

Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) Minutes

Meeting Date: April 25, 2024

Meeting Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Voting Members Present: Tonya Krueger, Beth Van Meeteren, Heather Rouse, Jess Burger, Bebi Manns

Voting Members Absent: Kimberly Villotti, Shelley Horak

Non-Voting Members Present: Terri Orr, Sharon Burke, Ami Leath

Non-Voting Members Absent: Monica Garner

Staff to Council: Marianne Rodrigues, Amy Stegeman

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Welcome and Roll Call

Tonya Krueger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves. Tonya will be conducting the meeting as Chairperson Kimberly Villotti is on medical leave.

ACTION ITEM

Adoption of the Agenda

Tonya Krueger stated that members had been sent a copy of the agenda in advance. Jess Burger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Beth Van Meeteren seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beckie Reed with Iowa Total Care and MIECHV attended via Zoom. She stated that she was listening to hear anything the Council had to offer relevant to Iowa Total Care.

Patti Anderson, also with Iowa Total Care, joined the Zoom link mid-meeting after public comment had passed.

ACTION ITEM

February 29, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Tonya Krueger asked the Council to review the February 29, 2024 meeting notes. Beth Van Meeteran made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Heather Rouse. Tonya called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

Dates for FY25 CDCC Meetings

Tonya Krueger opened the discussion to look at the dates for upcoming CDCC meeting dates. Prior to this meeting, Marianne Rodrigues sent out a Google form to all CDCC members of possible meeting dates for FY25. The form requested that members choose convenient meeting dates.

Based on survey responses, the FY25 dates that work best for the majority of CDCC members were identified as follows:

July 16, 2024 (from 10a - 12p via Zoom)

September 19, 2024 (from 10a - 3p)

November 14, 2024 (from 10a - 3p)

January 15, 2025 (from 10a - 3p)

February 20, 2025 (from 10a - 3p)

April 30, 2025 (from 10a - 3p)

Tonya asked the Council to review the dates and offer any issues or concerns.

A question was asked in regards to reduction of staff for AEAs and the ability to attend the meetings listed above. Amy Stegeman clarified that Jess Burger is the representative of Iowa's AEAs as required by code; Ami Leath is the representative requested by the Council to offer a specific lens to special education services within Iowa's AEAs. The Council may consider whether current membership outside of those outlined in Iowa Code is still desired in future meetings. Currently, both AEA representatives anticipate being able to attend FY25 scheduled meetings.

ACTION Item

Dates for FY25 CDCC Meetings

Tonya Krueger asked for a motion to vote on the dates. Bebi Manns made a motion to approve the dates. Beth Van Meeteren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Iowa Child Care Workforce Study & CDCC Statement

Tonya Krueger reminded the Council of the presentation provided in February by Ashley Otte from Iowa Association for Education of Young Children (IAEYC). She shared the 2023 Iowa Child Care Workforce Study findings. After the presentation in February, it was acknowledged that action based on these findings was needed. The Council discussed potential responses with one idea of developing a statement offering feasible action steps. There was agreement to add this discussion to a future CDCC agenda.

Amy Stegeman shared that Kimberly Villotti reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and stated that in this case, a statement of action may not be considered to be in the CDCC's purview. As specified by code, the Council's role is specific to Shared Visions at-risk populations. Action based on the Iowa Child Care Workforce Study should most likely come from the governing party or the party who released the study.

Tonya asked the group if there has been any action based on the response to the study. The Council acknowledged they haven't heard anything about next steps regarding the study. The group noted that they did not have a leverage point to move forward with developing a statement of action.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Updates

Preschool and Parent Support

Marianne Rodrigues stated that fourth quarter payments were sent out in early April; these were the last payments for this grant year.

The FY23 CDCC Annual Legislative Report was posted on the Iowa Legislature website. As a result, staff has shared the report with ECI staff, Iowa AEYC, Shared Visions grantees, and the Early Childhood Bureau. As discussed in previous years, Council members are encouraged to share the annual report with others as well.

The Iowa Department of Education was notified of an increase in cost for the purchase of child portfolios for system users with accounts under the Iowa Department of Education license with Teaching Strategies, LLC for the GOLD® Assessment System. Beginning in fall 2024, the cost per portfolio will increase by \$0.63 going from \$11.54 to the new price of \$12.17. This rate will be reflected on renewal agreements issued this spring. Programs will continue to have access to unlimited archived files at no cost.

