

**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, March 19, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Karli Lopez – chair
Angie Fraize
Susan Kaplan
Diana Marsh
Amy Simpson

Community Members:

Beth Kaplan
Laurie Thomas
Dave Mayo-Kiely

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair
Announcements and Good News

Christie Reinhardt announced that the Safe Student Act, HB 210, has left the Education Committee and is in the Education Finance Committee. There were some minor corrections made to the bill in the legal review. Christie expressed her appreciation to everyone who worked on the legislation.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Past Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes - 02/26/14

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported at the meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report

There was no chair's report available for this meeting.

Partner Reports

E/ILP

Laurie Thomas reported that they are extremely short staffed. She noted

that recruiting in the State system has its challenges, and they are on their second round of recruitment for their open TA position.

Laurie Thomas reported that they applied for and have received acceptance to participate in an initiative around technical assistance for financial systems. They will be sending a group, including Karli Lopez, to New Orleans in May to receive technical assistance training from the Infant/Toddler Coordinator's Association. She commented that they cannot move forward with many of their goals until they have the finance system to support what they want to make happen.

Laurie Thomas reported that she has been visiting programs to find out what their experiences have been with technical assistance, and she has gone on a few home visits to get a better sense of the programs. She noted that she believes these experiences are going to be very helpful in crafting the technical assistance positions to be more effective and help her recognize how to support programs.

AILPA

There was no AILPA report given at the meeting.

EED

Christie Reinhardt reported that Don Enoch stated that their staff is working on completing the last of the monitoring visits and will report at the next meeting.

EDHI

Beth Kaplan reported that they have just completed the annual data survey they do for the Center for Disease Control and will have a complete report at the May meeting. She noted the following preliminary information from the 2012 data survey:

- 22 children were diagnosed with a broad spectrum of hearing loss
 - 2 with bilateral hearing loss
 - 1 with profound hearing loss

18 children were referred to early intervention

- 15 were referred before six months of age

Beth Kaplan noted that of the 18 children referred to early intervention, only a portion are enrolled. The others either declined an initial referral or chose to not continue on with early intervention. The information drew the committee into a discussion of why families choose to decline further evaluations and enrollment. The committee will be reviewing the informational materials given to parents at the next meeting.

FASD Work Group

Christie Reinhardt reported that the FASD subcommittee's meeting this month was primarily logistical. They will be making a decision of where they would like to be housed, as either a stand-alone subcommittee under the Alaska Statewide FASD Partnership or maintain its own autonomy and become one of the working partners. The other focus that the Council FASD group will focus on is ensuring that DD eligibility does not hinge on IQ but focuses on areas of functionality in order to open it up for individuals with FASD rather than having to seek services through mental health services.

New Business

New Voting Members

Karli Lopez stated that the committee will postpone the vote on new members until the next meeting, since only one of the three new members was able to be in attendance at this meeting.

Work Plan for 2014-2015

Karli Lopez and Christie Reinhardt led the committee through a discussion of the upcoming year's work plan. The committee agreed that along with their Interagency Coordinating Council functions and the ongoing work on recruitment and retention, they will propose working on the following goals for the 2014/15 work plan:

- Financial systems

- Family rights and procedural safeguards
- Coordinating partnerships
- Telepractice infrastructure barrier exploration

Christie Reinhardt will e-mail the draft to the committee members for a final review and comments before the presentation to the full Council in April.

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

- **State Board of Education**
 March 13 - 14, 2014
 Juneau
http://education.alaska.gov/State_Board/

- **IEP Training for Parents Learning Lunch video**
 March 19, 2014
 12 – 1 p.m.
 Anchorage – Center for Human Development, 2702 Gambell Street, Suite 103
 Fairbanks – UAF, Butrovich Building, 910 Yukon Drive, Room 212b
 Juneau – UAS, Egan Building, 11120 Glacier Highway, Room 113
 Teleconference participation also available: rain@alaskachd.org

- **Early Childhood Mental Health Institute**
 April 8 - 9, 2014
 Egan Center, Anchorage
<https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=20141035E>

- **Full Lives Conference for Direct Service Providers**
 April 17 - 18, 2014
 Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage
<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/centerforhumandevlopment/fulllives/index.cfm>

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Early Intervention Committee is scheduled for April 9th, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Good of the Order and Adjournment

Susan Kaplan **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED** and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.