

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

March 25, 2015 // 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Debbie Ballard, Simon Bolivar, Tiffany Jo Evans, Barbara Fiechtl, Debbie Justice, Jeff Ojeda, Kevin Morris, Paula Pittman, Jodi Hanson proxy for Gina Pola-Money, Stephanie Roach, Cassie Selim, Orvil Stokes, Janet Wade, Ginger West, Susan Ord, Teresa Whiting

Via Telephone: Nicole Brown

Excused: Coreen Anderson, Karen Borg, Linda DeGroff, Esperanza Reyes, Betsy Sutherland, Eric Tadehara, Michelle White

Absent: Jennifer Adams, Kristina Shock

BWEI/Health Department Staff: Catherine Hoelscher, Carma Mordecai, Joe Peterson, Lorna Roberts

Other Attendees: Heather Waters (KOTM), Sue Olsen (Upto3), Marla Nef (Upto3), Mary James (JSDCDC), Kelsey Lewis (KWC), Teresa Oster (Head Start/OCC), Linda Goetze

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting commenced at 9:41. Stephanie Roach conducted the meeting. Members and guest introduced and welcomed.
- II. Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Ginger West, motion seconded by Teresa Whiting, motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment Period** – Simon Bolivar is the administrator of the Childcare-licensing program. He is a new appointment to the ICC as the Child Care Rep. Simon's educational background is elementary education, psychology, and social work.

Jeff Ojeda is the new director of the USOE McKinney-Vento program. He is replacing Max Lang as the ICC Homeless Children and Youth rep. Jeff's educational background is in education.

Tiffany Jo Evans – is the newest ICC parent rep. and is from Oak City, Utah in central Utah. Tiffany's daughter is currently in Early Intervention, she has Down Syndrome, thyroid issues, vision issues, and mild hearing issues. There is very little support in Tiffany's community; as a result, she and another parent began a parent support group.
- IV. Parent/Provider Spotlight** – Barbara Fiechtl discussed the Teacher Preparation Programs at Utah State University. *See slides "Utah State University".*

The number of people completing the program is slim compared to the number of open jobs in special education. The ICC could discuss how to attract new people into the early childhood special education program.
- V. Membership** – The ICC acknowledged Simon Bolivar as the new child care representative.

The ICC acknowledged Jeff Ojeda as the new Homeless Children and Youth Representative.

Parent Rep –There are 2 open positions on the ICC for a parent representative. There are four applicants Gina Troop, Mandy Kartchner, Sara Doutre, and Nicole Brown. The ICC submitted their ballots. Nicole Brown and Gina Troop received the highest number of votes. The ICC would like to recommend Nicole Brown and Gina Troop as the new parent representatives.

VI. Baby Watch Report – Susan Ord mentioned that in 2013, Baby Watch received \$220,000 one-time funds, this year the legislature made that \$220,000 ongoing funding.

Catherine Hoelscher discussed the SSIP BWEIP Broad Improvement Strategies. After extensive research, Baby Watch determined that the area in greatest need of improvement was the social/emotional scores for children of culturally diverse backgrounds. *See handout “SSIP Core Work Team”*

VII. Baby Watch Cost Study – Linda Goetze presented the most recent information from the Baby Watch Cost Study. *See PowerPoint “Baby Watch Program Cost Study”*

VIII. Legislative Update - Simon Bolivar – SB 12 This bill gives the Department of Health (DOH) the opportunity to post, in exempt facilities, an avenue for parents to make complaints against the facility. The DOH will investigate these complaints. The bill also requires exempt facilities to have the DOH run all the background checks for child care providers.

Jodi Hanson - HB 199 directs the Department of Health to apply for a Medicaid waiver for a pilot program for children under the age of 19 who have disabilities and complex medical conditions. The bill passed unanimously in the House and Senate and now goes to Governor Herbert to sign. The Department of Health will apply for the waiver by July so a public hearing will be held in the near future. If this pilot program is approved by CMS, the waiver will give eligible children access to Medicaid based on their (not their parents) income and assets and offers a small amount of respite care. There is a potential for implementation of HB 199 in October 2015. The original bill had 3.2 million requested per year for three years, which would cover about 500 children; the final approved bill was 3.2 million spread across the three years resulting in approximately serving 160 children. This is the result of the advocacy for the Katie Beckett (TEFRA option) that Gina Polamoney presented to the ICC previously. Utah Family Voices will keep the ICC informed.

Teresa Whiting mentioned the Office of Home Visiting received \$1,000,000 one-time funding of TANF funding with the possibility of getting another allocation each year based on their outcomes.

IX. Appreciative Inquiry Report - Appreciative Inquiry is a process of inquiring into what works well in an organization, in order to build on the strengths that are already present in the organization. The Bureau of Child Development is focusing on the “Positive Principle”. For more information contact Teresa Whiting twhiting@utah.gov

Video shown http://www.ted.com/talks/shawn_achor_the_happy_secret_to_better_work

X. Committee Reports –

Family Advocacy and Support Committee will collect parent welcome packets from the 15 Early Intervention programs. If any ICC members has welcome packets they give to parents, the Family Advocacy and Support Committee would like to get a copy of those as well.

The Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) committee met for a 2-day conference to develop the process for creating and implementing a new CSPD credentialing process. *See handouts “BWEIP CSPD ICC Redesign Work Team”*

XI. Next ICC Meeting – May 27, 2015 at the State Lab 4431 S 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT 84119, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

XII. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Stephanie Roach, for the ICC Tri-Chair

Lorna Roberts, ICC State Contact