

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

Early Intervention Committee Meeting

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

December 13, 2011  
10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Dean Gates  
Heidi Haas  
Diana Marsh  
Sharon Miranda

Community Members and Guests:

Sue Armstrong  
Lisa Balivet  
Melora Gaber  
Christine Inglet  
Beth Kaplan

Staff:

Jennifer Jones

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**Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Roll Call**

**READING OF THE COUNCIL MISSION**

The Council's mission statement was not recited at this meeting.

**WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

Amy Simpson was not present at this meeting. Jennifer Jones ran the meeting. Jennifer noted that there was not a quorum today.

***Announcements or Good News***

None reported.

***Upcoming Trainings/Meetings and Follow-up***

Face-to-face Committee Meeting: Since there is not a quorum today, dates for a face-to-face meeting in the spring will be decided soon by Doodle.

Zero to Three Training Institute, Washington, D.C., December 8 – 11: Heidi Haas reported that there was little on early intervention at the training institute; it mostly focused on typically developing children. However, she did attend a workshop on hearing loss in children that discussed intervention and family training. There was also some information about research on ways to help kids avoid having developmental delays due to being in foster care. Heidi is reading all the materials from the other workshops, and will prepare a more detailed presentation to share with the committee and the Council.

LINKS Conference, Lake Lucille, April 20 and 21: Christine Inglet announced the upcoming LINKS conference at Lake Lucille in April and asked for suggestions of topics for classes. Christine said that there will be some classes on early intervention at the conference.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Today's agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting cannot be approved without a quorum.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### ***Part C Regulations***

Correspondence and Part C regulations were not discussed at this meeting.

## **PARTNER REPORTS**

The agency representatives scheduled to give partner reports were not present at this meeting.

## **PART C APR AND INDICATORS**

Lisa Balivet discussed the Annual Performance Report 7-Year Trends, summarized in a PowerPoint presentation which was distributed to committee members. OSEP set these indicators, or goals for effective services, which states report on annually. Some of the target percentages are set by OSEP and some by the State. Following the data on each indicator, plans for improving performance in that area are shown. Each agency monitors these indicators on a quarterly basis

### **Indicator 1: Timely services**

Percent of children who receive early intervention services in a timely manner

Target: 100%                      Last year: 99.4%

**Improvement plans:** Require training on timeliness of services as part of credentialing; revise state policies and procedures to include new definition of timely services; explore telepractice options.

### **Indicator 2: Services in Natural Environment**

Percent of children who receive early intervention services in home or community based settings

Target: 95%                      Last year: 99.43%  
**Improvement plans:** Collaborate statewide for more opportunities for inclusive settings.

### **Indicator 3: Child Outcomes**

Percent of children falling into five categories of degree of improvement in three different areas: social/emotional skills, knowledge acquisition and use, and use of appropriate behaviors to meet needs. The data is shown in tables. Lisa Balivet stated that Alaska's numbers are similar to other states', and that next year the national figures will be published.

**Improvement plans:** Review and revise targets as data develops; support specialized, in-depth early childhood mental health training for highly qualified staff.

### **Indicator 4: Family outcomes**

Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped them know their rights, effectively communicate their child's needs, and help their child develop and learn.

Target: 100%                      Last year: 91.8 – 93.1%

Lisa Balivet noted that these figures were obtained by a statewide survey of family members, which showed a decline since 2007 of families reporting that they were helped to effectively communicate their child's needs, and OCS is investigating the reasons for that.

**Improvement plans:** Continue data analysis with UAA UCEDD, and discuss data trends with early intervention providers to plan improvements.

### **Indicator 5: Child Find**

Percent of children from birth to age 1 who are enrolled in services

Target: 1.4%                      Last year: 1.48%

Percent of children from birth to age 3 who are enrolled in services

Target: 2.6%                      Last year: 2.16%

**Improvement plans:** Statewide collaboration including online screening; social marketing, including new brochures and a Facebook page; redesign website to be more family friendly.

**Indicator 6: 45-Day Timeline**

Percent of eligible children who get into services within 45 days of referral.

Target: 100%                      Last year: 98.63%

**Improvement plans:** Incorporate the timeline into the credential training.

**Indicator 8a: Transition steps before age 3**

Percent of children who received timely transition planning by their third birthday.

Target: 100%                      Last year: 99.55%

**8b: Notification of local school district for transition to Part B**

Target: 100%                      Last year: 100%

**8c: 90-Day Transition Conference**

Target: 100%                      Last year: 99.79%

**Improvement plans:** Continue technical assistance for training; complete training module on transition requirements; support local transition collaboration.

**Additional improvement strategies:** Finalize and automate IFSP; revise self-assessment for local providers; work with local programs and partners to offer training on parents' rights with respect to the Part C system.

Lisa Balivet stated that she hopes this will guide committee members in reading the APR, which she will send out when it is nearly finalized so the committee can give feedback and recommendations. Lisa also offered to get specific data for committee members who request it. Linda Borghols and Erin Kinavey can also answer questions. Lisa noted that on the website, people can look at the indicators by location as well.

**GOAL 2**

Dean Gates said that he needs another month to gather the information he was going to bring on Goal 2, best practices for early intervention services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Beth Kaplan added that the Infant Learning had hired a consultant to research best practices; the information should be available in January, and Linda Borghols will get it.

## **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Jennifer Jones noted that the next Early Intervention Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.