

**ICC/IDEA JOINT MEETING**  
**Thurs, June 9, 2016**  
**Comfort Inn, Bismarck**

**PRESENT**

Debra Huber	Leona
Colette Fleck	Patti Mahar
Shannon Grave	Roxanne Wells
Tamara Lelm	Leon Dietrich
Brenda Ruehl	Matt McCleary
Renee Wetzsteon	Kim Colwell
Becky Bailey	Jill Staudinger
Carol Brakel	Moe Schroeder
Stephen Olson	Penny Breuer
Patti Redding	Melissa Deckert
Valerie Bakken	Hannabah Blue
Becky Eberhardt	Tina Bay
Amanda Carlson	Tonya Canerot

Introductions were made.

**TOPIC: FAMILY STORY**

Tashina Baranko gave her Family Story about herself.

**TOPIC: PART C 30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Roxane Romanick stated that Part C was put into place in 1986. ND was ahead and doing services in the homes for infants and toddlers before that. We are throwing a birthday party for North Dakota early intervention. Spear headed by a group of family leaders that have had kids in the program over a period of time. The committee is doing community awareness of Part C activities in North Dakota.

Parties will be held between July 11 and 15.

Have 4 parties scheduled - family friendly, current and previous early intervention alumni and staff are invited and spreading by word of mouth.

Facebook public event is set up and will update on this site where the parties are at.

**TOPIC: ED GUIDELINES UPDATE**

Valerie stated that they haven't been updated since 2007.

She pulled a workgroup together to review the guidelines. Stakeholders from across ND will begin developing educational guidelines for serving students with E.D. better. Provide direction to educators and facilities on improved outcomes for students. Valerie distributed a handout and went through the handout with the members.

**TOPIC: SSIP UPDATE**

Part C - Amanda presented that this has been discussed at ICC meetings and other stakeholder meetings. Reviewing data and Indicator 3 is child outcome - we saw that our data supported us with going indicator 3. 3a - is social emotional and summary statement one is those below age expectations but made substantial gains while involved in services.

There are 10 infant development providers. Bismarck and Fargo each have 2 providers available.

The SSIP is an opportunity for provider and statewide change and collaboration.

Things to Know:

Scale up plans - statement implementation.

We set measurement and targets through 2018 and will focused on Early Intervention Partners from Fargo. Collaboration and partnering with other local regional or statewide initiatives is highly desirable.

Strategies/improvement activities can address process - measurable results cannot be a process.

Theory of Action:

Select a new child outcome tool.

Professional development is a big need - nothing formal in place but we need to do.

Gerry Teevens - Kevin McDonough

Improve the graduation rate of students with emotional disability and broaden to student with social emotional issues.

Measuring the graduation rate of this group and including our extended year rates also.

Had stakeholder involvement also.

Kevin distributed a handout and then he went through the handout. This handout is attached to the minutes.

The handout is a summary of the 5 strategies and is attached to these minutes:

Working on behavioral supports - identified at local level doing quality functional behavioral assessments and lead to good behavioral planning. Consideration of supports that have to be wrapped around staff implementing it.

**TOPIC: HOW PART C FUNDS WILL BE SPENT IN THE COMING YEAR**

Amanda stated that the IDEA chair had requested an overview of the budget part of the Part C Application. Amanda showed the section of the Part C Application that includes the budget and then went through each line item.

Salary - pays for ½ of Amanda's salary and a part of Colette's.

Maintenance and implementation - travel for in- and out-of-state, IT, training, materials, work with Dept. of Health on birth review program, admin costs, and meditation.

Section to pay for someone coordinating the council.

We also fund Regional ICCs and we support the travel for the Regional ICCs.

Direct Services - fund the families that choose not to participate in Medicaid and use Part C federal dollars to fund those services. Families can apply for Medicaid and have infant development that allows access to all waived services and we get the federal match with this also.

Someone found eligible on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, first partial month is covered by Part C funds.

Fund our Experienced Parents also. Contracted with entities across the state to have someone that has been through early intervention with their child and have experience with Part C and knowledge of Part B and connect with families.

Optional use of part c funds:

Right track - use as our child find activity. Connects families with developmental screenings and information on developmental steps, community resources, and act as a referral source.

Contract with Milestones Technical Assistance & Consulting - they help Amanda with monitoring for annual performance report and technical assistance across the state.

The Division contracts with 4 audiologists across the state.

President Obama allocated an additional \$20,000,000 for Part C, which increased North Dakota's Part C allocation by \$98,000.

We can make changes within this budget as long as they are not greater than 10%. If greater than 10%, we need to seek permission from OSEP.

Do you reflect an increase in our direct support allocations - travel was reduced, annual training was every year and is now every other year.

Increase in numbers being served - it is a point in time and an accumulative count in another document.

No Part C funding is being used for DD Program Management time.

Families choosing Part C as a funding choice - there are 46 using this and 7 that will age out in the next few months and an increase in those not choosing not to apply and not able to apply for Medicaid. In Grand Forks, families come to UND SCHOOL not citizens and can't apply for Medicaid. Impacts those families that have insurance in other states, those are usually military families. Dad lives in one state and has insurance and mom and child lives in a different state, and dad's insurance will drop him if child applies for Medicaid in North Dakota. Averaging \$105,000 a month of Part C funds being expended on direct services.

Training for eligibility workers, DD Program Managers, providers, head start and early headstart. The DD Division reached out to Medicaid people and asked if we could meet with them, and the end of July is being looked at for that meeting. Eligible for waived services here is the Medicaid application.

**TOPIC: IMPACT OF STATE ALLOCATIONS ON PART C**

Budget cuts from Governor and agencies are to prepare their budgets at 90% but DHS and the Dept. of Corrections are not held strictly to that. The Governor stated that traditional Medicaid services didn't want any more reductions to those budgets.

No federal impact or decreases in our federal monies.

The Dept. of Human Services' budget is to be submitted in July.

**TOPIC: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION BETWEEN PARTS C & B**

Indicator 8 for transition in Part C - steps and services included in IFSP and LEA being notified and state education agency is notified that kids transition and transition planning conference takes place on time.

Worked on Therap and able to generate a line listing of information we are allowed to send to SEA.

Training was conducted in 2012 on the updated transition guidelines. Added the Opt Out Policy if a family chooses to opt out of Part B.

Val and Amanda are working on the process and now every other month, Amanda sends a listing to Val of kids that turned 2years 9months; excluding those that choose to opted out.

Looking at maybe doing the training again also.

Val, Amanda, and Mark Schaefer (HeadStart Coordinator for ND), are participating in a cohort on linking Part C and Section 619 data. Within this cohort of agencies that are meeting next week, we hope to be able to find the discrepancies, provide training, changes in data systems, changes in training, and looking at the full scope of data in our data systems.

Hoping to collaborate on both the Part C and Part B SSIPs.