

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Early Intervention Committee

LOCATION

**Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference**

Meeting Date

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Karli Lopez – chair
Mandy Cleveland
Heidi Haas
Mallory Hamilton
Diana Marsh
Amy Simpson

Community Members:

Sue Armstrong
Wendy Barrett
Brittney Howell
Meghan Johnson
Cassidy Jones
Beth Kaplan
David Mayo-Keily
Monica Luther
Blayne White
Adele Daniels

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

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CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair

Announcements and Good News

Christie Reinhardt reported the good news that her son may have learned a valuable lesson about how important it is to stay in school by doing a bit of manual labor.

Mallory Hamilton announced the good news that she will be going to Hawaii.

Karli Lopez reported the good news that her son is now in preschool and it is going incredibly well. He has a wonderful teacher. She also noted that he will be celebrating his 3rd birthday on Saturday.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Past Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended as follows:

- Change Cassie Jones to Cassidy Jones.
- Remove Beth Synder from the community members.
- Correct approval of the minutes to the 8/13/14 meeting.
- Discuss a new date for the October meeting.

Diana Marsh **MOVED** to approve the agenda as amended. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Approval of Minutes – 8/13/14

Karli Lopez requested a correction under the chair's report of changing ADA to ABA, and the approval of minutes from 7/9/2014 was tabled until October. Diana Marsh **MOVED** to approve the minutes as amended. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Correspondence

Christie Reinhardt reported that there is pending correspondence with the Trust related to DD mini-grants. There was a request from ILP providers for funding for additional ILP services, and the Trust will be looking for some clarification on ILP services and perhaps a question about ILP providers' understanding about what should be covered in a mini-grant.

Reports

Chair's Report

Karli Lopez reported that the EIC is on track with the issues they are working on. She noted that the full Council meeting is October 1st and 2nd with public testimony on October 1st, 6:30 to 8:00. The focus of the public testimony is housing.

Partner Reports

EI/ILP

Monica Luther was present, but had no news to report from EI/ILP.

AILPA

Amy Simpson reported that AILPA has been working towards developing their strategic plan, but they have decided to wait until October when the strategic plans of the Early Intervention Committee and the state ILP are set, at which time AILPA will have more clarity on the areas they can focus on. AILPA will be meeting during the Infant Learning Program Coordinators Meeting that is scheduled for October 14th – 16th, 2014.

EED

Cassidy Jones reported that the Department is in the throes of their monitoring activities. Cassidy is currently attending the Daisy Conference in New Orleans, and she reported that it has been a great opportunity for networking and seeing what other states are doing. Cassidy reported that she has had a chance to meet with Laurie Thomas in New Orleans and

they have had discussions regarding how Part B, Part C, and 619 work together.

Cassidy Jones reported that Annette Island has opened their new preschool. She noted that the commissioner visited Annette Island for the ribbon cutting and Don Enoch was also there doing school district monitoring.

EDHI

Beth Kaplan reported that she went to Bethel to meet the new audiologist at YKHC. The new audiologist has worked in northern Canada, which will serve her well working at YKHC in terms of being used to remote rural locations. She noted that it has been quite some time since they've had an audiologist in Bethel, so there is a lot of catch up that will need to be done.

Beth Kaplan reported the following:

- There are two audiologists in the Norton Sound region.
- Maniilaq and Barrow rely on ANMC.
- Dillingham/Bristol Bay used to have an audiologist and may be getting one again.
- Mt. Edgecumbe SEARCH has an audiologist, but they do not do diagnostics on infants, so those children go to Anchorage or Seattle.

Beth Kaplan noted that there is a shortage of audiologists statewide.

Beth Kaplan reported that their unit has received a very competitive second round of medical home funding, and she recommended inviting Jimael Johnson to a future meeting to present on the grant's focus area.

Beth Kaplan reported that training for care coordination for clinicians is scheduled to take place on September 17th at UAA.

FASD Work Group

Christie Reinhardt reported that during the last month, the FASD Subcommittee has been focused on International FASD Awareness Day.

There were events scheduled across the state. There was an event held at the Anchorage School District where Senator Meyers read the Governor's proclamation, and Anchorage Dispatch reporter Kyle Hopkins presented videos from his series "The State of Intoxication" that were very moving.

Christie Reinhardt reported that Alaska FASD received news that they have received a grant award from the Center for Disease Control for research. Alaska has chosen to do their research with nurses and looking towards developing a community nursing program. Christie noted that since there is not a medical school in Alaska, they will be partnering with the University of Pittsburgh's medical school.

Old Business

Discussion of the Survey of ILP Providers on Procedural Safeguards

Brittney Howell reported that the Council has elected to do interviews in place of a traditional survey in order to get better data. She reported that there were 17 providers identified, and she has completed six interviews, has four scheduled, and the remaining providers have not yet scheduled. She expects to be done with the interviews in the next couple of weeks. Brittney reported that the interviews are going well. She reported on four preliminary findings as follows:

- There is a lot of variation in ILP provider training on procedural safeguards and parental rights.
- There is a lot of variation in how providers and staff explain procedural safeguards and parental rights.
- There is a perception by some providers that there is a lot of variation in how parents digest the information.
- There may be some cultural assumptions and issues at play related to the provider's perceptions of families and family's perception of the providers.

New Business

Discussion of Family Outcomes Survey and Parent Views on Procedural Safeguards

Christie Reinhardt led the committee members through a review of the Family Outcome Survey that was conducted by the Center for Human Development to look at different areas to measure satisfaction and understanding of early intervention services. The survey involved parents with at least one child enrolled for at least six months during the 2013 calendar year.

After a discussion on the general results in the focus areas, Christie Reinhardt summarized that with regards to the Early Intervention Committee's focus, the conclusions from the Family Outcome Survey revealed that families report to be comfortable meeting with professionals is at the top of the list for satisfaction, and families being informed of program services is at the bottom of the list for satisfaction.

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

October 1 – 2, 2014

Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education Meeting
Special Olympics Building
Anchorage

October 14 – 16, 2014

Fall ILP Coordinators Meeting
Anchorage

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Good of the Order and Adjournment

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to adjourn. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.