

# Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC)

## Meeting Agenda

April 20, 2009

### 12:00 - 12:30 New Business

#### Introductions

Members present: Tammy Brumfield, Kimm Sickler, Corinne Chruszch, Gilda Lubinski, Cheryl Anderson, Lori Wentz, Darcy Hopfauf, Wanda Schweiger, Jill Staudinger, Peg Crane, Cami Janikowski

#### 2009 Meeting Dates

- August 10<sup>th</sup> 12:00-3:00
- December 7 12:00-3:00

#### Training Information

- Dr. Bruce Perry - five of the RICC members attended Dr. Bruce Perry's presentation in Bismarck. Everyone agreed that it was great information, but hard to "hear" at times because some of the situations/stories were so devastating. It was a training that made many think about the kids they serve or work with.
- RBI Training - All Early intervention staff are currently going through formal RBI (Routine Based Interview) training and will be certified in RBI's at the end of the training. The state provides 2 times a month for staff to meet via IVN in order to participate in the training. Staff only needs to attend one of the times each month. It is anticipated that staff will have to video themselves doing an RBI in order to receive certification.
- Larry Edelman - Early intervention staff from around the state gathered to learn about technology from Larry Edelman. The focus was how to use technology with families to help provide services. Larry Edelman provided many free resources and lots of information and ideas on how to make this work.
- Pathfinders Conference- RICC members shared what they learned at the Pathfinders Conference. Everyone agreed that the highlights were listening to Michael and Eleanor Bailey as well as Jennifer Graf-Groneberg speak about their experiences. Rick Lavoie also presented and shared information on social skills and what kids need in order to succeed.
- Juliann Woods (open to public on May 4<sup>th</sup>) - All of the Early Intervention staff will be attending the day training by Juliann Woods on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Some of

the staff will be staying for 2 more days of training with Juliann Woods. They will be part of teams that will participate in training for a year.

- Support Parent Training- Missi Baranko is holding training/workshops for parents interested in being Support Parents for other families. The trainings can be accessed online or via the once a month phone conferences. Missi will also be going to each region within the next 4 months to conduct in person training. The trainings are free to anyone who wants to participate.
- Parent Leadership Institute - Family Voices of ND will be holding two Parent Leadership Institutes, one in May and one in August. They are currently full, but we do have some parents for our region attending.

#### K.I.D.S. Program Update

- Staffing Update - Jill shared that they have hired two new staff and will be fully staffed in May! The KIDS Program will now have all disciplines covered. The new staff members are Trisha Gets and Robin Rivinius.
- Numbers Update - Jill shared that the KIDS Program is sustaining numbers of children enrolled at about 90. This is an increase of about 30 children in the last 7 months.

#### Right Track Program Update

- Kimm talked about continued needs of the families that she is seeing. This lead to conversations around what we could do as a community to help those families who are lacking in resources or experiencing crisis.

#### Preschool Update

- ECC - Cheryl shared that they are now seeing the results from the Early Childhood Outcomes data. She also shared that they have dismissed 8 children for being at age level. Currently Sharon Hansen is working on a grant to start an Early Headstart program in Dickinson. This grant money is part of the federal stimulus monies.
- West River - Corinne shared that the numbers of children served has been steady and they are expecting this to continue into next year.

#### Experienced Parent Update

- Presentation at DSU - Missi shared that in February she gave a presentation at DSU to the "Exceptional Child" class. She anticipates being asked to do this each semester.
- Missi shared that she and Jill have had conversations with HIT about being the fiscal agent for the Experienced Parent Program. Currently HIT is also the fiscal agent for the KIDS Program. She said she will still be working as

the Experienced Parent, but may be hiring another parent to assist with activities and other duties. If everything goes accordingly, this will begin in July when the new budget begins.

