

RICC Meeting

7-22-09

Present: Lorri Sandal, Shonda Wild, Sandy McMerty, Connie Schwartz, Dorothy Larson, Rebecca Helm, Michelle Hougén, Roxane Romanick, Becky Severt, Vicki Peterson, Theresa Kuhn, Deb Tibor, Kirsten McIntyre, **Ava Red Tomhawk**

Minutes: Sandy shared Larry Edelman'

Motion to approve the Shonda, 2nd Vicki – motion passed.

Member Updates:

Shonda Wild – CCRR – wrote proposal to DHS for federal child care block grant dollars. Waiting to hear on

CEFL (on social emotional/behavioral supports) training on Aug. 19 and 20th, ;Nov. 5-6 DPI, Headstart Collaboration Office. Registration information is pending. Shonda will email the registration form to us. Can take the course in Bismarck and Minot.

Pre-K Summit – **Forward to staff**

Lorri Sandal – in process of hiring another DDPM to work with infants and toddlers. Person is going to be involved in Standing Rock. Trying to struggle with the new waiver requirements. Lots of changes and lots of paper.

Deb Tibor – Next week, meeting with Matt from Medical Technologies to have OAE's and tymps for West River

Vicki – Parent to Parent training on August 17th from 5:30 – 9:00 – recommend training for all parents; Closing the Gap – 11 parent scholarships left; attended an informational session on Bridges to Benefits – will give a preliminary estimate on whether or not a family may be eligible for certain programs: www.bridgetobenefits.org – click on ND or go to www.fvnd.org for the link. FVND topical calls: July 27th on Supporting a family with a terminal illness or have a child who has died; August 12 – Children with Disabilities Medicaid Coverage. Senator Dorgan will be in Edgeley on August 11th at 3:15 to meet with families on health care reform.

Becky: Oct. 5,6,7th – The Phenomenon of Laughter in Recovery. Looking for a location. \$60.00 registration fee

Jennifer Restemayer – Bridges to Benefits – Paul R. is the coordinator in ND for the Children's Defense Fund. Have been able to track the referrals that a certain agency is making.

Rebecca Helm – October 13, 14th, 15th – Dr. Rossetti will be in Standing Rock the first two days and then in Bismarck the evening of the 14th and 15th. Has a good skill base on neuro-development.

Recommendation: Would be great to have postcards to get to families to their doctors – personal invites.

Dorothy Larson –

Connie Schwartz – Going around to all the communities doing OAE's -

Sandy McMerty – my daycare went to training on ELG. Good on cues and markers. Birth to 3 guidelines are also out. United Way in Bismarck is now doing Dolly Parton's bookclub – the first mailing has gone out. Dolly's Imagination Library.com

Suggestion to have Kay Larson come in and do a quick training on the ELG's

Kirsten told story about Abby talking: "I Want Mama"

Roxane:

Take notes off the Updates

Standing Rock Program Report:

Case File Reviews:

Major issues noted:

45 days timelines – difficulties with finding families and connecting with them. Trying to figure out different ways to fix these findings. Trying to do co-intakes with DDPM

Hearing screenings – now have an OAE machine.

Integrating routines into the IFSP document – talking about routines and how a child is using functional skills. Having a 2nd person look through IFSP's prior to submission.

Childfind: Trying to go into the communities every month for screening purposes.

BECEP Right Track Report/Early Intervention (Attach Michelle's report):

Roxane passed out Referral/eligibility numbers for the 1st and 2nd quarter.

Connie asked about the timing of the newborn (first-time) referrals – are behind on this schedule; parents are also asking about when Right Track will be coming back out. Wondering what to say to families about this.

Not getting to families like we were able to – going to stop calling a family after a couple of calls.

IHS nurses are not getting the referrals like they should be –

Number of referrals to EI –

Michelle noted that she and Lisa met with Deb Balsdon - Not adequately able to find kids – due to the limit on numbers. Deb felt that this may be due to physician numbers. Michelle noted that she does not feel it's due to that, but due to the fact that we don't have enough home visits.

Michelle went on to say that the overall numbers are down overall at BECEP. This has affected the budget that will be submitted for 09-10 – had to lay off staff.

Michelle also discussed the change to unit rates with the committee.

Michelle talked about the JuliAnn Woods training – both SR and BECEP staff are involved in routine based assessment and intervention. A year-long approach to improvement of staff skills.

A SLP has been contracted with Right Track Home Visitors for consultative/training purposes on when to make a referral and how to make other suggestions.

Question: Wondering if information was given to Deb about the number of physician referrals at the time we met. Are we able to demonstrate this – yes Discussion about the rate setting

Right Track numbers have fallen off – this is what we predicted.

We have a pool that have a higher rate of eligibility, but we can't get to those kids – we know that they exist – don't have the staff or time that we don't have the time to get back to these or track these families.

Deb did say that she would look at the possibility of getting us more additional money.

What about quality assurance on the screenings that are being done? How often is that being done?
Lisa is going out a couple times a year with individual staff.

Are children that fall through the cracks (children referred and not found eligible) followed up on on a more frequent basis?

Discussion about edits to EI/EP descriptions –

Rebecca moved to adjourn, Connie seconded.

