

REGION 7W IEIC
Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2013

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Marcia Schlattman, Beth Hoeg, Alicia Jepsen, Karen Jorgensen-Royce, Maura O'Connor, Christine Landherr, Brad Schnitzler, Janet Reigstad, Nicole Ruhoff, Sue Currens, Rebecca Rydbom, Makayla Wijeratne, Jodi Leraas (& student), Jill Haak, Holly Thompson, Debra Swanson

2. APPROVALS

- a. MINUTES September 5, 2013
MSP Maura O'Connor/ Karen Jorgenson-Royce
- b. AGENDA
MSP Sue Curren/ Christine Landherr

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET (*attached*)

- a. EXPENSES
MSP Maura O'Connor/Christine Landherr

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. HELP ME GROW WEBSITE- www.helpmegrowmn.org
 - Can still access through MNGrow.org
 - This is the new landing page developed by Region 11
 - Will use this on all new printing materials, etc.
 - Would it be possible to note it is for all of MN not just Region 11 (funded by)?
 - Go on and check it out
 - MDH has a list of medical conditions that are likely to result in needs however, not all inclusive and does not mean automatic qualification. There are few that are across the board qualifiers. Just because not on list don't assume won't qualify.
- b. COPYING ASQS
 - Check with Kelly Munson MDE or Shawn Holmes MDH as there has been talk about this at the state – maybe just connect with them to let them know we are waiting on this decision
 - Questions that came up included: 1) Can purchase paper to give to agencies and have them print?
 - 2) Can we purchase licenses for each agency/program?
 - Every child screened must have prior written notice – if we use Federal Funds have to follow Federal rules – this is another issue that we need to keep in mind as we move forward and that may be awhile – Education Due Process
 - Need to wait until we get more direction
 - So many agencies are using ASQ – are we finding scores are reliable? – do we need to do training? – Benton County – new staff so might be good. However, if we have to do something new with federal rules maybe we should wait
 - Helpful to know what do you do with information when it is scored – even if don't qualify what else might they qualify for, where else are supports available, how can parents work with their own child?
 - Jill will look at Regional Training to include what do you do with the score – community resources – hold in early spring 2014
 - Makayla pull together a list of community resources – begin by connecting with IEIC members – may want this to be fairly general so that it doesn't get outdated too soon

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. UPDATES FROM MDE
 - i. STATE IEIC WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 30TH at MDE
 - 600 referrals per month on website
 - Adding - How did you hear?

- Adding - How would you like to be contacted?
- Building new database to give us Regional Data
- National Help Me Grow – developed out of NE US – MN looking at bringing in National system - www.helpmegrownational.org - Symposium being planned – by invitation only – in MN

1. HOMELESSNESS RESOURCES IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Increase in homelessness population across the state
- How are we connecting with this population for IEIC services?
- Common vocabulary – what does this really mean?
- Talked as Region about what are barriers to finding and then serving families
- Every school district is supposed to have a Homeless Liaison – often just assigned to business manager/principal/superintendent – not sure all are clear on what this means
- Discussion about what we do have within our Region:
 Many families are displaced for 9 months or more – and moving often throughout that time – paperwork takes time and it's hard to keep following family – Sherburne County tries to keep until this settles some with supportive housing. Stearns also tries to hold onto if can but family needs to stay in touch with county - 2 months after move typically transfer – but if expect to move soon may hold on to
 Most of the time it does need to be transferred – may depend on what programs they are accessing
 Trying to develop a relationship can be key to helping support families. How are children getting schooling in general let alone ECSE services?
 What should we be doing as outreach to this population? How best to reach families when their needs are so great even before they get to early childhood needs?
 Elk River – YMCA will be doing a Homelessness Connect type event next October. St Cloud has done 3 so far and would expect them to do another in 2014.
 We need to meet parent's needs/relationship first and then when they are ready we can be there for the child.
 Need a Homeless Liaison on IEIC - Ministerial - Jill will find contact. Janet will contact Homeless Connect group in St Cloud
 Makayla will talk with various groups working in this area to see what might be good outreach options – where do we do outreach and what do we know about resources in communities?

ii. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE UPDATE – JILL

- Master Cadre – TACSEI Foundations training – went well w/Child Care Aware
- CLD training in Melrose – December 6th – Jill will forward to all
- Integrate Science into Action – individual School Districts or ED Districts – 20 from across the state - apply as test site – tool to evaluate EC program – what training is needed? – are our children showing improvement? Where are funds needed – next initiative State will be taking on – what do we need to change to see children making progress – more to come – Inspire Action

b. UPDATES FROM PUBLIC AWARENESS COORDINATOR/ACTIVITIES- MAKAYLA

- Waiting to get info from Region 11 on Billboards
- Powerpoint of kinds of materials/resources
- Makayla will connect with each agency to see what their needs are – table runners seem to be most beneficial in most cases though we might want to have multiple options
- Milestone Magnets & other kinds of give aways
- Billboards – Region 11 only did digital may not work for us as only ones in ours are on Division – Have info from Lamar – need to make sure they are in good places – Belgrade & Elrosa are good location
- Region 11 has a facebook page that is statewide so don't need to do a new one
- Still looking at indoor billboards
- Will look at movie theater ads as well

- Do people need brochures? In what languages?
- We can create what we want as long as we use logo, phone number, website
- MSP** Maura O'Connor/Christine Lanherr - Have Makayla call – send out spreadsheet – go with top 5 items to purchase
- Contact Makayla if you would like her to do presentations – newsletter blurbs – Makayla will send out what is available for her to do

c. EHCI UPDATES/SURVEY INFO (EDUCATION COORDINATORS)

- Early Hearing Detection Initiative –
- Next initiative – screen every 6 months or year for those who are in early childhood programming
- Problems – home based services don't have necessary equipment
- Survey was done – widely varies
- What can we do to better impact children and families?
- State is providing more training for counties as well
- What are counties doing? – Wright PH has OAE – with referrals from MDH – Will be hearing from Ed Coordinators to find out what counties have

6. AGENCY NEWS AND UPDATES

- Caseloads are very high at Benton Stearns/St Cloud/Sherburne County – very slow in Maura's area
- Early Learning Scholarships – New staff person has been hired by Child Care Choices to coordinate day to day work. Applications are coming in
- Trouble setting up early childhood screening – no land lines – Benton Stearns
- How can we help? – email to providers/letters to parents/newsletters/what can we do for well child checks/counties could put something at their sites

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR AT **ROOSEVELT, 9-12:00**

- a. NEXT MEETING IS **JANUARY 9TH**.
- b. MARCH 6TH, **MAY 1ST** -WILL NEED TO CHANGE MARCH 6TH (STATE MTG FOR ECSE)
 - i. SUGGESTED DATE MARCH 13TH – does not work for some so will send out a few potential dates and will make a decision then.

8. ADJOURN

MSP Sue Currens/Alicia Jepsen @ 11:45