

ICC MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Utah Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs and Their Families (ICC) is to assure that each infant and young child with special needs will have the opportunity to achieve optimal health and development within the context of the family."



**MINUTES OF THE UTAH INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)
FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Utah Department of Health, Division of Family Health and Preparedness

4431 S. 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT, Main Conference Rooms

May 28, 2014 // 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Lisa Davenport, Joyce Dolcourt, Tim Eicher, Barbara Fiechtl, Charlene Frail-McGeever, Debbie Justice, Kevin Morris, Gina Pola-Money, Helen Post, Stephanie Roach, Orvil Stokes, Betsy Sutherland, Eric Tadehara, Carolyn Taylor-Christensen, Janet Wade, Ginger West, Teresa Whiting, Susan Ord

Via Telephone: Linda DeGroff, Kelly Warner

Excused: Debbie Ballard, Karen Borg, , Max Lang, Rep. Ronda Menlove, Paula Pittman, Harper Randall, Michelle White

Absent: Lori Ginter, Kristina Shock, Heidi Valdez

BWEI/Health Department Staff: Catherine Hoelscher, Carma Mordecai, Lorna Roberts, Mimi Ujiie

Other Attendees: Angela Ward, Colleen Murphy, Katie Ricord

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting commenced at 9:32. Lisa Davenport conducted the meeting. Members and guest introduced and welcomed.
- II. Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Ginger West, motion seconded by Stephanie Roach, motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment Period** – Colleen Murphy explained a little about the Master Person Index (MPI). Various programs who serve children will link their data systems with the MPI. MPI gives each child a unique identifier enabling tracking of what services children are receiving from birth through graduation. Child Care Licensing, Head Start, and Baby Watch are among 28 systems that are all contributing to the MPI. The MPI is going through the beta testing phase and is very close to going live.
- IV. Parent/Provider Spotlight** – Gina Pola-Money discussed the “Utah Family Voices – A Family to Family Health Information Center”. *See handout “Utah Family-To-Family Health Information, Support and Resource Coordination”.*

The Medical home portal has reliable information and resources to help physicians and parents care for children and youth with special health care needs - See more at: <http://www.medicalhomeportal.org/>

Due to the financial struggles of families, families would benefit from Medicaid expansion. Katie Becket waiver is different from the Home and Community Based Waiver such as DSPD, it is actually an option each state has to cover children under 18 who meet the SSI definition of disability and meet institutionalized level of care and based on their "own" income, not the families, which is similar to the other waivers for income eligibility. It gives children and youth access to Medicaid State plan services

that their private insurance may not cover or cover adequately. This option would be helpful to keep families of children with special health care needs out of medical bankruptcy. *See handout “Katie Beckett (AKA TEFRA Option)”*

- V. Membership** – There are three open positions on the ICC; a parent rep, a provider rep, and a Legislative rep.

Lori Ginter’s, a parent rep, term is up and she has requested not to serve an additional term.

Kelley Warner’s, a provider rep, term is up and he has requested not to serve an additional term.

Rep. Rhonda Menlove, the legislative rep, is retiring from the legislature subsequently opening the legislative position on the ICC.

- VI. Baby Watch Report** – The **ICC CSPD** subcommittee created a survey about the current Baby Watch Credentialing process. *See handout “Credentialing Needs Assessment Phase I”* This survey is the first of a three part needs assessment; the other two phases will include interviews and focus groups.

Indicator 11 of the Annual Performance Report is a new indicator implemented by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). It focuses on improving results for families. *See handout “Overview of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) slides.* On July 14th, Baby Watch will host a meeting for Baby Watch Early Intervention stakeholders including members of the Interagency Coordinating Council and Early Intervention Provider representatives to explain more about the SSIP and invite participation on work groups. The purpose of the SSIP is to conduct data collection, analysis, and project planning to provide and improve evidence based practices in order to affect child outcomes. The SSIP is also a requirement for the Part B program. They have chosen to focus on improving outcomes for school age children.

Baby Watch Fiscal Technical Assistance Initiative focuses on helping states identify funding sources, analyze their systems, and maximize all the resources available.

At the beginning of May, the Baby Watch Fiscal Initiative Team attended a meeting in New Orleans. At the meeting each state gave a presentation about their state *see handout “State of Utah Baby Watch Early Intervention Program”*

See handout “Baby Watch Finance Strategic Action Plan” This form will track the strategies needed and ensure the completion of the steps identified by the Baby Watch financial team.

See handout “Possible Funding Sources” Baby Watch will definitely look into billing private insurance, asking for an increase in the state allocation, and Medicaid waivers.

- VII. Next ICC Meeting** – Sep 24, 2014 at the State Lab 4431 S 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT 84119, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

- VIII. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Davenport, for the ICC Tri-Chair

Lorna Roberts, ICC State Contact