

Meeting Minutes for the SD Interagency Coordinating Council

April 8, 2019 ~ 3:00-5:00 CST

Meeting

MacKay Building ~ Library Commons~Skype Meeting
Pierre, SD 57501

Members Present

Katherine Schmidt
Jordan Mounga
Katie Wiseman
Rochelle Holloway
Rebecca Poelstra
Kim Brink
Sarah Brown
Leonard Suel
Michelle Martin
Dr. Mary Bowne
Carroll Forsch
Valerie Kelly
Laura Johnson Frame
Kristi Swier

Members Absent

Cindy Fischer
Carla Miller
JoLynn Bolstrom
Jodi Berscheid

Birth to 3 Staff

Sarah Carter, Crystal Goeden, Steve Livermont, Janet Penticoff, Vicki Linn and Kristin Jerome

Guests

None

Public

None

Valerie Kelly filled in as Chair for Sarah Aker who could not be present.

Valerie Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and called the roll.

Call for a motion to accept the agenda: Motion by *Katherine Schmidt*; 2nd *Kristi Swier*; motion carried.

Call for a motion to accept the minutes of the *January 2019* Meeting:

Motion by *Kristi Swier*; 2nd *Mary Bowne*; motion carried.

Introductions

N/A

Public Comment

Valerie Kelly asked for public comment. No public comment was brought forward.

Head Start Collaboration Updates Waiting for Kristi to approve.

Kristi Swier, Head Start Collaboration Office, provided background and updates of the program.

Head Start participants are now being entered into the Department of Education data system, Infinite Campus. This will accommodate future collection and data analysis by Head Start grantees related to the impact of Head Start on school performance. All data collection for reports will be done aggregately.

The scope of the programs and number of children served by Head Start was shared. There are close to 4,600 children that can be served through Head Start (children 3-5 years of age) and Early Head Start (children birth - 3 years of age). These numbers are reflective of the 16 South Dakota grantee programs, tribal and non-tribal, across the state. Head Start eligibility is determined by federal income guidelines, public assistance participants, children with special needs on an IEP/IFSP, families experiencing housing insecurity/homelessness, and/or children in foster care, regardless of family income. Head Start is a two-generation model designed to encourage stability and long-term success for children and their families. Comprehensive services are offered for families around education, health and social services. The primary goal of Head Start is kindergarten readiness.

Swier also discussed the Early Learning survey of school administrators, or their designee, which was completed early in 2019. The document entitled "Status Report: Early Learning in South Dakota" is accessible on the Collaboration office website <http://doe.sd.gov/headstart/>.

Information was also shared on the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines. This resource was updated in 2016 to include the birth to 3 year age span to the guidelines. Previously the guidelines were for children 3 to 5 years of age. As a shared vision for supporting early learners in all settings, the guidelines are organized by age and learning domains: approaches to learning, social/emotional development, communication/language/literacy, cognitive development, health/physical development. Both versions of the Guidelines were primarily authored by Dr. Gera Jacobs from University of South Dakota, with consultation from nationally recognized researcher and author Dr. Catherine Scott-Little from University of North Carolina. Committee participants from across the state included state department level professionals, higher education, elementary education, child care, preschool, parents, and a variety of professionals whose work includes serving young children.

Swier informed the ICC that in an effort to make this resource easily adaptable, searchable, translatable in multiple languages, and readily available electronically on computer/tablet/phone, a website was developed, sdstepahead.com. This site also includes an interactive map that includes services found by county and resources to support adults supporting early learners. Upcoming enhancements will include the ability to search the "Continuum Grids", print selectively, and increased functionality to the services map.

Birth to Three Updates

Sarah Carter discussed changes in the service coordination regions. Region 2 currently served by Northwest Area Educational Cooperative contract with the department will be ending April 30th at Northwest request. Due to changes in staffing they have requested this change. Black Hills Special Services has agreed to take over the four counties in Region 2.

Carter discussed the submission of State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) submission. This was due April 1st and has been submitted. Those wishing to view the complete State Perform Plan / Annual Performance Report, including the SSIP can view this on the DOE Birth to Three website at <http://doe.sd.gov/Birthto3/documents/FFY17-SPP-B3.pdf>.

FFY2019 Part C grant is currently available for public comment until April 12th. Grant is currently available for public comment and can be accessed here: <http://doe.sd.gov/Birthto3/documents/FFY19FedApp.pdf>. Carter informed ICC members of the data and information that is considered when developing the federal grant. ICC members were provided with FFY2016 data related to child count growth, Information was shared related to FFY2016 data on: child count, child count growth, eligibility, referral sources and direct services. ICC was provided the FFY2019 South Dakota federal grant budget category breaks downs, with a total grant amount of \$2,301,492.

Carter also informed ICC members of other grant collaboration with Black Hills Special Services and West River Foundation in relation to family engagement and the professional development being offered to direct service providers. Funds from these grants will support future training cohorts along with training specific to early literacy.

Upcoming Meetings

Next ICC meeting will take place in early September. A date is still being determined, members will be notified early summer.

Adjournment

Valerie Kelly asked for motion to adjourn: Motion by *Katherine Schmidt*; 2nd *Kristi Swier*; *motion carried*.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Secretary Kristin Jerome