

Child Development Coordinating Council (CDCC) Minutes

Meeting Date: July 16, 2024

Meeting Time: 10 am - 12:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Tonya Krueger, Jess Burger, Heather Rouse

Voting Members Absent: Kimberly Villotti, Shelley Horak, Bebi Manns, Beth Van Meeteren

Non-Voting Members Present: Teri Orr, Ami Leath, Sharon Burke, Monica Garner

Staff to Council: Marianne Rodrigues

Staff to the Council Absent: Amy Stegeman

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Welcome and Roll Call

Tonya Krueger, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order. Tonya asked Marcie Lentsch, the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) consultant for the Department of Education, to introduce herself. New in her role, Marcie attended the meeting to become more familiar with the CDCC. All members then gave their name, role and agency.

Tonya Krueger noted the purpose of today's meeting was to share updates. It was also added that given this is an update meeting, it is not counted as one of the four meetings required by Iowa Code. Quorum was not needed today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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Updates

Preschool and Parent Support Programs

Marianne Rodrigues noted the state appropriation for Shared Visions was signed into law. Preschool and parent support grantees, now in the final year of the grant, must submit a renewal application for this year. All applications have been received, reviewed and approved. The FY25 Shared Visions grants will now be active in the online application system, IowaGrants.gov.

She also gave a reminder the Council is required to submit an annual report to the Governor. It will follow the same format as last year's unless the Council has any suggestions. A draft version will be available for the Council to view at September's CDCC meeting.

The Preschool Survey from National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) provides an in depth look at early education provided by each state and includes Iowa's Shared Visions preschool programming. Recently, the annual survey was released for state response. Marianne shared the link to the [NIEER](#) report for Iowa with the group.

Work on the FY26 competitive grant application continues as staff embeds the feedback provided by the CDCC during the April meeting. Prior to the September meeting, a draft of the Documentation of Need section will be shared with those CDCC members able to participate in the grant work. This will allow for a more final version to be shared during the meeting. The preschool application is scheduled to have final CDCC approval at the November meeting and the Parent Support application is scheduled to have final CDCC approval during the January 2025 meeting.

ECI System/Group Participation

Monica Garner said the ECI Steering Committee met recently. She reminded the group the Steering Committee had been on the legislative list of committees to be cut. However, it was not and continues to meet. During the ECI Steering committee meeting, Amanda Winslow shared the hierarchy of work. Monica and Monique Ortiz are able to continue their work as co-chairs on the ECI Professional Development Committee. The groups, formerly known as component groups, will have a new name due to updated code language. The Early Childhood Infant Mental Health group will also be working to connect to the ECI work of social emotional mental health via EC-PBIS. Monica stated this to emphasize Iowa will continue to be a pyramid model state focusing on young children and well being.

Heather Rouse shared she participates on the Results and Accountability Committee for ECI as well as being involved in the data work. She stated that they are working closely with Monica Garner to view what data needs could be relevant to Head Start directors. Heather hopes to incorporate this work into future CDCC meetings to address application needs.

Member Updates

Tonya Krueger stated that Iowa Health Care is expanding with the sale of Iowa City's Mercy Hospital to the University of Iowa. The new name that encompasses all the hospitals is *Iowa Health Care*. Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC) participated in the needs assessment survey for maternal and child health. The results of the survey will help drive the CHSC work going forward.

Sharon Burke stated the Iowa Head Start Association is working on getting a new t-shirt designed, looking for a new speaker for their fall conference and looking to fill a new position.

Teri Orr noted Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) started a new fiscal year in July that brings on new procedures. For the Northeast Iowa Region 2, Teri is now managing the parent referral side of things and hiring some new staff.

Jess Burger noted that Grant Wood AEA is collecting data from the districts to see what services will be included in contracts.

Monica Garner mentioned that there may be new standards for Head Start and is eagerly awaiting an update. On the EC-PBIS side, there has been a lot of movement and change in partnership and practices with Iowa's Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) Framework. This year specific pathways for coaching have been built.

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Consideration of ByLaws Update for Electronic Meetings

[Senate File 2385](#) is related to electronic meetings and the impact on the CDCC meetings and bylaws. Marianne Rodrigues indicated a discussion for awareness could occur with action on approving changes to the bylaws in September. She shared page 4 of the current bylaws with the group and described the current language under Article VII: Meetings. She stated due to the passing of SF 2385, Section I of Article VII will need to reflect the option to meet "in person or virtually." She then showed Section II and indicated language would need to be stricken to remove the requirement for meeting in person. She reminded the group of the requirement for two-thirds of members to be in attendance to have a quorum present.

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Consideration of Meeting Structure

Tonya Krueger outlined the topic of meeting structure as connected to the new option to conduct meetings with electronic participation. She stated the CDCC could consider changes to future meetings to include shortened times, more frequent meetings and earlier start times. Heather Rouse suggested shorter meetings might encourage more attendance. Tonya Krueger asked about time preference to reflect work/teaching schedules. There was a consensus that less people attend in the afternoons. Ami Leath echoed the idea that earlier morning meetings are more helpful. Staff will come with ideas to present to the Council in September.

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Connections with Stakeholders

Tonya Krueger encouraged Council members to think about stakeholder connections and communicate content from this meeting.

Adjourn

Tonya Kreuger adjourned the meeting at 10:36 am.