



Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services

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<p>Interagency Coordinated Council Meeting Minutes-DRAFT May 12, 2021 10am-12:30pm EST</p>	
<p>Council members in attendance: Barb Blain, Karen Carradine, Rep. Ed Clere, Gina Doyle, Mariann Frigo, Mark Guyer, Nicole Norvell, Jennifer Owens, Kenya Rogers, Sarah Sailors, Brittnee Smith (Brooklyn Dugdale), Jake Stein, Claire Szpara, DeAnna Woodruff, Gina Woodward</p>	
<p>State team in attendance: Christina Commons, Maggie McCall, Meghan Smith, Sondra Tarter, Jessica Tomasino, Connie Young</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Barb Blain called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the group. Stephanie Garner, who is a parent shared her story about her daughter Lilly and her family’s experience in the First Steps system. Lilly has Down syndrome and received services from 3 months to the day before her third birthday. Learning how to advocate for her child was important.</p>
<p>Approval of January 2021 minutes</p>	<p>Barb Blain asked if there were any edits/comments about the March meeting minutes. Barb asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Mariann Frigo made the motion to approve the minutes and Gina Doyle seconded the motion. The motion was carried.</p>
<p>First Steps Updates and IN EI Hub Update</p>	<p>Christina provided an update around the EI-Hub. The State team is meeting daily with PCG. Weekly bulletins are being sent out every Friday with updates and bi-monthly stakeholder calls are happening. Power Point will be sent out with meeting minutes. Representative Clere ask for some agency directors shared their experience with the EI-Hub from a user perspective.</p>
<p>Legislative Update</p>	<p>Meghan Smith talked about: SEA 3-Telehealth bill- This changed the laws-specifies who can offer telehealth. Now dietitians, Occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, social workers, and speech language pathologists can now provide telehealth and be reimbursed by Medicaid. The state office is working on policies around Telehealth and will be collaborating with other states who were providing Telehealth services prior to the pandemic. Interim policies will be released by May 21st . PT licensure Interstate Compact- PTs licensed in one state can provide services in another as long as both states are a compact state. Currently Kentucky is the only state that is a compact state, but Ohio, Illinois and</p>



	<p>Michigan are in the process of becoming a compact state. http://ptcompact.org/ptc-states</p> <p>Representative Clere provided information around other bills: SEA 59- OT services- direct access for 42 days without a referral. SEA 257- Protections for Parents with disabilities. HEA 1305- Medicaid reimbursement for children’s hospitals outside of Indiana. HEA 1313-students with disabilities-help identify past students that did not graduate with a diploma and connect them to resources to help the obtain their diploma or work force training. Broadband access will be a continued conversation. First Steps funding stayed the same. There is an ongoing need for advocacy. Legislators are already looking forward to the 2023 budget year. This is a great time to go visit your local legislators as they are back in their local area.</p>
<p>Sub-Committee Report Out Summary</p>	<p>Advocacy: Jake reported that the committee added more tasks to the plan. They are looking at creating a document to share with legislators about what First Steps is, who it serves, what First Steps does and the benefits of the program. The group also wants to get testimonials from families and pictures to accompany. Jake would like to talk to the ICC Executive Committee to get feedback and talk about using standard colors/logo. The document will be editable so it can be customized as needed. The committee also discussed how children of undocumented parents are getting services and what are the barriers if they are not receiving services. Another idea is to share experiences (how it went) when talking to legislators.</p> <p>Finance: Mariann reported that the committee is looking forward the LMS training that will take place on 5/18/2021. The correct codes did not follow the kids when the old system data migrated to the new system. The committee estimated there is around \$3 million of unbillable claims because of the wrong billing codes. The committee had a few questions: 1) Will PCG is able to correct the claims? 2) Once the claims are corrected, will agencies be able to go back and bill for these services again?</p> <p>The committee also thought about creating handouts for families to help explain co-pays to families and ways to encourage families to stay in the system while working through the new system glitches. How can we better explain to parents what they can do to better understand the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements? Another question was how do smaller agencies run on smaller payments while system glitches are being fixed? Mark Guyer gave an example of how he has tried to correct claims as a parent and offered his assistance to anyone that needs help. Final question was how can the state function in a deficit if billing codes/claims are not fixed?</p>

	<p>Professional Development: Karen reported the committee discussed the potential areas of the strategic plan. They also talked about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The LMS system needs to provide more information to have better knowledge by having Monique present about it. 2) Be involved with the LMS roll out with updates and data. 3) The committee can act as a peer review group for the onboarding courses and any other outdated trainings. Also offer post training surveys to participants to get a sense of their satisfaction. The committee could assist in creating the questions. 4) Act as a peer review for the rollout of Implicit Bias trainings. <p>Additional thoughts: Are the trainings meeting the demand of the providers enrolled in the system?</p> <p>The committee as also updated on FGRBI and the First Steps virtual conference. There are 571 participants registers so far.</p>
Public Comment	No comments
Adjourn	<p>Barb asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Stein made a motion and Mariann Frigo seconded the motion. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm.</p>

Next meeting: July 14, 2021
Location: Zoom 10am to 12:30pm