

Early Intervention Advisory Council and Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2016

I. Call to order

Lori Mago called to order the regular meeting of the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group at 9:35AM on November 9, 2016 at State Library of Ohio.

II. Roll Call

The sign in sheet was passed out. The following persons were present: *Valerie Alloy, Marcie Beers, Carrier Beier, Julie Brem, *Kellie Brown, *Joyce Calland, *Jessica Cray, Cindy Davis, *Icilda Dickerson, Sandi Domoracki, *Jessica Dumas, Brenda George, Earnestine Hargett, Chad Hibbs, *Kim Hauck, Anita Armstrong, Susan Jones, *Vicki Kelly, Julie Litt, Jenny Remeis, *Lori Mago, Karen Mintzer, *Jennifer Ottley, Sandy Oxley, *Jessica Potts, Pam Stephens, Kay Traenor, Susannah Wayland, Jane Whyde, Katrina Bush, Deanna Jackson, Laura Maddox, Tabitha Belhorn, Kimberly Bolin, Dionne DeNunzio, Jennifer Hadden, Lisa Welsh, Lori Watkins, Teresa Kobelt

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

DeDino presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled, but is expected to occur in February 2017.

IV. Open issues

a) Introductions and state updates

Data and Monitoring Road Show: DeDino shared with the group that five of the six Road Show trainings have been completed and that the evaluations so far have been very positive.

Early Track User Guide: DeDino informed the group that the Early Track User Guide, a step-by-step data entry guide, was piloted with twelve counties, the counties' feedback was incorporated, and that the guide has been finalized and distributed to the field for use.

RFPs for vision and hearing services: Contracts are in place with all hearing and vision service providers. The Ohio School for the Blind will be covering most of the state with vision services; six contractors will be providing hearing services. Akron Children's Hospital will be covering approximately 50 counties for hearing services.

Transition of Hospital Based Child Find grants: As discussed at the previous meeting, these grants have been transitioned to deliverables-based contracts. Cincinnati Children's was on a pilot contract for the previous year rather than a grant and it worked out successfully. DODD was able to add additional hospitals without increasing the overall budget significantly.

Communication related to transition: DeDino indicated there would be a broader discussion about communication later that day.

EI One pager: The group discussed the SFY16 EI One Pager, a one-page summary of EI data. A robust discussion followed with multiple suggestions about additional details to be added to

either the one-page report or the more comprehensive yearend report that will be presented at the next meeting.

b) EI website

DeDino informed the group that OCALI is building a new EI website for DODD. Everyone attending the meeting was then divided into smaller groups discussed how it should be organized and what sorts of materials should be included, focusing on the following main categories: Front page (EI video, most recent biweekly), Family, Professional (rule, forms, guidance documents, biweekly, training information), Reporting (APR, SSIP, applications), ICC (meeting schedule, roster, minutes). Numerous suggestions were documented in writing by each small group. In the discussion that followed, the main themes included ensuring that the website was easily navigable and had useful content for providers and families.

c) Annual Performance Report (APR) review and APR targets update

Taylor Hammond reviewed a draft of Ohio's FFY15 APR, including a description of each indicator, how the data are analyzed, and Ohio's results.

d) SSIP update

Discussion regarding family engagement and involvement in the broad EI system. Discussions regarding family involvement at the systems level, offering phone surveys, thinking about child care, preventing disparities in expulsions, cultural competency assessments for staff, and advisory council meetings in the evenings or on the weekends (to accommodate family schedules).

e) Lunch on attendees own

f) 1:07 p.m. Mago called group back to order

g) Central Coordination and Home Visiting updates (Sandy Oxley – ODH)

Oxley provided an update about the Home Visiting (HV) program regional meetings, structure of the bureau that includes the HV programs, and plans to open up HV rules and make changes, especially regarding eligibility. Regarding Central Coordination (CC), Oxley informed the group of plans to implement a risk-based assessment at the central intake level to best determine to which home visiting program children should be referred, as well as an RFP for CC funds. Discussions around collaborating with the American Association of Pediatrics. Question about whether the department will put out an annual report like a few years ago and/or other ways to communicate with OBGYNs. Question about whether there will be incentivized outcomes for the CC RFP.

h) Overview of technical assistance plan for service coordination (Diane Fox – DODD and Lori Myers – DODD)

Fox and Myers gave a presentation that summarized the Evaluation and Assessment Process and introduced the upcoming Service Coordination process. Discussion about the EI Services report (to examine quality of IFSP outcome). Volunteers for the pilot were sought. Suggestions on parents' rights piece. Suggestion about before and after questionnaires. Suggestion about safety

trainings. Question regarding how we communicate to the providers the importance and significance of the Service Coordinator role.

i) System of payment (SOP)/fiscal updates (Katrina Bush – DODD)

Bush gave a brief update about the process for how the draft rule came about. Bush informed the group that once in place, there will be one rule encompassing the system of payments and payor of last resort components. Currently there are separate rules for System of Payment and Payor of Last Resort. In the interest of time, the discussion was opened up to questions and suggestions. Question: Where did the 55 hours come from? Bush answered that it was a combination of best practice research, data regarding planned service delivery from Early Track, and feasibility of funding from the State. Question about what the unit looks like. Answer: In B(13), the definition of “unit” has been updated to mean one hour of early intervention service OR \$100 or a portion thereof expended for an assistive technology device. Question/Comment: Throughout rule “is” and “are” are used frequently; example: (C)(2). Do we mean shall/must/may? Suggest clarification. Bush also stated that the hierarchical language within (C)(2) was intentionally left out of the rule.

j) Communication discussion

Early Track: DeDino told the group that the Home Visiting program will be getting a new data system, and, although DODD is not sure of the exact plan for the data system going forward, the intent is to move Early Track to DODD once HV is no longer using it. Question about children who are dually served. Answer: ODH has said its new data system will interface with Early Track.

Branding: The group expressed significant concern about Early Intervention no longer being associated with the Help Me Grow brand, whether there is room for reconsideration. Multiple members of the group also expressed concern that primary referral sources would be confused about how to make a referral. Multiple members of the group expressed concern that families enrolled in Early Intervention—who think of themselves as enrolled in Help Me Grow—would be confused by the change in name.

k) Closing

DeDino informed the group the current plan for next year is to continue holding quarterly meetings and to have topic-specific calls in between. DeDino thanked the group for their time and feedback.

V. Adjournment

Mago adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.