [link](#).

Presentation: Early Start Outreach with Tribal Communities

Leinani Walter, DDS

- Data has shown that fewer than one of every 100 children served by Early Start are from the Native American community and Native American children are least likely to be reflected in purchase of service funding.
- As part of the Department’s equity initiative, DDS is hosting community engagement sessions with local partners, including tribal leader listening sessions. Listening sessions open with a

Native blessing and are conducted in a government-to-government format. Goals include outreach, training, and the development of a Tribal Engagement Guide and other materials. DDS is partnering with San Diego Regional Center, Kern Regional Center, and Far Northern Regional Center in these efforts.

- As the initiative progresses, DDS will continue to update the ICC

Council Member Reports

Nancy Bargmann, DDS

- Ms. Bargmann reviewed the [budget for 2022-23](#). Expanded funding is available for home and community-based services, supporting Part C to B transitions, providing communication assessments for regional center consumers who are deaf, raising subminimum wages, enrolling vendors as Medicaid providers, and proposed funding for the warm shutdown of Fairview and Sonoma developmental centers.
- Ms. Bargmann invited questions from the ICC:
 - A participant asked whether the assessments for children will be aligned with the requirements of SB 210. DDS will provide an answer at the next ICC meeting.
 - In response to a question about alternative service delivery, Ms. Bargmann responded that DDS is looking into updating policies based on evidence of alternative service delivery successes.

Karmina Barrales, California Department of Education (CDE), Homeless Education

- Ms. Barrales commented that last year AB 27 passed, requiring the implementation of a housing questionnaire by school districts to identify housing status of students. This form could also be used by the agencies represented on the ICC. CDE can provide the form over email if requested.

Rosie Rios, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

- CDSS offers monthly webinars to licensees. CDSS welcomes community partners and agencies to be guest speakers. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Ms. Rios at CDSS.

Susan Ducore, Indian Health Services (IHS)

- Ms. Ducore acknowledged the ICC for their work in the communities they serve and members who wish to assist or work with IHS to reach out to her.

Suzanne Sherinian, Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC)

- Ms. Sherinian shared stories about two families that were able to overturn rulings/denials from their insurance companies through an independent medical reviews. The process allows a third party to assess the denial by the insurance provider and determine whether there is a medical necessity for the requested care. This process has a 60% rate of overturning the decision. Ms. Sherinian encouraged members of the ICC to contact her if they know of families who need assistance.

Richard Olney, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

- CDPH has been focused on the pandemic and dealing with the Omicron wave. There has been success in the vaccination effort, but CDPH is still waiting on FDA approval for vaccinations for children under five.

Voices from the Field

Infant Development Association of California (IDA), Fran Chasen:

- Ms. Chasen reminded meeting participants of the 7th Annual Policy Summit upcoming on January 24th. She also reminded everyone that with all the money coming into the system, it is more important than ever to share information on opportunities for grants and other avenues of funding. Finally, she encouraged ICC members to visit the IDA [website](#) to view upcoming events and access other information there.

Statewide Screening Task Force, Karen Moran Finello:

- The Statewide Screening Task Force continues its webinars about underserved communities, the second of which was focused on family voices from Native American communities. The third webinar will be offered on an invitation-only basis, focusing on government-to-government communication. The planning of these webinars involves members of tribal communities and counties with large tribal populations. The webinar planning should be completed by the end of February and more information will be provided to the ICC at its next meeting.

California Disability Community Actions Network (CDCAN), Marty Omoto:

- Mr. Omoto requested that a representative from California Health Human Services (CHHS) come to speak about the goals of the CHHS. He commented that the language in the goals and guiding principles is inclusive and could be instructive for the ICC's work. He reminded members that it is important to put the person back in person-centered, which means looking at the whole person and their services from all departments.

Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA), Robert Rochin:

- FRCNCA has met monthly. In the last director's meeting, FRCNCA discussed input on fact sheets for families of color and the challenges around managing remote employees.
- FRCNCA was awarded a DDS service access and equity grant for a workforce capacity project to strengthen Part C to Part B transition for black and Latinx students with developmental delays or disabilities. The project funded with this grant addresses systemic barriers to receiving services under Lanterman.
- Five regional centers are hosting summits on successful transition. These events will be regional gatherings, including all stakeholders in the system, to raise cultural awareness, provide family-centered support, and build understanding of the available services.

Prior to adjourning, Samantha Hebermehl asked about the \$15 million in funding for assessment for regional center clients who are deaf or hard of hearing. Mrs. Hebermehl wondered if it would be possible for these funds to be distributed to other projects because regional centers serve only a fraction of the deaf and hard of hearing community within Early Start. A discussion followed. A request was made for CDE to provide a presentation on their services for the deaf and hard of hearing community at the next ICC meeting.

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