

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

**Early Intervention Committee  
Minutes**

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

**Meeting Date**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

Angie Fraize – Chair  
Beth Kaplan  
Karli Lopez  
Amy Simpson  
Cassidy Jones  
Laurie Thomas  
Elizabeth Siddon  
Janice Braden  
Travis Erickson  
Dr. Matt Hirschfeld  
Jimael Johnson  
Amber Parker  
Kathleen Yarr  
Mandy Cleveland

**Staff:**

Christie Reinhardt

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**CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 a.m.**  
**ROLL CALL**

**Welcome from the Chair**

Angie Fraize welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

**Announcements and Good News**

Karli Lopez announced that she and Lisa Balivet were chosen as the Alaska representatives for the Daisy Conference “It’s About Us, Include Us”.

Christie Reinhardt announced that FASD Awareness Day is September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and the event will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anchorage School District Education Center.

Dr. Matt Hirschfeld announced that the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership will be holding a pediatric symposium November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. More information can be found at their website at [a2p2.org](http://a2p2.org).

**Approval of Agenda and Approval of Past Minutes**

Amy Simpson **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion was **SECONDED** by Cassidy Jones. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Karli Lopez **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Amy Simpson. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence reported at the meeting.

**Reports**

**CHAIR’S REPORT**



## **AILPA**

Amy Simpson reported that AILPA has not had a meeting since their last report.

## **EED**

Cassidy Jones reported the following activities for the Department:

- The team continues to attend the different Governor's Council committee meetings, along with the AIEI Policy and Regulation meetings.
- Sam Jordan is the lead on Phase 2 of the SSIP.
- Sam Jordan, Don Enoch, and Cassidy Jones attended the OSEP Leadership Conference.
- Efforts continue on the new monitoring process, looking at not just the compliance pieces, but how the services are being provided.
- The monitoring schedule for this year has been posted on the Department's website.
- Colleen Gabriel, the new program coordinator, is training and will be included in the compliance monitoring this year.
- Continued work on rewriting the GAINS Grant.
- The Department has received all of the districts' assurances for the past year, and will begin the process again for this year.
- The website continues to be updated.
- Continued work on the directors training that will be held this fall.

## **EHDI/WCFH**

Beth Kaplan reported that the WCFH unit will begin their Title V block grant review next week, and every five years they conduct an assessment of maternal child health needs in the state and develop priorities. She explained that they had a survey that went out to a variety of stakeholders with a focus on children with special healthcare needs. She stated that the state priorities include:

- Reduce substance abuse among families including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs with a focus on support and screening of women of



work with the national center over the next 12 months with planning, and have a soft launch of the program in late 2016 and implemented in late 2017.

## **AUTISM AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Christie Reinhardt reported that the Autism Ad Hoc Committee will be reconvening in August, and plans a face-to-face meeting in October to discuss the changes under Medicaid related to early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment, and to complete their Five-Year State Plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Introduction of New Members**

Christie Reinhardt stated that there are a number of new members on the EIC Committee, which is the State Interagency Coordinating Council, and as a result, the EIC has several mandatory requirements for seats. Those seats are filled with the exception of a representative from private insurance. Christie asked each of the members present to introduce themselves and give a brief description of their connection to the work the EIC does.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Updates and New Policy From the Alaska IN! Program**

Janice Braden presented an update of the policy changes implemented July 1st with regards to the Alaska Inclusive Childcare Program. She noted that they have tried to better define roles and responsibilities as far as the program goes. There isn't a lot of regulation right now to support the program other than it is tied to childcare assistance. The childcare provider has to incur a cost to provide additional services, the services have to be required to meet that child's needs, so that part of it hasn't changed, but how they're working with the families is changing. The changes are as follows:

- The application for the Alaska IN! Program is being done at the Childcare Program office.

