

**“The purpose of the RICC is to ensure partnership of parents and regional representatives dedicated to supporting children with, or at risk of, a disability from birth to age 3, and their families.”**

---

**RICC Meeting  
05/21/2009  
12:00 noon**



Present were: Tim Coughlin, Barb Olson, Annie Pivarnik, Lynda Hill, Nicole Bryant, Tammy Hilton, Kathy Molland, Jaret Cvancara, Harlan Fixen, Rod Gillund and Dawn Barkie (minutes).

Minutes of the last RICC meeting and agenda for this meeting were handed out.

Introduction of Nicole Bryant to the team Nicole is currently working on her Masters and has three children, one of whom has been served by Infant Development.

### **Right Track Referrals**

Barb Olson is currently working with Right Track. She works the Infant Development and Right Track Referrals.

Barb is also working with the following persons:

Kathy Lee - Minot

Betty Omvig - Williston

Keith Gustafson - Williston

Jessica Ziegler - Williston

- Barb has talked to both clinics. She has not had many responses from the clinics. Barb has also been talking to the nurses more so, as the doctors have been pretty busy. It was stated that they need to work

**"The purpose of the RICC is to ensure partnership of parents and regional representatives dedicated to supporting children with, or at risk of, a disability from birth to age 3, and their families."**

---

- on getting out into the community more. The easiest way to spread the word is through the community.
- However, she got a good response from parents at the Kids Day out Event at the college. She had 23 parent sign ups.
  - There are some general concerns with enrollment: some of this is due to parents not having a lot of time and keeping so busy.
  - Lynda Hill has talked to the Day Care Association. She stated they are the front line for them. There was also general discussion on schools and getting them on board.
  - Special Education teachers are aware of Right Track. It was also discussed on the transitions of going between schools.
  - Across the state the referrals are down, as reported by Tim.

### **S-OAE**

- An audiologist has been approved through the state; however they are still working on the contract. Currently they are referring to Jerry Knapp in Minot.
- The Health/History Questionnaire has not been completed yet. Bismarck and Dickinson created one and there are good things on both of them. The team here requested to be sent the questionnaires, however they have not received them as of yet.
- Testing has been going on with the machine with each other.
- Betty has used the machine on one person so far.
- The fax machine/copier has been received.

### **Autism Spectrum**

- Barb attended the Early Detection of Autism poly com. There are hopes on genetically figuring out this disorder.
- Barb stated that there are many websites out there and she can provide them to those who would like them.
- Annie Pivarnik and Lynda Hill attended the Autism Spectrum Disorder Training. There will be additional training held.
- RBI (Routine Based Interview) - times vary on this interview.
- The Infant Development Team needs to be very proficient, or else they will not be able to practice Infant Development.

**“The purpose of the RICC is to ensure partnership of parents and regional representatives dedicated to supporting children with, or at risk of, a disability from birth to age 3, and their families.”**

---

- Regions 1 and 8 have a deadline of August to get their items completed. The Questionnaire they have to do is very complex.
- Discussion was held on the Questionnaire and building relationships with families. This questionnaire seems to be very complex and much discussion was held on this subject.
- Infant Development is shifting their work around and going to a hands free work environment. It will lead to a more Coaching and Supportive environment.

#### **General**

- Questions arose on how to enlist more parents on the RICC Team.

Notices will be sent out by email for our next quarterly meetings - August 20, 2009 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.