

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention: Improving State Systems Committee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025

Time: 2:00a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Link to Zoom Recording:

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MEETING MINUTES

Opening

- Welcome
- Introductions/Roll Call
- Housekeeping Items
- Review Agenda

Updates from Committee Co-Chairs

1. Fran Chasen and Susan Ducore welcomed everyone.
2. Ross Adams performed a roll call and invited any community member not called to enter their name in the chat followed by the word guest.
3. JJ Fernandez shared housekeeping items, including how to access Spanish and ASL interpretation, how to share comments, and how to use chat.

Share 2025-2026 Committee Priority List and Recommendation Presentation

- The committee held an interim meeting on September 24, 2025, where the priorities were reviewed.
- F. Chasen reminded the committee that review of the ESPM remains a priority and that this committee offered its assistance in this process.
- Y. Baptiste reflected on the family survey that is still waiting to be launched. It is one of several surveys that are intended for families to complete. She recommended holding off so as not to bombard families. She further commented on quality IFSPs and a standard approach to intake, supporting those ideas.
- F. Chasen concurred and suggested that DDS staff and committee members should collaborate in the discussion on a quality IFSP process, as proposed in the new SSIP.
- P. Velez suggested discussing with DDS if children birth-to-three will have representation in the whole Department's committee.
- Y. Baptiste expressed concern that the committee doesn't have enough people and energy to tackle everything on the list.
- L. Shoyer and F. Chasen suggested moving the topic of FASD to the parking lot since differential diagnosis is difficult in the birth-to-three age range.
- Davis suggested the need for a workgroup to support the group working on the

regulations.

- Y. Baptiste offered that gathering folks with an interest in this topic would be helpful.
- P. Moore described interviews with RCs and families about streamlining the intake process.
- F. Chasen suggested that we want to be clear that ES needs to be included in any proposed changes.
- Y. Baptiste stated that this committee should not become another job. She prefers to learn and give advice. We don't have enough person-power to accomplish it all.
- F. Chasen pointed out that the ESPM is not even on the list of priorities.
- S. Ducore suggested that we can support the research process. She stated that the survey needs to go out.
- E. Gallardo interjected that the intention was to monitor the progress of the ESPM review because WestEd has already been assigned to work on it.
- McGuire explained the meaning of CPEI that was in E. Gallardo's comment in the chat; it's an old term WestEd no longer uses.
- P. Velez brought up the rate study.
- R. Ambriz interjected additional information about the review of the ESPM.
- F. Chasen added that the committee tagged along on this request.
- McGuire noted that the review of the ESPM is intended to be linked to the regulations.
- F. Chasen asked if the ESPM is still a priority.
- P. Velez agreed that progress on the ESPM should be a standing agenda item.
- E. Gallardo asked for more information about who will be doing the ESPM and can an ICC/Committee member be involved in the review or have the opportunity to make suggestions.
- R. Digman described the status of the ESPM review.
- E. Gallardo asked if the ICC/Committee can be involved. She concurred that we need to keep track of it and have regular updates.
- F. Chasen reiterated that review of the ESPM was a past priority. Is there still a commitment to this task within the committee?
- F. Chasen clarified.
- S. Ducore suggested that the committee receive standard updates.
- R. Digman clarified.
- S. Ducore asked if we have a quorum today. R. Adams stated no.
- F. Chasen asked if there's anything else that needs to be added to the first priority.
- F. Chasen moved the group onto the second priority about insurance.
- P. Velez stated that we are missing a major issue in terms of the quality of childcare.
- B. Salinas (From chat) stated that "systems of care" is also an additional update needed.
- Y. Baptiste suggested we get more concrete information about the problem.
- E. Gallardo, (From chat) wrote, "AB 121, Section 12 and 20: Government Code Section 95021 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4686.2 were amended

to remove the requirement that regional centers only purchase these services when a parent or parents participate in the intervention plan. The bill prohibits a regional center from denying or delaying the provision of ABA or intensive behavioral intervention services for an infant, toddler, or minor due to a lack of parent participation, as specified. This is against evidence-based practice.”

- P. Velez stated that the ABA lobby is very strong.
- S. Ducore suggested that the group keep health insurance and its impact on the ES system as a priority.
- L. Shoyer reported that RCs are using insurance to conduct evaluations of eligibility.
- R. Millar questioned whether all children need highly specialized services. What about inclusion?
- P. Velez suggested S. Sherinian (DMHC) would be a good resource to for data on this issue.
- F. Chasen moved the group onto coordinated child find.
- P. Moore felt that the topic of child find never really got much traction. She explained why this is a priority for her. Outreach is important to reach all families who may need services. Providers need to be reminded about their responsibility in the child find process.
- Anne reminded the group about the presentation ICC received from Warm Hand-off.
- E. Bramble described how overwhelming the intake process can be.
- F. Chasen stated that families are different and are experiencing different things now. What worked before may no longer be effective. She then moved the group on to the list of presentations and added that there was a suggestion to drop priority five although this issue will do the service system in if it is not addressed. She also asked for suggestions of presenters.
- S. Ducore suggested we invite someone from outside the ICC to present on specific topics.
- F. Chasen said the Department has access to experts as well.

Public Input

- R. Digman opened public comment.
- From the chat: “My name is Jenn Raley Miller, and I am a graduate student in public health. I recently completed an in-depth analysis of the SB 805 regulatory implementation. I concur with the need for a task force or work group to oversee the implementation - not simply the regulatory language, but also the rollout - that would include parents, providers, RC reps, DDS, and DMHC.”
- R. Digman asked for J. Raley Miller’s contact information.
- J. Raley Miller jennmiller@csus.edu
- Y. Baptiste told a story about a baby she recently saw, and the family’s desire to have the life they’d hoped for this baby and their family. The family faces economic/employment challenges.

- L. Shoyer suggested to follow the family rather than have the family follow the resources.

Next Steps

- Perhaps members of the ICC will have ideas.
- S. Ducore reiterated that all-day childcare is an important issue.
- P. Moore, (From chat) said, “Kind of feels like these have been on the list for a few meetings. I felt like there was agreement in the last meeting to move forward while acknowledging that there will be more discussion by the full ICC.”
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 pm.

MEETING ATTENDEES
Thursday, October 16, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie Kane Poulsen (Chairperson)	Susan Ducore
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Maricris Acon (for Pete Cervinka)	Suzanne Sherinian (for Mary Watanabe)
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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Avril Apple Sepulveda	Jonathan Eckrich	Patricia Moore
Edyth Gallardo	Julie Rems-Smario	Yvette O. Baptiste
Elena Bramble	Lisa Schoyer	Rachel Hagans
Fran Chasen	Pablo Velez	

INTERPRETERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Vega (ASL)	Marco A Gutierrez (Spanish)	Rene Souleret (ASL)
Giovanna Wormsbecker (Spanish)		

WestEd STAFF PRESENT

Angela McGuire	Ross Adams
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OTHERS PRESENT

Adriana Zuniga	Esteban Ortiz (DDS)	Michelle Dove
Andrea Davis	Hannah Michaelsen	Mike Odeh
Anna Levine	Gigi Ostrowsky	Rachel Wilson (DDS)
Anne De Medeiros (DDS)	Janelle Fong (DDS)	Robin Millar
Brigida Salinas	JJ Fernandez (DDS)	Ryan Digman (DDS)

Cathy Schulz
Christine Rottger
Debbi Davis

Kaitlynn Truong
Laurie Jordan
Marisol Segura (DDS)

Sam Hebermehl
Stephanie Santamaria (DDS)

QUESTIONS?

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