



Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services

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Interagency Coordinated Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EDT

ICC members in attendance: Karen Carradine, Representative Ed Clere, Thomas Fisher, Mariann Frigo, Mark Guyer, Kristi Linson, Nicole Norvell, Dean DeKemper (Proxy for Jennifer Owens), Erica Deathe, Stacy Williams, DeAnna Woodruff

ICC Members not in attendance: Sarah Sailors, Joan Smith

First Steps State Staff in Attendance: Christina Commons, David Brandon Friedman, Maggie McCall, Sondra Tarter, 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 10:15am and Christine Lundquist, a First Steps parent from northern Indiana, shared her experience with the First Steps program. Her son was referred at 18 months. Once he started receiving services for his developmental delays, his M-CHAT (Autism Screening tool) score dropped significantly. His development is booming all because of First Steps.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, asked if there were any corrections or edits to the March meeting minutes. Thom Fisher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. Nicole Norvell seconded the motion. The council voted to approve as follows:

11 Yes

0 No

0 Abstained

The motion was carried.

First Steps Update:

Christina Commons, State Director, shared an update via Power Point (see attached). David Brandon-Friedman has returned to First Steps as the First Steps Policy Director. The Part C application is due 5/13/22. The state got additional American Rescue Plan Funding (ARP) and the State Office will review the stakeholder input collected during the January meeting on how to best invest the additional money.

Council Discussion:

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, asked the council to consider developing talking points for stakeholders as they prepare to meet with their legislators and advocate for First Steps. The Council took part in a SWOT analysis



activity to identify strengths to promote in these conversations as well as identify opportunities especially as it relates to workforce and program sustainability (PDF attached).

Sub -Committee work

There was no sub-committee work done at this meeting.

Legislative Comments

Representative Clere did not have any further comments to share. The legislators are not currently in session. He shared many of his comments during the creation of the Trajectory of First Steps.

ICC Membership

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, reminded the council that some membership terms expire at the end of December 2022. She asked those with terms expiring to think of who can take their place or enter their name for re-appointment by the Governor.

Public Comment

Mariann Frigo, ICC Chair, asked for public comment and no comments were shared.

Adjourn

Mark Guyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thom Fisher seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm. Next meeting will be on July 13, 2022.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Janet Ballard, ICC Staff Support