

# ***Early Intervention Advisory Council and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes***

July 27, 2016

## **I. Call to order**

Lori Mago called to order the regular meeting of the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholders at 9:38 a.m. on July 27, 2016 at the State Library of Ohio.

## **II. Roll call**

The sign in sheet was passed out. The following persons were present: \*Valerie Alloy, Marcie Beers, Carrie Beier, Stephen Begala, Tabitha Belhorn, Kimberly Bolin, Julie Brem, \*Kellie Brown, \*Joyce Calland, \*Tracey Chestnut, \*Jessica Cray, Cindy Davis, \*Icilda Dickerson, Sandi Domoracki, Marilyn Espe-Sherwindt, Earnestine Hargett, \*Kim Hauck, \*Sophie Hubbell, Susan Jones, \*Vicki Kelly, Julie Litt, Laura Maddox, \*Lori Mago, Karen Mintzer, Stefanie Post, \*Jessica Potts, Pam Stephens, Yolanda Talley, Laura Theiss, Kay Treanor, Susannah Wayland, \*Lisa Wiltshire

## **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

DeDino presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The next meeting is November 9, 2016.

## **IV. Open issues**

### a) Program updates

*Vision Contracts:* Discussed the status of counties regarding these contracts. Fifteen counties in the state are set up currently. Talks with the School for the Blind are continuing. A map and contact information will be sent out soon.

*Regional Infant Hearing:* A request for proposals is posted with proposals due 8/1. Hauck, Fox, and DeDino to review the RFPs with a contract implementation date of 9/1/16.

*Hospital-Based Child Find:* Current cycle will be completed 9/1. This is moving to a contract rather than a grant, which was piloted with Cincinnati Children's Hospital this past year. A set amount of money will be provided for each referral, and one or two other deliverables around EI education are being considered.

*OSEP Determination:* DeDino informed the group that Ohio was issued a determination of Needs Assistance from OSEP. It was discussed that the two areas that negatively affected Ohio's determination included reporting on limited amount of COS data and the lack of communication with the SEA regarding children potentially transitioning to Part B. It was communicated that both issues have since been resolved and Ohio is on track to receive a determination of Meets Requirements next year.

*State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP):* DeDino provided a review of what has been done and where the state currently is with the SSIP work. The group was informed that Ohio has

submitted the first two phases of the SSIP which included an in depth data and infrastructure analysis followed by planning for improvement, and that we are not in Phase II which involves implementing the plan to improve outcomes for children and families.

*ET User Guide:* DeDino thanked the group for feedback and informed the group that the guide had been piloted and the plan is for it to be released for use in early autumn.

*EI Transition Updates:* DeDino provided an overview of the transition and invited the group to offer feedback throughout the discussion. It was discussed that rules will all need to be updated and that the POLR rule would be first. Hauck initiated a discussion around the best manner to approach the rules – full group, sub-committees, etc. Several suggestions about sub-committees were provided.

A discussion around communication began. The group was informed that a call is scheduled for 8/23 at 10 a.m., that there are many components involved, and that DODD is very interested in their feedback. The plan is to present parents' rights and the "orange brochure," talk about the website change and the EI Program updates. Discussed communicating with referral sources, that Ohio contracted with the Family, Infant, and Preschool Program (FIPP) already to create six modules (including one for physicians as a primary referral source) and will have an additional five, and the possibility of using pocket cards created by counties.

*Day-to-day functioning:* The group was asked where we can make improvements and was informed we are receptive to feedback. Suggestion about having references to items when we make corrections or clarifications to resources. Suggestion to have guidance centrally located, members liked the idea of once per year updates. Suggestions to archive old guidance and rules, create a document library, include revision date in links.

*Definition of parent in EI:* Discussed draft guidance. Sophie Hubbell offered to send a "decision tree" type document regarding this. Discussed including a hierarchy of who can be considered the parent. Question about whether counties can start implementing the guidance immediately. Answer to wait until guidance comes out in a couple weeks. The group was instructed to send feedback to DeDino by the end of the following week. They were informed that we would be doing the same for all processes and procedures, and we would accept suggestions for topics.

## b) Data overview

*SPP/APR Targets:* Hammond passed out a document outlining the targets that had been chosen for FFY13 through FFY18, along with the results for each indicator for FFY13 and FFY14. She explained that though targets are set, the state can revise them if they choose to do so. The group was informed that the APR is expected to be finalized by and shared at the November meeting, at which time discussion about whether changes in targets are needed will occur.

*SFY16 to Date Data:* Summary data for the state fiscal year to date were passed out. The data included referral counts, age category at referral, referral outcomes, exit reasons for children without a NFS established, child counts, exit counts of children served, length of stay summary, and exit reasons of children served. In the interest of time, data were not discussed, but the

group was encouraged to stick around and ask questions if needed and to provide input about what types of data would be useful to see at future meetings.

c) 12:05 p.m. Lunch on attendees own

d) 1:12 Mago called group back to order

e) Training module review

Sarah Sexton provided an overview of the newest EI module regarding the PSP approach.

f) Fiscal report overview

Katrina Bush presented an overview of the status of EI financing in Ohio, including the recommendations provided by Emerald Consulting. The group was asked to consider what else is needed – additional clarification? More information? Question: Can a state differentiate services that do or do not potentially require cost share/out of pocket/”family cost participation?” Bush answered that it has to be a statewide plan applied equally to all counties and approved by OSEP. Discussed that most states have a finance structure in which a chunk of money is sent to each region to cover everything and not just Service Coordination and Central Coordination like in Ohio. The group was informed that Ohio must have a new system of payment rule in place by February 2017 (OSEP gave us an extension due to the transition). The group determined their work/input regarding financing should start here because of the timeline.

g) Closing

DeDino thanked the group for their time and feedback.

## **V. Adjournment**

Mago adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.