

**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, January 15, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Karli Lopez - Chair
Mandy Cleveland
Angie Fraize
Susan Kaplan
Amy Simpson
Heidi Haas

Community Members:

Wendy Barrett
Breanna Brian
Beth Kaplan
Janel Keplinger
Sam Jordan
Amanda Faulkner
Melora Gaber
Laurie Thomas
Jane Atuk
Lisa Balivet

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

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Partner Reports

EI/ILP

No EI/ILP report was given.

AILPA

Amy Simpson reported that she made an EIC report at the last AILPA meeting on the feedback on the regulations. Amy noted that with the changes in people at both the Council and with AILPA, e-mail addresses and notification of meetings need to be updated.

EED

Sam Jordan reported that the Department will be doing interviews for the 619 position in the next couple weeks.

Sam Jordan reported that the Department is continuing their participation in the Daisy Consortium. They anticipate that the framework for that project will be done towards the end of June.

Sam Jordan reported that the Department is in the midst of putting together their Annual Performance Report, which is due February 3rd, 2014.

Old Business

Questions for ILP Provider Survey

Karli Lopez asked to table the discussion on the questions for the ILP survey after the review of the APR. Christie Reinhardt commented that the APR does guide not only the survey, but the work the committee will do during the year.

New Business

FASD Work Group

Christie Reinhardt reported that the FASD work group has identified a

doctoral candidate who is willing to do a needs assessment for FASD. Christie stated that the work group has identified the preliminary areas of focus as follows:

- Prevention
- Assessment and screening
- Education
- Employment
- FASD informed care and caregivers

The work group will be working on identifying partners, most notably the Mental Health Trust, who has a new focus area of alcohol with a focus on prevention. Christie Reinhardt stated that the work group is looking for someone from the EIC Committee to volunteer to participate in the work specifically around early intervention assessment and evaluation and report back to the EIC Committee. Wendy Barrett volunteered to represent the EIC Committee.

Review of APR Draft

Amy Simpson led the EIC members through a review of the draft APR. She described each of the 14 indicators and reported on the target numbers and the actual data for each indicator. Amy Simpson noted that in the areas where Alaska did not meet their target numbers, EIC comments would essentially be what guidance or assistance can the committee offer to assist in meeting the target goals.

Most of the discussion at the meeting was related to Indicator 4:

Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:

- A. Know their rights;
- B. Effectively communicate their children's needs; and
- C. Help their children develop and learn.

Karli Lopez inquired how the question of whether parents know their rights is posed. Her concern is that parents may not be reporting accurately given that the feedback she gets from parents she contacts is that they aren't aware of their rights. She indicated that it isn't always that they

haven't been informed of their rights as much as it is an understanding of what those rights mean and when and how to exercise them.

Karli Lopez also questioned the data relating to Indicator 13:

- Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements.

Lisa Balivet explained that Alaska has had fairly high satisfaction across the state for many years, but that it was not a smooth uphill ride from 75 percent to 95 percent. They looked seriously at the materials and the delivery of the materials in the field and services and made adjustments to improve systems. Amy Simpson commented that she may get calls from parents who are concerned, worried, or have questions, and they work towards a resolution, and therefore those matters do not go to mediation, that essentially concerns are met at the local level.

Lisa Balivet noted that the APR report in its entirety is posted on the website, and a more detailed description of the indicators and the data extrapolated from the surveys are included in the full report.

Lisa Balivet stated that State of Alaska has met requirements in the last couple of years and hopes to meet requirements this year.

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

- January 21st – 23rd, 2014
Governor's Council Meeting – Juneau
- January 24th – 25th, 2014
Stone Soup Group's Annual Parent Conference
- February 5th – 8th, 2014
33rd Annual Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Conference (AYEC)
Hilton, Anchorage
- February 8th – 14th, 2014
23rd Annual Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference

