

EIC Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2016

Present were: Jill Nelson, Diane Lane, Terry Kennedy, Jean Gray, Penny Henry, Mabel Koser, Chou Gabikiny, Eric Bostick, Cheryl Gundrum, Amy Swartz, Linda Reily, Jessica Jenkins, Suzanne Jackson, Katherine Strohm, Brandy Fox, Rena Wilkins

Introductions were made and the January 21, 2016 minutes were reviewed and approved. There were no additional calls to the agenda. Reminder that we are an advisory board for the group was given by Cheryl Gundrum.

Old Business: Carl Beck, Bureau Director for OCDEL, at the last regional leadership meeting discussed the integration policy to have program offices more streamlined and that there are positions posted for OCDEL advisors in the Central and East Regions.

New Business:

- Term for professional co-chair will end July 1, 2016 and a new professional co-chair will be needed for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 term.
- The parent co-chair, Chou Gabikiny, will continue through 2016/2017 term.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND TASKS

Membership - Cheryl reported that a new Professional co-chair will be determined for upcoming term and she will ask Amy Reed from Cumberland Perry Co EI if she would be willing to do it. The current Parent Co-chair agreed to continue for 2016/2017, thank you Chou! Meeting schedule for the next year was determined. All meetings will be from 8:30am to 9:45am for the pre-meeting where committees meet and then the regular EIC quarterly meeting will follow from 10am to 12pm. All meetings will be at the CAIU. Dates are as follows and will be posted on Community Links website:

- July 21, 2016
- October 20, 2016
- January 19, 2017
- April 20, 2017

*Please note that childcare will be provided by Shippensburg Head Start for the 10am to 12pm EIC meeting only.

The LICC Agreement will be finalized by July 1, 2016.

It was requested that Infant/Toddler SC's complete the first page of the Administrative meeting and bring to the meetings.

Next meeting for the Membership committee will be at 8:30am on 7/21/16 at the CAIU right before the EIC general meeting.

Solutions Across Systems – Eric reported that he would like to discuss having conversations about CAIU placements be more about the least restrictive environment and steer away from segregated classrooms. Preschool EI is not a place it is a service needs to be the message and committee decided that this can be reviewed at the upcoming training in September for the mandatory topics. Eric noted that next year the CAIU will be focusing on having fewer classroom days and lower ratios. There will be 6 vs 9 children in a group, 2 days vs 3 to 5 days a week, and a 1 day class for higher functioning cognitive students vs 2 to 3 days a week. Eric also reported that because the budget recommended by Governor Wolf for next fiscal year is being flat funded and Sec. Pedro Rivera is not asking for an increase in dollars, the PAIU will be contacting the legislature to support an increase. PAIU will also have postcards available for families to send to their assigned legislatures. Carl Beck is advocating for more funding to

cover the 17 million dollar deficit. At the appropriations hearing, Pat Vance asked with the office has not reviewed the funding process since it was the reason given for the lack of increased funding. Eric and the Assistant Director of the CAIU did a “day on the hill” and will also sponsor two days at the Delbrook location where various representatives and senators will be invited. Of those who attend, he will also invite to the EIC Carnival on June 7th.

Family & Professional Development – Jill reported that the plans for the June 7th carnival are wrapping up. Cheryl is coordinating the providers and the activities with Diane. She reminded everyone to make sure they RSVP for anyone that is attending to help. The Capital Area Christian Church has been sent the check and menu to purchase the food for the event. Jill will keep them informed of the number of RSVP’s so they can adjust purchases if needed. Amy Swartz will bring the meal ticket container for collection in the food line by TMB staff. Amy Reed will run the registration table and distribute the meal tickets. Terry Kennedy has offered to draft questions for the survey and will send via email to review prior to the event.

Child Find – Amy reported that in Cumberland/Perry counties, there was a presentation for the county Children and Youth staff on trauma and abuse impacts on children that was done by Rachel Bechtel, Amy Swartz and Terry Kennedy. On May 20th, there will be a 5 week Mommy and Me group starting at Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg which the IU will be attending. The IU had a table at the annual CAAEYC conference in March to represent EI birth to 5. CMU participated in a Northern Dauphin Resource fair and there is a 123 Play with Me group at the Lykens library in Northern Dauphin as well. Pinnacle Health Infant Development Program assists with a New Mom group, a Working Mom group and a couples group on varied schedules. The Carlisle Women’s center also has New Mom group. NICU referrals are reportedly being addressed by Jill with Pinnacle Health Hospital as they were not coming in consistently or if they were, they were received well after the discharge date. Cheryl has attended WIC, Healthy Start, and Baby Love program meetings in Harrisburg area. Next meeting is July 21 prior to the 10 am EIC quarterly meeting at the CAIU.

Children’s Social Emotional Development - At the last meeting on April 5th, planning for the 5/11 training on PCIT and Performcare was finalized. Tony House was confirmed to present for Performcare and Aaron Pridmore will present on PCIT. The committee is still developing a plan to have a Trauma 101 series for trainings for professionals in the EI and other systems. Handout was available for the Early Childhood Clinic from Dr. Chris Petersen who appreciates the work that EI does. Amy Reed will schedule the next meeting when she returns from leave.

Provider Rep - Diane reported that some providers find it difficult to get to all the offered trainings and events. Discussed the various ways we are trying to have more access to trainings including the Mandatory Topic Training coming up in September.

Parent Rep: Chou reported on the Race to the Top and the Family Engagement Conference scheduled for October 5th in Harrisburg Discussed having “café” type remote chats with other families. Face to face can be difficult and online it is easier to ask questions.

CSE and SICC updates

CSE-Regarding the State Systemic Improvement Plan(SSIP), OSEP stated that OCDEL only has to report on one ECO outcome instead of the two that they were using. OCDEL will report on Social Relationships outcome for the purposes of OSEP but data will still be collected on all three outcomes as it always has. Additional trainings are available on ECO if needed. Pennsylvania is developing a policy to address the inclusion, expulsion and suspension of children in Early Childhood Programs. This is following the lead of

the national policy that has been developed. A policy forum was held in March with EI and Early Childhood partners to start the process. There will be more policy forums that will be held regionally so that more people can attend. Penny reported that Head Start already has a homebased alternative program for children that are experiencing difficulties in a classroom setting to help families with resources and transition children back to the classroom.

SICC- The Ron Cowell Award recipient this year is Cecelia Lee, SICC parent co-chair. She was recognized for her contributions to Early Intervention with the creation of videos used in many EITA and OCDEL trainings, events, etc. Revisions to the Keystone Stars program were discussed. The Statewide Family Survey results were also discussed. EITA posts the agendas and handouts for the SICC meetings on the EITA Portal. Next meeting is June 2, 2016 from 12pm to 3pm at PATTAN Harrisburg.

Agency Roundtable:

UCP-reported on several upcoming events-5/21 Highmark walk for Communities, 5/26 In's and Out's of the Assistive Technology Library, 8/9 Pool Party, and 9/25 UCP Fun Fair.

CMU- New Service Coordinator will start on 5/2.

Pinnacle Health Infant Development Program-doing lectures at Messiah college and also looking for an intern.

Upcoming event-Yoga-thon for Andrew's Gift called "the Giving" will be held 5/21

Information- Autism Society of Harrisburg has grants for locator devices.

Childfamilyconnections.org-online support group for parents who have mental health issues. Group runs on Wednesdays from 6p-7p and Saturdays from 4p-5p.

Presentations:

Brandy Fox- Project LAUNCH-Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health. Grant was given to Allegheny County for this project. It is a 4 year grant and the hope is to invite other counties to begin work locally. The steps are to increase screenings, integrate physical and behavioral health, expand the Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation program, strengthen families with training on development and MH first aid, and do enhanced home visitation.

Rena Wilkins-ELKS Nurse Program- Non-profit agency started in 1960 for individuals with Cerebral Palsy. Since has expanded and is inclusive of all disabilities who received a diagnosis before the age of 21. If under 21, a referral is made first to the Special Kids Network who will triage the case and collect basic information. It is recommended to call SKN first. If SKN needs to forward to the ELKS Nurse, then they will be in touch with the applicant or representative for them. They can help, free of charge, with Nursing advocacy, attending doctors and therapy appointments, attending IEP's, obtaining medical equipment and being a liaison for families. They do not do hands on nursing, they serve as more of a case manager in the home and can talk about medical needs.

Upcoming events:

- 5/10 PA-AIMH Mtg 9a-11a at Pattan, topic FASD
- 5/11 BHRS/PCIT presentation/resources at CAIU 1p-3:30
- 6/7 EIC Carnival 5p-8p at Adventure Zone Playground

The meeting was adjourned by Cheryl Gundrum.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Nelson