

**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, December 11, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Karli Lopez - Chair
Diana Marsh
Susan Kaplan
Mandy Cleveland
Amy Simpson

Community Members:

Wendy Barrett
Laurie Thomas

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

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CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair

Karli Lopez welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

Announcements and Good News

There were no announcements made or good news reported at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Past Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

Amy Simpson **MOVED** to approve the agenda as written. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Approval of Minutes – 11/13/13

Susan Kaplan **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported at the meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report

Karli Lopez reported that the discussion on the agenda related to the feedback on the EIC priorities is to prepare for the Council retreat, which is scheduled a day before the Governor's Council meeting in Juneau where they will be discussing the issues Council members are passionate about.

Partner Reports

E/ILP

Laurie Thomas reported that she will be in Anchorage and starting as the coordinator on January 2nd, 2014. She reported that Ketchikan has a new program director, Adrian O'Brien.

AILPA

Laurie Thomas reported that AILPA is accepting nominations for the awards given to people of excellence in the early intervention field. Laurie noted that the nominations are due by January 7th, 2014, and the awards are presented at the AEYC Conference scheduled for February 5th – 8th, 2014. The four awards are as follows:

- Early intervention system-wide leadership award
- Early intervention provider award
- Early intervention advocacy award
- Early intervention program leadership award.

Laurie Thomas reported that AILPA provided funding to the Policy Council for legislative tracking.

EED

There was no report from EED at this meeting.

Old Business

Questions for ILP Provider Survey

Karli Lopez lead the committee through a discussion of the questions members would like to see addressed on the ILP provider survey the committee is developing. Committee members offered suggestions relating to program gaps related to billing, recruitment and retention, educational programs and support, data collection, training, mentorship programs, centralized information networks, and the advancement in tele-

health and other technologies that could be available for programs. The staff will begin work on the draft survey, and it will be available for review by the committee in the near future.

New Business

Feedback and Input on EIC Priorities and Activities

Karli Lopez polled the committee members in attendance on what they are passionate about regarding focus areas of early intervention. Mandy Cleveland expressed that for her it is seeing a variety of services for deaf and hard of hearing. Susan Kaplan conveyed that it's having more PT and OT therapists available. Diana Marsh stated that for her it's around partnerships and collaboration between families, early childhood agencies, schools, and the State. Amy Simpson added that she is passionate about the utilization of tele-health. Wendy Barrett asserted that education for all the parties involved in early intervention is of particular interest to her. Laurie Thomas acknowledged that systems that support programs in being effective, training, and mentorship are areas that she considers important. Karli Lopez shared her story with the committee, and spoke passionately that parental education and access to information and support for parents to be able to advocate for their children was her passion. Karli also noted that the issue of the separation between services coordination and what is actually being provided for services, and then also the billing and insurance pieces of the process were important for parents.

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

- January 21st – 23rd, 2014
Governor's Council Meeting – Juneau
- January 24th – 25th, 2014
Stone Soup Group's Annual Parent Conference
- February 2014
ASSEC Conference and AYEC Conference

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Early Intervention Committee is scheduled for January 8th, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Good of the Order and Adjournment

Karli Lopez adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.