Staff are beginning to prepare for year-end reporting. All grantees must submit year-end reports within 30 days of the end of the grant year. In addition, staff are preparing renewal applications for FY25 which will be the last year of the current grant cycle.

Staff have prepared a visual to accompany the new 5-year grant announcement. Marianne shared the new visual and the Council discussed. It was suggested that the timeline for release and submission of the grant be considered as an addition to the visual. Staff to the Council will incorporate suggestions from the discussion as possible.

Marianne reviewed Shared Visions updates related to ReadyRosie. She reminded the Council the Shared Visions Programs began implementing ReadyRosie in March 2023. Last month, two additional professional learning opportunities were offered to Shared Visions staff in an effort to enhance ReadyRosie implementation. The content was focused on how to interpret the data dashboard and use it to inform program decisions and instruction. Marianne then read the following statement from a teacher and administrator:

“We have a child in our program that has done several activities with her grandma both pertaining to social emotional skills and letter knowledge. Her letter knowledge has greatly increased with the grandmother doing activities from the Ready Rosie site at home along with skill building in the classroom. The child’s ability to identify and state her feelings has increased as well. We are excited to continue learning about and utilizing a tool that helps caregivers at home and supports the work we do in the classroom, ultimately leading to increased outcomes for children.”

ECI System

Heather Rouse shared a ECI State Board meeting is scheduled for June 7th. One agenda item will address a new childcare dashboard for children and parents and highlight several new features of the dashboard.

She then shared ECI staff have been working within work groups to determine priorities for the upcoming year. Many of the priorities discussions revolved around workforce and mental health.

Member Updates

Sharon Burke said the end of the school year is drawing near for most Head Start programs across the state. The Office of Head Start has released a cost of living adjustment for programs at 2.35%. The Iowa Head Start Association is hosting an active shooter emergency preparedness training on June 13, 2024 offering both in person and Zoom options.

Ami Leath stated that they are still working through AEA changes with more updates to come at a future time.

Tonya Krueger mentioned Teri Orr was experiencing some technical issues and could not contribute.

Tonya spoke about the Lookbook and community projects developed by the Child Health Specialty Clinics cohort, and offered to send materials about it to the rest of the Council.

Beth Van Meeteren said UNI is getting ready to work with approximately 230 teachers across Iowa on STEM focusing on balance, both physical and body balance. This opportunity is offered to PK-3 teachers.

Heather Rouse added that ISU is rolling out a new online program through GPIDEA to offer an online graduate certificate in early childhood family policy. A new cohort will kick off this fall.

Legislative Update

Amy Stegeman provided a few legislative updates. [SF2385](#) was passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature; there is a section related to electronic meetings that may impact how the Council facilitates meetings. This will be reviewed further at a future meeting.

[SF2435](#) was passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature. The section related to at-risk programming provides status quo funding which means the Shared Visions grant awards for the coming year will remain the same.

A question was asked about legislative proposals related to full-day preschool. Amy shared there had been a few different bills proposed addressing full-day preschool options, none had moved forward to be successful this year.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Proposed Agenda Items for July Meeting - Via Zoom

Tonya Krueger reminded everyone that the July Meeting will be entirely virtual. She reviewed the proposed agenda items. The members did not add any discussion items. Amy Stegeman stated that the large gap between April and September meetings has necessitated the Council to schedule a short meeting in between for information sharing and updates.

As the group finished the review of July meeting topics, Amy reminded those members who are not participating in the FY26 grant work that they did not need to return after the lunch break.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Grant Cycle Work

The Council reviewed the list of communication contacts for stakeholders and various committees and councils for disseminating grant information. The group updated the list of contacts as needed and then reviewed the communication to be sent out in May.

Next, the Council reviewed a new draft of the preschool application and scoring rubric for FY26, as well as a summary of scoring and total points per application section. Discussion led to some suggested changes in scoring and points awarded to various sections of the application. In addition, suggestions for application questions and desired information to be collected within the application were shared. Staff will take all feedback and embed the changes into a new draft for review during the next Council meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Connections with Stakeholders

Tonya Krueger encouraged Council members to think about stakeholder connections and communicate content from the meeting, including sharing out the FY23 Annual Report.

Adjourn

Tonya Kreuger adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.