



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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District of Columbia Interagency Coordinating Council (DC ICC)

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 9, 2018, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

1371 Harvard St. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Members in Attendance:

Raeshawn Crosson (Chair/Parent), Quiana Mitchem (Provider), Royace Hagler (Early Head Start), Elizabeth Groginsky (Agency for Child Care, Office of the State Superintendent of Education), Colleen Sonosky (Medicaid Program), Carlene Reid (State Education Agency, OSSE), Daniel Reily (Parent), Cynthia McEwen (Parent), Howard Liebers (Private Insurance), Amy Cullen (Provider)

Members not in Attendance:

Nicole Lee-Mwandha (OSSE Homeless Representative), Denise Ballard (Foster Care Agency), Toby Long (Comprehensive System of Personnel Development), Tiffany Phoenix (Provider), Madonna Coates (Parent), Lavdena Orr (AmeriHealth Managed Care Organization), Linda Flores (Parent)

OSSE Support Personnel:

Dr. Margareth Legaspi (Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning and Head Start State Collaboration Director), Melanie Newkirk (Managed Care Liaison), Sandra Smith (Supervisor, Family Service Unit), Allan Phillips (Special Assistant Part C), Andres Alvarado (Director for Early Intervention), Rosalia Villalta (Supervisory Early Intervention Specialist)

Call to Order:

- A. The Chair called meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.
- B. The Chair stated that today's meeting will serve as the third quarterly DC ICC meeting for fiscal year 2018.
- C. The Chair opened a vote to approve meeting minutes from March 8, 2018 DC ICC Meeting. Carleen moved to approve March 8 meeting minutes with corrections/edits and it was properly seconded.

Open Issues:

- A. Timeline for completion and finalization of DC ICC bylaws was discussed. The Chair discussed setting a hard timeline for completion. The Chair stated that the item will be a priority during the DC ICC board retreat.
- B. The Chair discussed the delay of the board retreat. The Chair committed to send a doodle poll to members requesting availability in July.
 - The retreat is expected to be half-day and will include reviewing the mission, vision and role of the DC ICC.
 - The Chair requested additional agenda items that include revitalizing public awareness and parent support efforts.
- C. An announcement was made by OSSE regarding the support the Bainum Family Foundation provided to the Parent Café on June 15, 2018 and QIN parent policy council activities to engage

families. The Chair requested for DC ICC to receive early intervention parents' emails to disseminate information to active parents.

Meeting Business:

- A. Part C Progress Report Updates
 1. Andres Alvarado, Program Director, OSSE, provided updates to the DC ICC Board on the implementation of natural learning environment practices (NLEP) and service coordination updates. He reported that there was an increase of families served in early intervention compared to last year at this time. There was not an increase in referrals. Strong Start is engaging more families to continue in the process to service delivery.
 2. Allan Phillips, Special Assistant, Part C, OSSE, shared that OSSE will receive the determination from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) this month. OSSE has submitted its grant application to OSEP for funding. An incentive grant is also available this year for states that are planning on an extended option or states that already have an extended option. OSSE has applied for these funds and the maximum fund is \$300,000.
 3. There were several communications regarding the upcoming change in eligibility for Strong Start.

Committee Quarterly Reports:

- A. Executive Committee: The Chair agreed to complete the doodle poll for retreat dates immediately after the meeting. The Chair explained that she will be replacing the vice president and secretary with new appointments before the retreat with new parents.
- B. Nominating Committee: Carleen updated the DC ICC on membership status.
- C. Legislative and Social Policy Committee: No report was presented. The Chair was not in attendance.
- D. Parent Advocacy Committee: Amy Cullen was appointed committee Chair by the Council Chair.
- E. Public Awareness Committee: No report was presented. This will be discussed after the retreat to develop a plan.

Public Comment:

- A. Parent discussed challenges and benefits of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services and requested that the coaching model be explained when families enter Strong Start program. It was recommended to revisit the modality of ABA in the early intervention program. The Chair discussed her desire to host an ABA workshop for parents to include providers, insurance representatives and child care providers. The points of contact for this project will be Colleen Sonosky and RaShawn Crosson.
- B. Parents shared some of the challenges found with DC Public Schools (DCPS) and questions about transition for children with disabilities.
- C. Parents reported receiving rejection letters from the Department of Recreation programs for summer camps.
- D. Parent discussed her appreciation of the extended option program for parents who cannot decide about transition. The Chair suggested that someone from Early Stages join the Council. OSSE discussed possible attendees who can be invited on behalf of DCPS.
- E. Parent discussed her son's services and medical challenges. Parent expressed her concern with her son's transition and needing more supports from her insurance agency around all the services her son needs.

DC ICC member motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member seconded the motion and Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Chair Signature

Date