

Early Intervention Advisory Council and Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

I. Call to order

Jessica Dumas called to order the regular meeting of the EI Advisory Council and Stakeholder Group at 9:35AM on November 14, 2017 at State Library of Ohio.

II. Roll Call

The sign in sheet was passed out. The following persons were present: *Valerie Alloy, *Kellie Brown, Katrina Bush, *Joyce Calland, *Jessica Cray/Hayes, Tom Dannis, Cindy Davis, Nathan DeDino, *Icilda Dickerson, *Jessica Dumas, Diane Fox, Brenda George, Taylor Hammond, Earnestine Hargett, *Kim Hauck, Chad Hibbs, Bonnie Hubbard-Nicosia, *Sophie Hubbell, Susan Jones, *Vicki Kelly, Julie Litt, *Lori Mago, Karen Mintzer, Caley Norton, *Jennifer Ottley, Vincent Roadcap, Jessica Smith, Pam Stephens, Michele Price, Kay Traenor, Lisa Welsh

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Dumas presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The next meeting will be held in February 2018.

IV. Open issues

a) Introductions and DODD updates

Central Intake: Nathan DeDino informed the group that DODD and ODH are working together with the Cleveland Sight Center (CSC) and have made three visits to provide assistance, and then turned the discussion over to Jye Breckenridge. Breckenridge indicated that ODH is continuing to monitor Central Intake very closely and thanked the group for feedback about what is not working.

Breckenridge informed the group that ODH received a quality assurance plan from CSC and several items of concern were addressed. Central Intake now has 30 days to put the plan in place, but the plan is viewed as a fluid document and changes will be made as needed going forward. Breckenridge indicated that the departments are also reviewing CSC's policies and procedures, and that those will be shared and posted when finalized, as well. He also shared that ODH had received CSC's initial marketing plan, but it did not include the entire prenatal to three population. ODH asked CSC to make revisions to the plan. Breckenridge described the marketing plan as creative and indicated that they hope to have it in place soon.

Breckenridge described the referral numbers as still rising, but acknowledged that the numbers were still too low in some communities, and that quantity does not always equal quality. He said there were still a lot of things happening that were unacceptable and that the program manager and CEO of CSC/Central Intake had been summoned to Columbus. He informed the group that Home Visiting is working on a CQI project to help include the uniqueness of each community.

OSEP Visit: DeDino indicated that the focus of OSEP's September visit was on Ohio's fiscal system as part of OSEP's Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) process, and indicated that the visit went very well. He explained that much of the time was spent explaining Ohio's structure, as Ohio has a very different EI system structure than any other state. He shared that OSEP was very surprised and impressed at the level of involvement from Ohio's stakeholders. He indicated that OSEP has not yet sent a final report about the visit, but that they indicated it will not be very detailed

EIDS: DeDino indicated that DODD clearly expected the data system transition to go much more smoothly, and acknowledged that it was not acceptable to have referrals not transferring over from Early Track when EIDS went live. He informed the group that there are ongoing issues and that DODD is continuing to work with IT to fix the new issues as well as make long-needed enhancements.

Rules: DeDino informed the group that the Procedural Safeguards rule was in its final stages, and that the credential rule was in the middle states. He also reported that DODD intends to have all EI rules completed by July 2018, and that they would all be released as one package.

Supporting Ohio's Service Coordinators (SOSC) Process: Diane Fox informed the group that the TA and Training team has completed about 48 county visits as part of Phase I of the SOSC process. She indicated that they have learned a great deal about how local service coordination agencies are implementing Service Coordination and that themes that have emerged so far include the need for documentation training as well as the need for more support around explaining the COS to families and facilitating the team discussion around the COS descriptors.

b) EI Program Rule Discussion

The group then divided into three smaller groups to discuss possible revisions to the EI program rules. The groups' discussion centered around service coordination; evaluation, assessment, and COS; Section VI of the IFSP and Transition.

c) Lunch on attendees own

Prior to beginning the afternoon session, Sophie Hubbell informed the group that preschool rule 11 is open for public comment until December 2.

d) Data Discussions

FFY16 Annual Performance Report Overview: Taylor Hammond went through a draft of the FFY16 APR to be submitted by February 1, 2018. The group had brief discussions about increasing the response rate for the family questionnaire, as well as additional data that will be shared in a full fiscal year-end report at the February 2018 meeting. Hammond informed the group that the APR would be posted on Ohio's EI website for public comment prior to December 1.

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Targets for Intermediate Outcomes: Hammond gave a brief overview of the SSIP and explained the need for data regarding the intermediate outcomes. She described the baseline data and benchmarks, including how all of the data were acquired and

analyzed. She indicated that Ohio needs to set targets for each of the intermediate outcome evaluation questions for the next three submissions of the SSIP. The group discussed the targets and decided that for most of the evaluation items the targets would be an increase of 5% of the total counties in the state each year, which rounds to an increase of 4 counties each year. An attendee suggested that for the outcome regarding quality of IFSP outcomes, the increase each year should be 10% of the total counties, which rounds to an increase of 9 counties per year. The group also agreed to a target of 100% for the indicators concerning access to EI services and to postponing the baseline data and target setting for the indicator regarding practitioner use of evidence-based practices. There was also discussion about the desire to be able to measure the effectiveness of EI over time, but a recognition of the challenges in doing this due to the effect of intervening events after a child leaves EI.

e) Assistive Technology Policy Overview

Katrina Bush explained the need for an Assistive Technology in Ohio and reviewed draft guidance with the group. She asked that while reviewing the guidance, the group thinks about what Assistive Technology means in federal law as well as what types of Assistive Technology may be needed by families. DeDino informed the group that DODD will be sending electronic versions of the documents and asking for feedback at that time.

g) Closing

Attendees were offered the opportunity to provide any updates. No updates were provided.

V. Adjournment

Lori Mago adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.