

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**August 9, 2017
8:30 A. M. – 11:30 P. M. (CDT)**

**Drifters Event Center
325 Hustan Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD 57532**

Members Present: Sarah Aker, Fern Barnett, Kim Brink, Sarah Brown, Cindy Fisher, Carrol Forsch, Brittany Green, Melody Haranek, Barb Hemmelman, Laura Johnson-Frame, Valerie Kelly, Vicki Linn, Rebecca Poelstra, and Lisa Sanderson.

Members Absent: JoLynn Bostrom, Gretchen Brodkorb, Mona Drolc, Tom Holmes, Elizabeth Jehangiri, Michele Latt, John New, Kristi Swier.

Birth to 3 Connections Staff: Sarah Carter, Crystal Goeden, April Hodges, Steve Livermont, Janet Penticoff, and Mary Giddings (in the absence of Birth to Three secretary).

Guests: Sharon Walsh, Mary Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Bauer-Fuer, Vicki Linn, Andrea Glover

Public: None

Call to Order: At 8:41 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Birth to Three Program Director Sarah Carter, acting in the absence of the chair. After brief remarks, Sarah called for nominations for ICC chair.

Laura Johnson-Frame was nominated by Barb Hemmelman, 2nd Sarah Brown.
Motion by Kim Brink to close nominations, 2nd by Lisa Sanderson. Motion carried.
Laura Johnson-Frame was elected chair by voice vote.

President Laura called for nominations for ICC chair elect for 2017-2018.
Brittany Green was nominated by Barb Hemmelman, 2nd by Lisa Sanderson.
Kim Brink moved to close nominations, 2nd by Barb Hemmelman. Motion carried.
Brittany Green was elected chair elect by voice vote.

Call for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting with spelling corrections..
Motion by Lisa Sanderson, 2nd by Barb Hemmelman.
Motion carried.

Chair Laura Johnson Frame turned the meeting over to Birth to Three staff for updates.

Welcome, opening remarks, roll call: Sarah Carter welcomed everyone and roll call was taken by having everyone introduce themselves and share their role in Birth to Three.

Sarah introduced consultant Sharon Walsh, Washington, DC, who shared what is happening on the national level with IDEA and Part C/Birth to Three. President Donald Trump has recommended 13% federal budget cut to the Department of Education which makes it imperative for all federally funded agencies to determine where cuts would do the least damage to the welfare and education of children and students. Alternative funding should be searched for and pursued, thinking outside the box. Also recommended were budget cuts eliminating funding for preschool development, 21st CCLC out-of-school time programs, Title II professional development, and others. The budget must be finalized by September 30, 2017.

The role of Medicaid was explained by Sharon Walsh and Sarah Aker from the SD Medicaid office. Proposed cuts include home visiting and early hearing loss detection. The Supreme Court recent decision on IDEA level of effort stated that states must offer more than the minimum standard.

Sarah Carter asked council members to review the revised Mission Statement. General agreement that it is good.

Crystal Goeden, Birth to Three program specialist, reviewed changes to the service coordinators map. The current service coordinator map is on the Birth to Three website.

Steve Livermont, Birth to Three program specialist, reviewed the SD Part C Results-Driven Accountability Matrix. Accountability percentage is 68.75% and Determination of "Needs Assistance."

Results and Compliance: Results earned score 37.5%, Compliance earned score 100%.

Data Completeness: OSEP defined target 65%. South Dakota 2016 score 64.81%.

Social Emotional Skills: 36.1% substantially increased growth, 78.5% function at age level when exiting program

Acquiring/Using Knowledge & Skills: 50% substantially increased, 64% function at age level when exiting program.

Taking Appropriate Action to Meet Needs: 48.5% substantially increased, 80.2% function at age level when exiting program

Sarah Carter reviewed the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 fiscal year.

Birth to Three Child Count: 260 in 1992. 1,200 in 2016

Federal Part C Grant funding source has maintained a pretty even amount since 2012 with the low point in 2013.

Maintenance of Effort: State Dollars have grown from the low of +\$140,000 in 2012 to +\$180,000 in 2017.

90% of the fiscal pie goes to families with only 10% for contracts and administration of the program.

59% is for direct services (physical, occupational, speech, other therapies and travel time and mileage to providers) and 31% is for service coordination contracts. Travel time and mileage make up 47% of the direct services budget.

Several suggestions on saving money or increasing funding were discussed including more virtual trainings/meetings; finding funding sources from insurance companies, Avera/Sanford; setting up a foundation to provide revenue; finding ways to decrease travel time for home visits when service is unable to be given.

Kim Brink, Cindy Fisher, and Sarah Brown volunteered to be on the short-term work group review committee on data analysis and will report at the next ICC meeting (November).

Laura Johnson-Frame called for motion to adjourn.

Motion by Cindy Fisher, 2nd by Barb Hemmelman.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.