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**ICC MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2012
IN-PERSON AND VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Approved: 3.14.13

PRESENT

Members

Allison Driessen
Jill Staudinger
Shannon Grave
Carol Brakel
Nancy Skorheim
Tammy Gallup-Millner
Jennifer Barry

Wendy Borman
Amanda Lausch
Cassie Keller
Holly Major
Tina Bay

Staff

Roxane Romanick
Amanda Carlson
Colette Perkins

Guest

Katherine Grandstrand, Dickinson Press

TOPIC: WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions were made

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- No changes/additions.

TOPIC: FAMILY STORY

- Cancelled due to sickness.

TOPIC: MINUTES REVIEW FROM 9/20/12 AND 9/21/12

- A motion was made by Carol Brakel and seconded by Jill Staudinger to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion Carried.

TOPIC: MEMBERS UPDATES – INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE NEWS

- Shannon Grave reported that there are currently a number of North Dakota Early Intervention staff working on their ASD certification.
- Tammy Gallup-Millner reported that Title V staff had a meeting with Tim Hathaway from Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota and received an updated on the federal home visiting grant. Services will be targeted to Benson and Rolette counties using the Healthy Families America model for prenatal to age 3. He hopes service delivery will begin February, 2013. System issues are being addressed through a home visiting coalition. Tammy also reported that Title V

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staff were involved in two recent training events. An annual CSHS care coordination training was held for county, public health, and medical home care coordinators and a training on Bright Futures Health Supervision Guidelines was held with speakers from the national AAP. Both occurred in November 2012. Tammy shared 2 newly revised resource guides from CSHS – one on Autism Spectrum Disorder resources and the other is a Health Care Coverage brochure. Both are available on the CSHS website: www.ndhealth.gov/chsh. Tammy reported that based on the latest quarterly report from the National Governor’s Association, federal funding for the MCH block grant is expected to be reduced by \$47,000 for the year. The formula for this grant includes child poverty, which has improved in ND between the 2000 and 2010 census which is the reason for the reduction. Total funding for the current federal fiscal year is unknown depending on the outcome of possible sequestration and then additional cuts are possible. The state budget submitted was essentially flat funded. Neither of the two optional budget requests submitted by CSHS were included in the Governor’s budget. Tammy noted that upcoming legislative bills that are of potential interest to CSHS and the ICC are bills that address autism services, critical congenital heart disease screening and the Department of Health’s budget.

- Jackie Harasym noted that her department is currently wrapping up disbursement of their federal grant funds. She will be attending the National Coordinators meeting in Washington, DC in Feb.
- Jennifer Barry reported that there were updates to the administrative rules for child care and these will be effective 1.1.13. There were some changes to requirements for infant sleep.
- Wendy Borman reported that one optional adjustment request that she is interested in was supported in the governor’s budget. This OAR has to do with residential treatment facilities. Wendy noted that there has been work done on community-based standards for residential treatment facilities that will start to be implemented. Also collaborating on treatment for traumatized youth through a cognitive behavior approach.
- Allison Driessen reported that there is a new group meeting on child policy in the state. They are meeting in Jamestown next week and have a white paper prepared to use for legislative purposes. Allison noted that there is a current need in our state to grow 3000 slots for child care purposes.
- Gladys Baerwald noted that they continue to struggle getting trained and highly qualified staff for their program.
- Nancy Skorheim reported that DPI is currently working on Part B’s Annual Performance Report. She has been working with Tara Bitz on preschool standards to align with the Kindergarten standards. Part B and Part C continue to work on the transition guidance.
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TOPIC: STANDING ND ICC AGENDA ITEMS:

- **PART C BUDGET REPORT**
 - The Division is currently spending the FFY 2011 funds as of July, 2012. The report displayed at the meeting showed expenditures as of 10.31.12.

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The state has currently spent \$588,750 and the rate of spending is more than last year at this time.

- in section – training -\$13,000 – staff to OSEP leadership conference took Roxane and 2 infant development coordinators.
- In regards to the direct service line item in the Part C budget, sixteen families have chosen not to participate in the waiver. This is an increase will continue to impact the overall budget.

