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Interagency Coordinated Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

10am to 12:30pm

ICC members in attendance: Cory Best, Tonia Carriger (proxy Sue McKinney, Interim Director OECOSL), Representative Ed Clere, Mariann Frigo, Mark Guyer, Kristi Linson, Tanya Merritt-Mulamba, Dr. Megan Purcell, Jennifer Owens, Sarah Sailors, Angie Vaughn, Stacy Williams

ICC Members not in attendance: Erica Deathe (Walker), DeAnna Woodruff

First Steps State Staff in Attendance: Christina Commons, David Brandon-Friedman, Maggie McCall, Jessica Tomasino, Connie Young

Welcome and Introductions

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendance was taken. Governor appointments for 2022-2025 members are pending.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am and Teresa Bravo, service coordinator for Cluster A provided her view as a First Steps service coordinator and why she has the passion to do the job.

Approval of January 2022 minutes (Vote on Approval)

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, asked the council if anyone had any edits or additions to the July 2022 meeting minutes. Megan Purcell moved to accept the minutes as written. Cory Best seconded the motion. The council voted to accept the minutes by a vote:

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstained

The motion was carried.

First Steps Update

Christina Commons, First Steps Director, provided the state update (Power Point attached). The council discussed possible ideas for how to address the workforce shortages of the program. Dr. Megan Purcell brought up a long-term strategy for recruitment and the barriers to getting college students working on their early childhood education/early childhood special education degrees approval to complete field and clinical experiences in First Steps. Rep Clere asked if there was anything that could be accomplished through legislative action to allow for these experiences to be made possible. Dr. Purcell said that she would look at the requirements and what changes might need to be made. Christina stated that the SPOEs and provider agencies will meet on 9/15/2022 to discuss workforce shortages and begin to develop a plan on how best to meet the IFSP needs of children and their families. She will report out at the November meeting.

FGRBI



Katherine Hargreaves, who is heading up the Family Guided Routines Based Intervention (FGRBI) efforts through the Early Childhood Center at Indiana University, gave an update on the state's effort to offer FGRBI as a service provision to work with and coach families who are receiving First Steps services (Power Point attached).

Sub-Committee Work Summary

Advocacy Sub-Committee

Representative Clere gave the summary for the Advocacy sub-committee. He reported that the committee had discussions around the workforce shortage and insurance issues with getting First Steps covered and paid.

Fiscal Sub-Committee

Mark Guyer gave a summary from the Fiscal sub-committee. He reported that a reimbursement trend analysis is still needed based on the changes for the EIHub. Maggie McCall, Quality Assurance Director, will be asked to help in their effort. They also discussed rolling Fiscal and Advocacy sub-committees together to better align and support the goals of both committees.

Professional Development Sub-Committee

Jessica Tomasino gave the summary of the PD sub-committee. She reported that the focus of this committee will change to child assessment. The Early Childhood Center reported what has been happening to research assessment tools used in the early intervention field.

2022 Governor's Report

The first two draft pages were shared with the council. There is room for more information. It will include a family story. The final draft is due to the First Steps office by October 7, 2022. Mariann asked for a motion to include the numbers discussed in the State Update in the Governor's Report. Jennifer Owens moved to include the numbers in the Governor's Report and Cory Best Seconded the motion. All council members agreed. The motion carried.

Legislative Updates

Representative Clere stated the overarching theme with budget conversations for legislators will be inflation. The Budget Forecasting Report will be sent to State Budget Committees in December to use during the upcoming session in early 2023.

Public Comment

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, asked if there were any comments from the public. No one offered any comments.

Adjourn

Mariann, ICC Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Owens made the motion. Cory Best seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm. The next meeting is November 9, 2022.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Janet Ballard, ICC Staff Support