

**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, February 17, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Angie Fraize - chair
Lisa Balivet
Monica Luther
Mandy Cleveland
Amy Simpson
Annette Callies
Amy George
Carrie Truett
Jimael Johnson
Kim Mix
Laurie Lopez
Laura Butcher

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

Lisa Balivet reported that the TA visits regarding the evaluation of child outcomes are complete. EI/ILP will be convening two workgroups that will meet for an hour once a week for six weeks to ensure that their evaluation component will address and measure precisely what they want it to.

Lisa Balivet noted that the Part C application is due April 21st and will be posted for public comment beginning February 21st.

AILPA EED

No reports were available from AILPA or EED for the meeting.

EHDI

Annette Callies reported that they have been working on the adoption of a process which involves sending certified letters when it appears that someone may be lost in process. They sent out letters and received responses, which allowed them to define the reason for the loss rather than just reporting lost to follow up.

Annette Callies reported that they will be attending the EHDI Conference in San Diego where they will hopefully get other good ideas to make their program even better.

WCFH

Christie Reinhardt briefly reported that there was an interview of a potential neurodevelopmental specialist, Dr. Dawn Bergquist, who is a retired Air Force officer.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the SSIP Timeline and ICC Responsibilities

Lisa Balivet reported that SSIP will be posted on their website April 1st, along with the Annual Performance Report. Lisa noted that the SSIP process includes a component called the State Identified Measureable Result, which Alaska chose the outcome for social emotional on the belief that that is an underlying development piece that will help children learn

and be able to get their needs met. The measureable result consists of starting from their baseline statistic of 65 percent of the children who exit their program Part C eligible have made significant improvement and improve upon that. Lisa stated that she would like to offer a report to the committee in the future on how that is actually calculated and what results they are aiming for.

Christie Reinhardt stated that OSEP had emphasized the desire for stakeholder review before the plan was submitted, and thus the regularly scheduled committee meeting has been rescheduled to March 9 to accommodate a review of the plan. Lisa Balivet remarked that when the workgroups have completed their work, there will be two large stakeholder groups convened to also review the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of PIC's Scripts

Amy Simpson reported that PIC has contracted with Laura Butcher to produce a video series for the public focused on parental rights and payment systems with a grant from the Mental Health Trust Authority. Amy directed the committee members' attention to the scripts for video 1, parent rights; and video 2, ILP billing to gather feedback from the committee. The committee members made recommendations that included:

- General recommendations:
 - Investigate the use of closed captioning and ASL to enhance accessibility.
 - Offer an option for a transcript of the video.
 - Access agency listservs for distribution.
 - Offer the series on a thumb drive for ease of access in rural/remote areas.

- Script recommendations:
 - Highlight the research-based positive benefits of early intervention.
 - Highlight that ILP is a federal program.
 - Highlight that parents have many rights under Part C of IDEA

