

Early Intervention Advisory Council and Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020

I. Call to order

Nathan DeDino called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

II. Roll Call

Jody Beall, Julie Brem, Tracey Chestnut, Meredith Craig, Cindy Davis, Nathan DeDino, Christine Dobrovich, Jody Fisher, Diane Fox, Kathy Greenawalt-Cherry, Taylor Hammond, Arley Hammons, Kim Hauck, Lauren Holland, Bonnie Hubbard-Nicosia, Julia Jackels, Susan Jones, Megan Kloss, Grace Kolliesuah, Sarah LaTourette, Julie Litt, Lori Mago, Beth Martin, Henry Matthews, Karen Mintzer, Najma Mohamoud, Jennifer Ottley, Stefanie Post, Julia Renner, Beth Rutter, Jamie Sanders, Erin Simmons, Jessica Smith, Allyson Van Horn, Jane Whyde, Shannon Zentall

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved with no changes

IV. Open issues

a) Introductions and DODD updates

EI Data: Nathan DeDino shared child count and referral numbers for July through October of 2020 compared to 2019. Numbers for both have been down, but seemed to have evened out. DeDino mentioned these numbers are posted on the EI website monthly.

EI Outreach and Public Awareness Toolkit and Guidance: DeDino informed the group about some newly available resources regarding messaging, outreach, and public awareness. He thanked those who participated in the workgroup. A guidance document was created that includes a messaging framework, strategies for completing outreach and public awareness, and practical tools. Bright Beginnings and DODD are using this language and these templates.

Outreach: Bright Beginnings is getting three campaigns underway, aimed at supporting early referral of children who are suspected of having a delay or developmental disability; supporting the referral of children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs); supporting children diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS).

IAA with ODH for the system referral of children with EBLLs that was put in place in November 2019. In September, DODD worked with ODH again to implement a similar process for NAS referrals. DeDino shared the number of referrals received for children with EBLLs and that we would share similar information regarding NAS referrals at our first meeting in 2021.

TA and Training Updates: Diane Fox informed the group that about 80 people are currently taking the Principles of Service Coordination course. She indicated that DODD is moving the course, which is currently an instructor-led/hybrid model, to a completely online, self-paced course. The content will remain the same.

Fox also provided the group with a summary of the current prevalent TA topics, which include procedural safeguards, families moving out of state, and teaming in a virtual world.

Infant Mental Health Credential: DODD has posted guidance on the role of the infant mental health credential and consultant. Fox provided information regarding the different levels of Infant Mental Health credentials. Our goal was to have 300 credentialed by next year – we have 285 confirmed now, but more have recently been approved to get us past our goal.

Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CPSD) Workgroup: DODD had hoped that their work on the comprehensive system of personnel development had completed by now, but that has been delayed due to COVID-related priorities. DODD's new goal is to complete this by July 2021. This group will see a draft and have the opportunity to provide feedback.

Fox shared numbers for how many people had participated in a variety of different trainings.

BDI-3: The Battelle Developmental Inventory 3 was released last month. Typically we are given a year to transition to the new version. Because many counties have recently purchased BDI-2 materials, we have been given permission by the publishers to continue using those until they run out and will have three total years to transition. There is more observation and parent report in the BDI-3, but the scoring and cutoffs have not changed.

DODD Workgroups: Fox shared information about each work group and what they are and will be working on. In addition to the CSPD work group, existing DODD work groups include: POSC, Grant Agreement, Data, Transition, Oversight, Reflective Supervision.

Developmental Specialist Rule: DODD has been working with a group of stakeholders to revise the DS rule and expects the rule to go through the clearance process in the coming months.

b) Tele-EI Survey Results

Henry Matthews informed the group that DODD had sent out two surveys regarding tele-EI, including items regarding evaluations and services. The first was sent at the beginning of the pandemic and the second more recently. Matthews shared data regarding evaluations, including the number and percent of evaluations completed via technology and reasons evaluations were completed in person. He also shared data regarding service delivery methods. Taylor Hammond added that she had been reviewing responses to the Family Questionnaire about families' experiences with tele-EI and shared some general information about how families had responded.

c) Annual Performance Report

Hammond provided an overview of the results of each indicator on the draft of Ohio's FFY19 APR. She highlighted that the percentages for the COS data (Indicator 3) reflect greater accuracy in COS scores statewide; that Family outcomes data (Indicator 4) remain high, though we need to improve overall response rates and representativeness; and that we do not yet have the population data for the child count indicators (Indicators 5 and 6). Hammond informed the group that a draft of the APR would be posted on the EI website in the next couple weeks. Public comment will be accepted for 30 days and the draft will remain posted for 60 days. DeDino informed the group that the state's ICC is required to also submit an APR to OSEP, but they can choose to use the one prepared by DODD. Advisory Council members voted unanimously to use DODD's submission.

d) Family Questionnaire

DeDino informed the group that OSEP is beginning to place more emphasis on the Family Outcomes indicators, including additional reporting requirements for future APR submissions. With the next APR cycle, states will be required to report on how the response rate changed from the previous year and strategies for increasing this response rate. Additionally, states will be required to report on representativeness using race/ethnicity and at least one other demographic area, as agreed upon by each state's interagency coordinating council (ICC).

DeDino informed the group that Ohio had around a 12% response rate to this year's Family Questionnaire, which is broadly similar to previous years. He also indicated that white families were over-represented and African American families were under-represented in responses. He then introduced an activity where the group responded to the following questions:

- What can lead to increased response rates?
- What can lead to decreased response rates?
- How can we increase the representativeness of our survey results?

e) Partner Updates

Susannah Wayland was not able to join, but asked that we share a link that includes resources for children who are experiencing homelessness: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Students-Experiencing-Homelessness>

Bonnie Hubbard-Nicosia shared that as part Ohio Medicaid's effort to launch the next generation of its managed care program, ODM will implement OhioRISE (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence), a specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs.

Jody Beall (ODE) shared that the state BOE is scheduled to vote on the preschool education rule. A full board vote will occur soon, then the rule will proceed to Common Sense Business Initiative Joint Committee for Administrative Rule Revision. ODE hopes to have this rule fully ready to implement by July 2021.

DeDino shared that Ohio was awarded a grant from OSEP related to PD to support leadership across the birth to five system. DODD will be working with Wendy Grove and her team at

ODE to put together this opportunity for folks working in a leadership position in EI or special ed preschool or young elementary school. We will have more details in upcoming meetings.

V) Adjournment

DeDino adjourned the meeting at 12:07 PM.