

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Birth to 3 Program Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)		Attending: Julie Walsh, Deb Rathermel, Jennifer Bibler, Terri Wixom, Rosemarie Navarro-Red, Lisa Roberts, Laura Holmes
Date: 7/16/2021	Time Started: 8:32 a.m.	Time Ended: 10:01 a.m.
		Council Members Excused: Linda Hall
		Council Members Absent: Virginia Brath, Shalene Fayne, Kristine Nadolski, Lisa Subeck
		Public Attendees: none
		State Staff: Lisa Hanks (DCF), Kate Johnson (BCS), Clara De La Garza (BCS), Matt Rundle (BCS), Amy Pulda (BCS), Regena Floyd-Sambou (BCS), Nancy Bills (BCS), Dana Romary (BCS), Dan Kramarz (BCS),
Location: Zoom Conference Call		Presiding Officer: Julie Walsh, Chair

**Minutes**

**Welcome**

Call to Order at 8:31

General Business:

- Approval of minutes moved to October ICC meeting due to a lack of quorum.
- No council member updates and announcements were provided.

**Public Comments**

- No public appearances.

**Bureau of Children’s Services (BCS) Updates:**

• **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

A review of recommendations for use of the ARPA funds was shared. In Wisconsin, this means that we will receive one-time funding of slightly more than \$3 million for a two-year time period to address the impact of the pandemic on all children and families. States are required to gather stakeholder input and submit an updated Part C Grant Application to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) indicated their planned uses for OSEP approval.

Discussed input from stakeholders and shared additional recommendations related to three focus areas for use of ARPA funds:

- Professional development/workforce supports
- Systems infrastructure/data and
- Child and family pandemic recover focused actions

Council members provided additional suggestions under these primary categories, such as recruitment of staff who reflect the community, videos to promote hiring and the use of technology through apps.

• **Wisconsin 2021 Determinations**

A review of Wisconsin’s annual state and county determinations was shared with the ICC. Wisconsin is currently in Meets Requirements for its reported July 2019- June 2020 reported data. The federal determination status is a combination of compliance and outcomes indicators. Wisconsin received full points for all compliance indicators and only half of the available points for outcomes. Similarly, county level improvements reflect increased performance for compliance and data completeness and a decrease in child outcomes results data.

ICC members expressed interest in reviewing county-by-county data or receiving a summary pulling out key factors impacting Wisconsin determinations results in order to better understand the results and the determination process.

BCS continues to analyze the current determinations process and evaluating whether the process emphasizes and appropriately weighs child progress as an indicator of quality practices in Wisconsin including conducting outreach with counties, stakeholder and identifying specific strategies to improve results for children served the Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program.

**Wrap-Up and Action Items:**

- ICC members will continue to send in information and recommendations for use of ARPA and improvement of child outcomes to the bureau.
- Next ICC meeting will be held on October 20, 2021.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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