- **NDICC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - UPDATE ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

- Roxane reported that there is currently an open position provider as Joe Elsberry resigned. We had three people apply for the position: Allison Lesman, Tim Hathaway, and Moe Schroeder and are waiting on a decision from the governor's office on who will be selected.
- There was a question about having a representative from Anne Carlson Center. It was noted that any individual can submit their application to the governor's office.
- There was a question about Rep. Kelsch's position and Roxane noted that there has not been an answer from the governor's office on her appointment.

- **DD SLOTS REPORT**

- The traditional waiver currently has 3937 slots assigned. That leaves 323 slots left before the reserve needs to be accessed. There are 190 lots reserved with 135 of those for early intervention.
- Last year the Division had 33 slots left as of 3/31/12.
- The Division is not anticipating a waiting list at this time.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **EI SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS 10/1/12 & 11/13/12**
 - The EI Services Subcommittee has been working on the Infant Development pay points. A smaller work group was formed to further define some of the working points. There continues to be work done on clarifying the four services: IFSP development, home visits, assessment and evaluations, and consultations. A full presentation will be provided for the NDICC at the March meeting.

- **GENERAL SUPERVISION WORK PLAN**

- The state office staff continue to get technical assistance support from Sharon Walsh with the Data Accountability Center and Ron Dughman from Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center.
- All programs, except one, have corrected the findings issued in January, 2012.
- The program that has not closed is being monitored closely.

TOPIC: OLD BUSINESS (RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR MOTIONS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETING(S))

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- **AUTISM TASK FORCE/WAIVER UPDATE**
 - Presently, there are three bills filed regarding autism supports for the upcoming legislative process. These bills came out of the legislative interim committee, but were not exactly the recommendation of the Autism Task Force. Additional legislation may be forthcoming.
 - The Autism Task force came up with some possible recommendations to improve the current Autism waiver. At this point, these will be considered as the Autism waiver comes up for renewal on 11.1.13. The public comment for this will be mid to late spring. The Division is continuing to work with stakeholder groups to gather input.
 - The 3 bills currently support a continued interim legislative study, the establishment of some type of registry, and a voucher program that would support services for children and families.
- **Discussion on other bills:**
 - There is a group working on a bill to remove the requirement of having an intellectual disability from the traditional waiver for eligibility purposes for children. This involves Dr. Murphy and staff from Sanford.
 - There is a group working on including critical congestive heart disease to change century code relating to newborn screening. Currently there is no fiscal note with this bill and no support for implementation by the Health Department staff.
 - The Head Start Association is continuing to seek additional state financing for funding Head Start expansion.
 - There is some funding in the governor's budget for the development and expansion of child care facilities.

TOPIC:

NEW BUSINESS

- **DDD 2013-2015 BUDGET UPDATE**
 - Tina reported that they continue to examine the governor's budget to fully understand the details. The Division was asked to submit a hold-even budget. There is growth in the budget for children transitioning out of the public school system and out of the State Hospital/Developmental Center. There is added growth in the Infant Development budget. The increase in total adds up to \$63 million. Much of this increase is due to the decrease in the FMAP.
 - Amanda reported that there are 16 kids that are being paid for via Part C – one was not eligible and 15 didn't want to apply due to the stigma of being on medical assistance. Talking points for Program Managers were developed to have discussions with families about the choice to apply for Medicaid.
- **UPCOMING PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE 2013 PART C APPLICATION PACKAGE**
 - The public comment will be starting mid-January for the 2013 Part C application. There will be two public hearings on the application package in February. The public comment period will be for 60 days. The application package will contain an updated version of all of the North Dakota Early Intervention policies.

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- Discussion about this is the time when families and programs can discuss certain contracts in the application budget and other issues with the Part C budget/system.

- **FFY 11 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT: WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE JANUARY 2013 NDICC MEETING**
 - Roxane provided the Council with an overview to the Annual Performance Report and the State Performance Plan in preparation for data review in January.

- **STATUS OF REGIONAL ICCs – AGENDA TOPIC PENDING**
 - A report was provided per request of the NDICC on the status of Regional ICC's (RICC's):
 - There are two functioning Regional ICCs: Dickinson and Devils Lake.
 - Fargo has a community early childhood committee that meets to: network and share resources, update program changes, and provide advice/assistance on Right Track and Early Intervention.
 - Changes – Devils Lake is moving to meeting every 6 months
 - Dickinson also has a spin off group where they address collaboration issues every quarter for all agencies that might be dually serving children and families and how it is working. Both groups meet quarterly.

The next NDICC meeting will be Thursday, January 17th from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. via polycom.