

Early Intervention Advisory Council and Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2018

I. Call to order

Kim Hauck called to order the regular meeting of the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group at 9:42 on March 28, 2018 at State Library of Ohio.

II. Roll Call

The sign in sheet was passed out. The following persons were present: *Valerie Alloy, Carrie Beier, Kimberly Bolin, Julie Brem, *Kellie Brown, *Joyce Calland, *Tracey Chestnut, Cindy Davis, *Icilda Dickerson, Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Brenda George, Jennifer Haddow, Arely Hammons, Earnestine Hargett, *Kim Hauck, Chadd Hibbs, Bonnie Hubbard-Nicosia, *Sophie Hubbell, Julie Litt, Laura Maddox, Karen Mintzer, Margaret Osborne, Beth Popich, Stefanie Post, Michele Price, Jenni Remeis, Pam Stephens, Kay Treanor, Susannah Wayland, Lisa Welsh

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Hauck presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The next meeting will be held May 15, 2018.

IV. Open issues

a) Introductions and DODD updates

FFY16 APR: Nathan DeDino informed the group that Ohio's Part C Annual Performance Report (APR) was submitted on January 30, 2018 to the federal office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and that DODD expects to be informed of any needed clarifications by OSEP sometime in April.

Phase III, Year 2 SSIP: DeDino announced that Ohio's Phase III, Year 2 State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) was submitted March 23 and would be posted on the website by March 30. He thanked the group for all of their hard work and input on SSIP-related tasks and activities.

FFY18 Federal Part C Application: DeDino informed the group that the Ohio's FFY18 Federal Part C application had been posted and is very similar to past years. He also explained that the federal budget is still not final.

OSEP Site Visit: DeDino reported that the OSEP visit regarding the implementation of Ohio's new SOP rule went well and we were pleased with participation from several local programs. He informed the group that DODD received the final report from OSEP and that there were no concerns about how the SOP is being implemented. The one thing that was flagged in the report was that Ohio needs to better track maintenance of effort (MOE) at the local level and that DODD was asked to put a plan in place to do so.

Central Intake RFP: DeDino explained that the Central Intake RFP for SFY19 had been rescinded and reported and that the new submission due date was March 28.

Local Outreach Funding Reports: DeDino informed the group that DODD has reviewed the first round of local outreach funding reports and that the reports had included a great deal of interesting information and ideas for performing outreach at the local level. The reports described involvement in local fairs, collaboration with neighboring counties, and the use of the EI logo on children's books. DeDino let the group know that DODD will try to consolidate the information from the reports into a shareable format. There were several questions and some discussion around local outreach, including that numbers of participants were provided, where available.

SOSC Process Phase I DeDino provided a brief overview of the Supporting Ohio's Service Coordinators (SOSC) process thus far, that DODD learned a great deal about Service Coordination, including strengths as well as opportunities to provide additional support.

EI Annual Report DeDino announced that the EI annual report, which would include more narrative sections than the data reports we share at the advisory council meeting, was in the final stages and would be completed and shared in the coming weeks.

Updates to EI Website DeDino described the recent updates made to the EI website, which included that work on the Family Section of the website had begun and that the Provider section of the website had been revamped to include much more functionality. Diane Fox then provided a brief demonstration of the new Professional Development page.

b) SFY19 EI service coordination allocation discussion

DeDino explained that he had received significant input from stakeholders concerned about data entry errors over the past several months that affect referrals, which are part of the state's EI service coordination allocation formula. DeDino provided the option of keeping the allocation for each county exactly the same as the previous year as an alternative to using the typical allocation formula, along with summary data for both options. The group discussed these options and decided they would prefer to move forward with the option of keeping the allocation for each county the same as last year. The only caveat was that the federal budget was not yet finalized, and if the total amount Ohio receives from OSEP is less than the previous year, the county allocation amounts might need to be adjusted. There was additional discussion around allocation methodologies that could be used for future years.

c) Overview of new EI rules

Katrina Bush provided an overview of the work that has been complete thus far regarding Ohio's new EI rules. She explained that the SOP rule had been implemented the previous year but that all of the other new rules would be released together as a package. The Procedural Safeguards rule was the first drafted, and much work has been happening to get a draft of the Program rule in place. She also mentioned that new forms were being created to go along with the new EI rules, at which time the group divided into smaller groups to discuss the Service Coordination section of the IFSP form along with Attachment A. After small group discussion, everyone

came back together to report on one or two of their greatest insights, which included the following: The Service Coordinator should not be on the grid but should be on Section V; The IFSP should include a place to mark whether an address is permanent or temporary to help with the Homeless Project; The importance of the SC role should be better reflected on the IFSP form; Section V should include outcomes or goals the family has outside of the grid; Section VIII should highlight the Service Coordinator by including the name; The form should be set up in a way to increase the Service Coordinator's accountability; The eligibility page should be rearranged (make it clearer that an evaluation isn't needed if the child has a qualifying diagnosis); The form needs to be more dynamic; The COS should have its own section.

d) Updates from attendees and ODH

Some attendees were unable to stay for the afternoon portion of the meeting so all were given the opportunity to provide updates prior to lunch. Suzanna Wayland discussed ways to increase awareness of the law regarding homeless families and increased collaboration among systems to ensure stability for homeless families. Dr. Valerie Alloy provided updates about the interagency work group on NAS, cross systems trainings, and the Early Childhood Mental Health conference.

Jye Breckenridge then provided updates about what is happening at ODH and with Central Intake. He mentioned that the MIECHV grant has been reauthorized. The new Home Visiting Data system (OCHIDS), which was wholly funded by the MIECHV grant, was launched for mental health workers and work has begun for OCHIDS to communicate with other data systems. He also explained that ODH has big rule changes coming July 2 which include new eligibility for Home Visiting. He mentioned that the Central Intake RFP had been reposted, that new submissions were due that day, and that both departments are hoping to review RFPs and announce who the SFY19 vendor will be as soon as possible.

e) Lunch break

g) Review of FIPP-CASE modules

Sarah Sexton provided an overview of the new modules being developed regarding Service Coordination. After the overview, the group briefly discussed the module. The group was instructed to send any feedback they had to Lori Meyers within the following two weeks. Fox also mentioned that videos for these modules would be recorded in March and to let her know if anyone wanted to participate in the videos.

h) Review of EI Data

Taylor Hammond provided an overview of EI referrals data, children served in EI, and children exited from EI, along with breakdowns by age, referral sources, eligibility reasons, and exit reasons. Hammond also shared the state's recently submitted Child Count and Settings data. The group had questions around each of these topics and requested additional data for the following meeting including: for children who were referred and did not go on to have an NFS, a breakdown of exit reasons by referral source; a breakdown of the area of delay for children made eligible via ICO; EI services listed on IFSPs; exit destinations and a breakdown of specific exit reasons (not collapsed).

i) Closing

Attendees were again offered the opportunity to provide updates. Sophie Hubbell informed the group that the preschool special education rules had been revised again and were going back out for public comment. Brenda George provided information about a two-day Autism conference in Cleveland coming up. She also mentioned that the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association would be surveying OTs serving children zero to three and that she would likely be calling on the group for training needs, etc.

V. Adjournment

DeDino adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.