

Early Intervention Advisory Council and Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

I. Call to order

Lori Mago called to order the regular meeting of the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group at 9:35AM on February 8, 2017 at State Library of Ohio.

II. Roll Call

The sign in sheet was passed out. The following persons were present: *Valerie Alloy, Carrie Beier, Julie Brem, Kimberly Bolin, *Kellie Brown, Katrina Bush, *Joyce Calland, Kim Christensen, *Jessica Cray, Cindy Davis, Margaret Demko, Dionne DeNunzio, *Icilda Dickerson, Sandi Domoracki, Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Brenda George, Jennifer Haddow, Earnestine Hargett, *Kim Hauck, Chad Hibbs, *Sophie Hubbell, Susan Jones, *Vicki Kelly, Kyle Knapp, Teresa Kobelt, Nicole LaGrasso, Julie Litt, Laura Maddox, *Lori Mago, *Marissa Mikalich, Karen Mintzer, Nithya Narayan, *Jennifer Ottley, Stefanie Post, *Jessica Potts, Michelle Price, Jenni Remeis, Pam Stephens, Kay Treanor, Lori Watkins, Susannah Wayland, Lisa Welch, Jane Whyde

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Mago presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The next meeting will be held May 17, 2017.

IV. Open issues

a) Introductions and DODD updates

Service Coordination Solicitation: DeDino informed the group that the timeline for grants is different at DODD than it was at ODH, but the Service Coordination solicitation is in progress and expected to be completed in late March or early April. The state is also working on creating a new grants system.

Early Track: DeDino reminded the group that ODH is building a new data system where the Home Visiting and Central Coordination components will be. Once that data system is completed, Early Track will be transitioned to DODD and updated to include only Early Intervention. DODD will maintain the system and make needed additions, enhancements, and updates. The group was informed that the new ODH system and Early Track will “talk” to one another. DeDino informed the group that since Child Outcome Summary (COS) reports are not available, DODD has sent SFY16 COS data and will be sending COS data quarterly until the reports are in place.

Distribution lists: DeDino let the group know DODD is working to get up-to-date contact information to get distribution lists in place and that contact information for Contract Managers and FCFC Coordinators in each county will be available on the new EI website.

Hospital Based Child Find, Hearing, and Vision grants: DeDino informed the group that DODD will begin working on these grants in the near future with an intended July 1 start date. He

acknowledged that these processes felt rushed last year due to the transition and DODD was working to avoid that situation for SFY18.

SOP rule progress: DeDino provided a review of the progress that has been made regarding the SOP rule, including significant stakeholder feedback. He explained that DODD is taking comments on draft rule right now and there will be another opportunity for public comment later. OSEP has reviewed the rule and had no issues with it. Another SOP workgroup meeting will occur on February 13. Katrina Bush presented the SOP brochure that is to go to parents and significant discussion followed about both the brochure and rule. The group was informed that trainings and other resources such as desk aids are being developed and that these will be available and Traci Keesee will be providing trainings prior to the implementation of the rule.

APR/SPP: DeDino informed the group that the FFY15 APR had been submitted, county reports have been distributed, and that the SSIP due in April is well underway.

b) New EI website and tagline discussion

Representatives from OCALI provided the group with an overview of what has occurred so far regarding the website and the timeline going forward. The website is scheduled to be launched by the end of February, at which time it will include all of the required components. Development on the website will continue to add additional content, and going forward, DODD will maintain the website. Representatives from OCALI showed the group the website in its current state of development. The group was given a paper with the tagline suggestions received so far to vote on their favorite or provide additional suggestions. During the website discussion, many participants expressed their concern about the “Help Me Grow” name applying only to the Home Visiting program. The consensus of the group was for Mago and Dumas to write a letter to express the group’s concern. Attendees from state agencies abstained from the discussion.

c) New Service Coordination agency support process: DeDino and Diane Fox informed the group that DODD has received much positive feedback about the planned process and that the pilot is now in progress.

d) Parent and Physician Modules: The group was informed that a new module for parents and a new module for physicians are being developed. A review of these modules will occur March 23.

e) Review EI SFY16 data report

Taylor Hammond presented the SFY16 EI report, which included statewide summary information related to referrals, child counts, exits, and services.

f) Lunch on attendees’ own

g) Facilitator led discussion of EI rule revisions

Attendees participated in café style conversations to discuss EI rules. Feedback was provided regarding the following groupings of rules: personnel supervision (led by Katrina Bush), parent’s rights/procedural safeguards (led by Nathan DeDino), eligibility and IFSP (led by Diane Fox), contractors/data and monitoring (led by Taylor Hammond). Participants discussed which parts

of the rules should be preserved and what changes needed to be considered. Table leaders reported out on the major discussion points after the café conversations. The group was informed that the next step is for DODD to draft new rules based on the feedback they had provided and that there would be several opportunities for stakeholder input forthcoming, including work group participation and requests for public comment.

h) Closing

Attendees were offered the opportunity to provide any updates. Sophie Hubbell informed the group that ODE would begin the process of revising rules soon and there will be many opportunities for stakeholder involvement. DeDino thanked the group for their time and all the thoughtful feedback.

V. Adjournment

Mago adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.