

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Birth to 3 Program Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)		Attending: Julie Walsh, Jennifer Bibler, Virginia Brath, Linda Hall, Lisa Hankes, Laura Holmes, Rosemarie Navarro Red Hail, Kristine Nadolski, Deb Rathermel, Lisa Roberts, Theresa Wixom
Date: 2/9/2022	Time Started: 9:06 a.m.	Time Ended: 11:53 a.m.
Location: Zoom Conference Call		Presiding Officer: Julie Walsh, Chair
Minutes		

Welcome:

- Julie Walsh (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and welcomed council members, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) staff participating in the conference call.

Public Comment: None.

General Business:

- Approval of January 26, 2022, draft meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Laura Holmes and seconded by Ginger Brath; motion passed unanimously.

Council Briefing

• **Part C Grant Briefing**

This item included an overview of the Part C Grant, timeline, and amount of allocation of grant funds. Part C funds are allocated from the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for early intervention services for children age birth through 2 years of age.

- Amy Pulda presented the proposed FY 2022 OSEP allocation similar to our previous years' categories:
 - Category I – Staff Positions—\$475,000
 - Category II – Supports and subcontracts —\$1,128,891
 - Category III – Direct Services—\$6,050,890
- The grant application will be posted for public comment in March and a final application will be sent to OSEP in May.
- No comments or questions were shared from council.

Data Briefing: Child Outcomes

This item included a review of Indicator 3 Child Outcomes data previously shared with the ICC on January 26, 2022.

Indicator 3 Child Outcomes includes six data points measuring the impact of Birth to 3 Program services in three areas of child development: A) social-emotional skills, B) acquisition and C) use of knowledge and skills and taking appropriate actions to meet needs.

- Matt Rundle presented an overview of current child outcome results and analysis by referral source, eligibility reason, race and ethnicity, and geographical regions.

- Council members discussed the possible impacts of diagnosis after eligibility, duration of time in the program, frequency of services, and age at eligibility on child outcomes.
- Council members discussed the benefit of continued analysis to determine correlations between and among child outcomes by the selected data points and demographics.
- Council members discussed limitations of data collected in the Program Participation System (PPS) data system, possible data system improvements and funds that may support system improvements.
- Council members expressed a need for standardization among programs, online training, and standard expectations.
- The Bureau of Children's Services (BCS) shared the next steps will include continue analysis of populations by overlapping data and continued activities to improved child outcomes including:
 - Updated scoring of Indicator 3 data in local county determinations
 - Continued implementation of Social Emotional grant activities
 - Monitoring and identification of quality practices through administration of the statewide Birth to 3 Program Review Protocol
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) activities aimed to support improved child outcomes

BCS Update

ARPA Briefing & Input

- BCS staff shared information about the supplemental federal ARPA funds provided to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic particularly children and families that have been disproportionately affected.
- Additional details were shared about ARPA projects and activities including: reimagining of the Birth to 3 Program professional development (PD) system, research project on evidenced-based practices, and early childhood mental health support and consultation. A memo outlining the goals of the PD reimage can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dms/memos/info/2022-01.pdf>
- Information was shared about the Child and Family-Focused Pandemic Recovery Supports Local Grant Initiative including timeline of grant applications and requirements of activities to address protective factors and equity. A numbered memo announcing the grant opportunity and application criteria can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dms/memos/num/2022-01.pdf>

Annual Performance Report (APR) Improvement Project

- Lydia Essenmacher reviewed the state of the APR Improvement Strategies project and workgroup. This project is closing after completion of:
 - New survey and process for collection of family outcomes data
 - Development of the child outcomes dashboard
 - develop new scoring system for local county determinations and update required local county determinations follow up activities
- In addition to these activities, it was noted that BCS is launching the activities discussed in ARPA briefing to continue efforts to increase child outcomes.
- Council members are interested in future updates on these activities and additional data to better understand the scope of activities and the scope of data BCS is collecting.

Wrap Up

- Future 2022 Meeting Schedule:
 - Next meeting: May 13 (Circles of Life Conference)
 - Meeting will be both in person and virtual
 - August 24, 2022
- Laura Holmes moved to adjourn; Rosemarie Navarro-Red Hail seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.