

MEETING SUMMARY May 16, 2014

A regular *public meeting* of the New Jersey State Interagency Coordinating Council was held on Friday, May 16, 2014, at Children's Specialized Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Warren Moore, Acting Chair, who presided and declared a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE – *Attached*

WELCOME – Warren Moore, Acting Chair

Mr. Moore welcomed all attendees. At his request, *SICC members and 9 public members* introduced themselves and identified their connection with early intervention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the *March 28, 2014 meeting* were approved as distributed – upon motion by Joseph Holahan, seconded by Celine Fortin and carried. (Mr. Moore abstained, because he was not present at the March 28th meeting.)

SICC COMMITTEES

1. **Family Support** – Michele Tyler, Co-Chair

The committee met by telephone on April 9 and earlier this morning. Flyers to *increase parent participation* were disseminated by REICs during providers' meetings. The committee is soliciting personal stories from SICC parent members (current and former) for sharing on the web as a possible recruitment tool.

2. **Service Delivery** – Joyce Salzberg, Chair

Discussed were minutes of the *committee's 4/14/14 meeting*, distributed in advance (attached to file). The meeting focused on the "finance" component. Time frame for completion of the project cannot be identified at this time, but it will be a lengthy process.

3. **Administration** -- Celine Fortin, Chair

The FY '15 *SICC budget*, similar to previous years, was approved as distributed (attached to file) -- upon motion by Ms. Fortin, seconded by Ms. Salzberg and carried. The budget will be reviewed prior to the September 19th meeting, to

determine if the Early Intervention Week allocation should be increased, and propose revisions if indicated.

Ms. Fortin distributed a revised SICC *parent involvement flyer* for posting on the web, sharing with families, EIPs/SCUs. Parent representatives will be aging out of the system, making it more imperative for increased parent interest. The Governor's Office, while taking no action on new appointments, recommended submitting new resumes. Members were urged to update their Web bios and report changes to Ms. Goeke.

4. Early Learning Challenge – Barbara Tkach, Chair

The committee met this morning and discussed *proposed federal preschool grants*, which consist of two types: (a) demonstration grant for states that do not have preschool programs, for which New Jersey is not eligible; and (b) expansion grant for states that have received Race to the Top (RTTT) funding and have preschool programs, which include children with special needs, for a total of \$17.5 million.

Gambi White-Tennent, Executive Director of New Jersey Council for Young Children, gave a power point presentation outlining its structure and its function of attempting to align and reduce duplication of efforts in working with young children and identifying barriers to collaboration.

LEAD AGENCY REPORT – Terry Harrison, Part C Coordinator

1. *Federal Part C Application ...* Has been submitted, anticipating an award announcement by July 1. No public comment was received.
2. *County Annual Performance Reports ...* Have been issued to REICs, SCUs and EIPs prior to public release.
3. *Family Cost Participation ...* Ms. Harrison reviewed the reports, which were inadvertently not forwarded to the Council (attached to file). She requested they be resent. There were no significant changes.
4. *State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) ...* Announcement was just received that the comment period has closed. Two noticeable changes were made: (a) state identified measurable results are for infants and families; previously were for infants and toddlers; (b) extension to April 1, 2015 for submission of Indicator 11 (multi year/multi phase plan). Ms. Harrison shared SSIP information that will be discussed in detail at the July 25th retreat (attached to file).
5. *Procedural Safeguards (PSG)...* Coordinator Joe Pargola distributed/discussed the Procedural Safeguards Status Report (attached to file). Since the last SICC meeting, PSG has not received any new requests for dispute resolution; 5 trainings were held.

REIC UPDATE

Early Intervention Week, which concludes on May 18th, has been very successful with high parent participation. The REIC Family Support Coordinators will present a summary of the Early Intervention Week activities at the September 19th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

July 25th Member Retreat ... As discussed/agreed at the March 28th meeting, the agenda will consist of The State Systematic Improvement Plan (morning and afternoon sessions). In addition, it was agreed today that:

1. There will be a one-hour working luncheon for the Council to discuss its structure, goals and function.
2. Hours of the retreat will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. REIC Directors will be invited and selected members of the Part C Steering Committee and Results Topic Stakeholders' group.
4. Sharon Walsh will serve as facilitator with DOH NJEIS Staff.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Acting Chair Moore*, a member of the Council since December 2005 -- Vice Chair and Acting Chair for 5 years -- *announced this was his last meeting*. Because of the increase in his professional duties, he was unable to continue in his role and had submitted his *resignation* to Governor Christie (attached to file). Mr. Moore gave assurance that Children's Specialized Hospital will continue to host SICC meetings under the same terms.
2. Danielle Thomas discussed the invitation emailed to members to attend the *McKinney-Vento Education* for Homeless Children and Youth Program technical assistance event on May 21st, and encouraged members to extend the invitation to other interested stakeholders.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Holmes of EIPA ... Expressed appreciation to Mr. Moore for his SICC leadership.... asked questions about PSG training and enforcement of deadlines; effect on EI of Treasurer's announcement of reductions; how to increase provider attendance at SICC meetings. *Council agreed to discuss meeting location at the retreat (during luncheon session).*

ADJOURNMENT -- 1:10

Upon motion by Ms. Salzberg, seconded by Dr. Holahan and unanimously carried.

APPROVED

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