

**Region 7W IEIC
September 11, 2014
Minutes**

Welcome – Call to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Christine Landherr, Bev Beckstrand, Cindy Wagner, Alicia Jepsen, Maura O'Connor, Janet Reigstad, Karen Jorgensen-Royce, Michael Potter, Debra Swanson, Sue Currens, Missy Butler, Carol Gibson Miller, Jill Haak, Janelle Ortiz, Pam Schrupp (for Cindy Owen), Marcia Schlattman, Makayla Wijeratne

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Table approval of May 1, 2014 Minutes

Agenda

Add Arc Midstate Funding Request, Review Work Plan, State IEIC Level & National Help Me Grow, Centers of Excellence, Maura Family Pack

MSP Maura O'Connor/Debra Swanson

Financial

- a. See Handout provided by Cindy Wagner
- b. We have until November to spend our encumbered funds so can still get banners, etc. Child Care Choices will purchase and invoice IEIC.

MSP Maura O'Connor/Janelle Ortiz

-Cindy and Marcia will check to see if Child Care Choices can do purchases and invoice Elk River moving forward
-\$53,299.21 – 2014-15 Allocation via MDE website

Funding Request

Arc – Potpourri Conference - \$1500 – February 21, 2015 – Cost \$55 w/limited scholarships available

MSP Sue Currens/Debra Swanson

-Alicia and Janet will finalize funding request form

New Business

1. **Updates from Makayla** – Books available for members to take and distribute. Books were given out at Benton County Fair (about 200). They were also given out at Summertime by George
-Discussed some of the public awareness things that had been done over the summer - Bus ads, Billboards stay up until someone else buys them – they were much easier to read this time around, Radio ads are done – they were well done.
-How are we keeping track of what's working? - Sue adds it to their intake form
-Makayla will connect with Districts/Ed Co-ops and see what they have regarding information about where referrals are coming from
-Stearns County Fair for next year – Maura has staff and County has a booth so we can work together to man a booth
2. **Center of Excellence Updates** – ASQ Training – 44 participant feedback was good
-This fall's focus – Inspire Action – Program improvement plan – Maura did last year as part of piloting. Evidence based practices – looking internally at what needs to be done to improve – not a requirement but look to see if they need a plan. St Cloud is doing it now
-ECTA – Early Childhood Technical Assistance – when children are in early childhood programs they are really engaged – Cindy and her staff have been through training and will be mentoring other teachers
3. **MOFAS Early Childhood Screening Project** – SueTerewy – Early Childhood Screening Project Manager

- Average age was 8-12 for diagnosis and we know they need to be identified earlier.
- How can we help providers diagnosis earlier?
- See **handouts**
- MOFAS does training
- Health Care Providers are still saying a “glass of wine” is fine now and then – and it’s not
- If release is signed to send to school right away at clinic that testing has been done, then they can receive services right away.
- Reframe away from parent having done something wrong to doing something right for your child
- May be changing legislatively to include substance use not only in mother’s file but also in child’s file
- MOFAS wants to do more sooner – what they are doing to help – see **Screening for PAE handout**
- Trainings are anywhere from 1.5 -3.5 hours – What is FASD and How do you ask the tough questions – can do a full day – 6 hours

4. **Work Plan Review** – walked through – **resend with minutes**

- Ideas for what needs are for outreach – bill boards, bus wraps, magnets, etc. Send ideas and thoughts to Makayla for decisions at next meeting.
- Send Makayla contact information for various summer events, etc. so she can connect to see if it makes sense for HMG to have a booth there.

5. State moving forward with year of technical assistance exploration with **National Help Me Grow**

6. **IEIC Conference Call** – August – IEIC Workshop October 10th from 9-2 – Let Alicia know if you are able to attend by mid September – **NOTE: This date has changed to November 21st**)

- Legislation Update – Membership – School & County Boards are not required but we still want them.
- Updates to membership - Karen – will check with Nicole, Janelle will check with MAWSECO
- Maura – Go out to new referral, Sauk Centre new parents, Paynesville, EC Screening – showed packet will probably be asking for funds to continue to support this work.
- MSP** Cindy Wagner/Janelle Ortiz – Up to \$1000 to provide Intro to Children w/Special Needs training to child care providers for 50% of regular training cost through Child Care Aware, West/Central

7. **Agency Updates**

- Janelle is new – will be own entity next year rather than being under Monticello – will have Joint Powers w/them
- Bev – Official Affiliatate of Healthy Families America – prenatal through 2 years parents. Follow Along Program – currently is doing a self-assessment with MDH to set some minimums of what it means to have a FAP at the county level. Setting up a three tiered system from 1 Basic on up.
- Deb – Working on Resource Fair – plan to be retired on April 15, 2015
- Jill E– over 20 referrals in July vs 4 in previous years
- Carol – Survey of Well Being of Young Children rather than ASQ as not really doing Follow Along but just developmental screening it is a better tool www.theswyc.org 2 months to 60 months – written for use by medical providers
- Christine – HMG feed in lobby. Still working on MN Choice assessment
- Cindy – Homeless Connect in October – will have booth and will have HMG info
- Maura – new Director – Laurie Fevig
- Alicia – Relocated to St Joseph – Colts Academy – Family Ed at Discovery – EC programs in 5 elementary schools as well – expect it to be 2-3 years – not sure where new bldg. will be yet. Everyone has been amazing.

8. **Next Meetings** - All meetings will be from **9:00-12:00** at **Child Care Choices**

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Thursday, May 14, 2015

9. **Adjourn** –**MSP** Maura O’Connor/Christine Landherr