Interagency Coordinated Council Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2019

ICC Members present
Joshua Bougie, Karen Carradine, Christina Commons, Sara Cummins, Gina Doyle, Thomas Fisher, Mariann Frigo, Kelsey Harmer, Dorene Hoops, Deepali Jani, Nicole Norvell, Jennifer Owens, Shirley Payne, Brittnee Smith, Claire Szpara, Jake Stein, Jessica Tomasino, Stacy Williams, Teri Williams (sub for Barb Blain)

State Agency personnel present:
Christina Commons, Maggie McCall, Meghan Smith, Sondra Tarter, Connie Young

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| Welcome and Introductions | Meeting called to order at 10:05  
New ICC member Gina Doyle introduced herself. Welcome Gina! |
| Approval of January, 2019 minutes | Minutes were approved as written. |
| First Steps Updates | Christina Commons  
- Christina introduced new state staff Sondra Tarter.  
- Steven Webb will be the new Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services Controller.  
- See PowerPoint for more information. Additional comments follow.  
- Updates on training  
  - There was a wait list for the ECHO training on substance use disorder  
    - The state team is considering doing it again given the high volume of interest  
  - Motivational Interviewing training is upcoming  
- Central Reimbursement Office Proposals are currently under evaluation.  
  - If you have questions email Mark Hempel at Mark.Hempel@idoa.in.gov  
- National Part C Involvement  
  - Jessica Tomasino and Christina Commons attended a meeting of the Infant Toddler Coordinator Association (ITCA) and the Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) to discuss support to new leadership |
Christina met with the ITCA board to set priorities and prepare for Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) meeting

- It is likely that changes will be made to the next State Performance Plans (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR).
- Christina Commons would like to see the ICC be actively involved in having input to that process. It is important for Indiana to have a voice at the national table
- Part C Application.
  - This is the first time that we are submitting for full approval. This means that all the needed information, forms, etc. are in place. This is very exciting!
- 2018 data
  - Average age at referral remains at 14 months. We need to keep an eye on this figure since we have more people implementing ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire) evaluations as a move to ramp up early evaluation.
  - Jake Stein asked about the % of budget spent on direct services. Christina Commons believed that it was 90-95% without having the figures in front of her.
  - There are a variety of reasons that children who are referred are not served (not eligible after evaluation, transience of families, erroneous filling out of form by parents).
- 2019 First Steps Conference is June 13 & 14, 2019
  - Dr. Tweety Yates will be doing multiple presentations. See link [http://go.iu.edu/FS2019](http://go.iu.edu/FS2019) to register.
  - The conference will host their inaugural poster sessions this year. Proposals are due by April 30, 2019 to jsj5@iu.edu
- On March 21 the third Home Visiting webinar will be presented. It will be recorded and posted on Training Central ([http://partnershipsforearlylearners.org/get-involved/providers/training-central/](http://partnershipsforearlylearners.org/get-involved/providers/training-central/)).

**Legislative Update**

- Jake Stein and Jennifer Owens discussed the 9 million new dollars added to House Bill 1001 which includes First Steps among many other budget items. This is in addition to the 11 million dollars which gives a total of 20 million. It is still in discussion in the Senate.
- Thomas Fisher let us know that there is a bill proposing that Nurse Practitioners will need to have a collaborative agreement in with a physician during their first three years of practice. This is currently in the house for deliberation
| Partner Agency Update | Joshua Bougie ([Joshua.Bougie@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Joshua.Bougie@fssa.in.gov)) Senior Manager of Program Development at the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning presented “Indiana Medicaid Touchpoints” along with Government Affairs Manager Gabrielle Koenig ([Gabrielle.Kownig@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Gabrielle.Kownig@fssa.in.gov)).  
* They provided statistics, definitions and responsibilities of programs within Medicaid and an overview of a State Plan Amendment process.  
* Both invited questions, comments or concerns. |
| Committee Meetings and Reports |  
| Advocacy Committee |  
* There will be a table at the conference on June 13th and 14th  
* There was a suggestion to have a conference presence at the Annual Riley Children’s Health Pediatric Conference.  
* The creation of a consistent document that could be available for advocacy efforts across the state was recommended. Christina Commons offered that the state office has something in progress which will be done by June.  
* The advocacy small group suggested that Local Planning and Coordinating Councils (LPCCs) have meetings to invite state government representatives.  
| Revenue Recovery |  
* Will look at Request For Proposal (RFP) to comment  
* Will survey other states’ Early Intervention programs to see how they are covering Part C benefits  
| Professional Development |  
* Will create an overview of what is currently happening following conversation with Connie Young and Michael Conn-Powers.  
| Other |  
* There has been a change in the way First Steps covers missed appointments. Jake Stein asked for input as to preferences, current practices, etc. There is currently some confusion as to what a “missed appointment” is and why it can only be rescheduled within the same week. What would it look like if the policy changed? How could missed appointments be handled differently? Send comments to sudixon@indiana.edu  
* HB 1001 is still in senate appropriations, please let your senators know your thoughts.  
| Public Comment | No public comment |
Adjourned | The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Next meeting:
Wednesday May 8, 2019
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