**12:30-2:30      Quality Improvement Plan**

- Data - The data was reviewed. There was not a lot of change except for the increase in referrals from the medical field as well as the general increase in referrals from all sources.
- Competency Committee Meetings - Jill shared that they haven't met in a while because of the weather. She also shared that the new name for the staff that do home visits will be "PEIP's" which stands for Primary Early Intervention Provider.
- NLO - Natural Learning Opportunities - Missi shared that the group met via phone conference in February. The main concern at that meeting was to get out information to referral sources and families about what Early Intervention is. She said she has not heard back on where things are at.
- Part C Monitoring Update (Compliance) - Plans have been pulled that need to be reviewed. The local monitoring team (Jill, Tammy, Gilda, and Missi) will be meeting soon to review those plans and fill out the required compliance forms.
- Including Samuel Video - Missi was going to share the Including Samuel Video, but there wasn't enough time, instead she showed a video that her daughter, Tashina, filmed and edited after Missi participated in the training by Larry Edelman.
- Zero to Three Policy Brief - Everyone received a copy of an Early Intervention Policy Brief. We will add this item to the agenda for the next RICC meeting. This will give everyone time to read the brief and bring back any comments or feedback.
- EIFA (Early Intervention Family Alliance) Summary - This was shared with all of the members in attendance. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting after everyone has time to read it and then they can make comments.
- Legislative update - Members shared legislative updates. Missi shared info on SCHIP and where it was at. Jill talked about the DD budget and the possible increase in hourly pay for providers within the DD system.

**Discuss the following Action Steps from the QIP – changes are highlighted and were made in the QIP**

<p>Educate physicians on the benefits of early intervention and the differences between therapy and early intervention. (Indicator 2) Will wait for the information from the Natural Learning Opportunities Stakeholders meeting and share the info with the physicians. <b>Will provide at least 2 contacts per year with</b></p>	<p>May 08  Updated – changed to December 08  <b>This will be on ongoing step that</b></p>	<p>RICC Subcommittee, State Resources (possible brochure), KIDS Staff, EP</p>
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physicians throughout the region. This may include memo's, phone calls, or staff meetings.	will be continually done as needed.	
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Do a refresher course for EI staff and Case Management on how to complete the Oregon. (Indicator 3) The TA team will be meeting with staff in July 08.	February 08  Updated – changed to August 08 Will happen as soon as the training is provided.	EI Program Director, State Technical Assistance Team  Wait for TA to provide the training.
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Find out more specific information about each individual question on the family survey. (Indicator 4) We are still waiting for information regarding the survey. Look into doing a regional survey that would give feedback on areas that are not included in the Family Survey that is done by the state.	May 08  Still waiting for info.  October 2009	Experienced Parent, State office (for data)  Missi Baranko will contact other regions to find out if they have surveys they use and will coordinate a meeting to discuss possible survey options.
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Educate physicians on things such as torticollis, feeding for suck-swallow-breath, not taking bottle well, hearing (including how to conduct a hearing screen) – so when they refer to direct therapy, they also consider referring to Infant Development. (Indicator 5)	May 08  Change to August 08  Completed as of 4/30/09 – will continue to provide as needed.	Rehab Staff, KIDS staff, Right Track, EP
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Pursue the possibility of presenting to the students in the college nursing program <b><u>or other university programs.</u></b> (Indicator 5) Missi did this in February, she will continue to contact the university each fall to find interest in the presentation.	May 08  Change to October 08  Completed – will continue to do.	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP, Right Track
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Provide info to nurses that do home follow up with new parents – talk with Babykind director. (Indicator 5)	May 08  Change to October 08  Completed – will continue to do	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP, Right Track
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<b>July 08-February 18 2009</b>		
<b>Eligibility Information</b>		
Automatic/High Risk	9	
25/2	35	
50	0	
Informed Clinical Opinion	6	
Not Interested	6	
Referred to Right Track	5	
Not Eligible	4	
No Response	3	
Referred to Part B	1	
Transferred In	3	
Total	72	

<b>45 Day Timeline July 08-February 18 2009</b>		
No IFSP scheduled yet	12	
Not Interested/Not Eligible/No response	23	
0-25	1	
26-35	14	
36-45	30	
46-55	1	
56+	4	
total referrals	85	

<b>Average Age at Referral</b>	
14	months

<b>Referral Source July 08-February 18 2009</b>		
Right Track	27	32%

CAPTA	4	5%
St. Alexius	0	0%
Medcenter One	4	5%
Physician	28	33%
Parent	9	11%
Social Services (non capta)	1	1%
Health Track	0	0%
Rehab	2	2%
West River SS	0	0%
Other	7	8%
Other Program	2	2%
WIC	1	1%
Baby Face	0	0%
Total	85	100%