

**ND INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING
April 11, 2024
Virtual, Via Microsoft Teams**

PRESENT:

Shannon Grave
Missi Baranko
Mariah Hill
Michelle Ragan
Shantelle Petroff
Danielle Hoff
Jennifer Withers
Janakate Walker
Amy Casavant
Kelli Ulberg

Louise Greff
Jodi Hulm
Matt Nelson
Karri Morris
Angela McSweyn
Jennifer Grabar
Sarah Carlson
Jill Staudinger
Eric Gault
Carolyn Kueber

STAFF:

Jordan Anderson

Colette Perkins

GUESTS:

Danielle Smith, Pathfinder with Mistie Bouilly
Kim Frohlich

TOPIC: WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Casavant took roll call.

TOPIC: OVERVIEW OF AGENDA

Moved some things around – New Business will be Matt Nelson after the Family Story. And then Formalizing & Strengthening Collaboration and then Update of Creation of Online Tools.

TOPIC: FAMILY STORY

Rachel Williams and they live in Fargo.
Son Gideon 20 months old, adjusted age of 17 months
Water broke at 17 weeks. His heart rate and vital stayed strong.
Went in every week for ultrasounds and monitoring and he continued to grow.
Admitted to hp at 24 weeks full bed rest and held our breath.
Aug 2022, he was born – 27 weeks. 2lb 3 oz and 6 days before we could hold him.
NICU would be a long road but didn't know anyone who had experienced this.

Had a great team of Drs and nurses. Feared what would happen after NICU especially a preemie. In NICU 96 days. EI was mentioned a few times by case worker at the hospital. It was a term we fully didn't understand. Another person that talked about it was OT. She noticed the lack of motion on right side and tightness of muscles and lack of fluid but found out a year later he suffered a stroke and with C.P. discharged packet of information and brochures and went with Encompass. Enjoy that they offer in-home visits. We really appreciate that. Wonderful with their professional consults – speech, pt. they are caring, supportive and encouraging and so in depth of their questions and knowledge. Wonderful with helping us mark challenges and goals and coming up with a plan. Wonderful asset for him. He has developed a drop foot. Directed us to beyond boundaries and go for PT and OT and fitted for a raise. DDPM was very hands on deck.

TOPIC: FEBRUARY MINUTES

A motion was made by Jill Staudinger and seconded by Shannon Grave to approve the February 8, 2024, meeting minutes with the deletion of duplicate names of 2 members in the Present listing. Motion carried.

TOPIC: NEW BUSINESS

Formalizing & Strengthening Collaboration
Amy

ICC Members – Matt

State Health Information/State Systems Funding – Carolyn

Providers - Jordan

Update on Creation of Online Tools to Promote Early Intervention as well as to allow Easier Access to Information for Parents and Providers

TOPIC: STANDING NDICC AGENDA ITEMS

ICC Member Updates

Committee Reports

Sarah – writing data delivery, and method delivery a lot we asked are early intervention providers to document. How can we simplify this – x they provided the form and x they followed up. Last year we didn't ask them to do anything. Lets keep it minimal. 3 areas with 5 subcategories and continue to be brief and sub questions at the end. Do we have a family that this is not applicable too. As for demographics, race, place for providing region/provider and consent to one options region 8 kids, region 7 BECEP – sometimes families get confused and we expect them to know the region. Isolate to Bismarck, Dickinson, etc. separate service of DDPM vs ID. Do we use how long the child family served – is this useful or can we eliminate this. How does family measure what they don't know? It defaults into the satisfaction feeling and we have the ND nice problem, and we question the fadelity. Any modifications or suggestions? Amy – who rolls out the fact this is the survey, the kids you are supposed to do, this is when we want it done by; this come from Jackie and Jordan. Not every client on EI caseload would be, because it is a 6-month window – example: Jan 23 to June 23- anyone served during that time for 3 months; eligible and started in October they would fall into that window.

Michelle – explained the surve7 to coworkers and happy we didn't have to track a thousand things; and yes I gave it to them and yes I followed up should be enough.

A motion was made by Sarah Carlson and seconded by Janakate Walker that the recommendations from the family survey subcommittee be emailed and rec from the ICC to the lead agency. Janakate seconded it. Motion carried.

TOPIC: OPERATING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Group met and 2 jobs: examining standards operating procedures and see if want to do any updates and possibly clarify the roles for parent reps but this will wait until Jackie returns and meeting with some federal TA. The other piece Council approved motion to reimburse parent reps for childcare expenses instead of some other kind of payment. Tring to determine the right amount. When we first approved this, it sounded to us like they were saying if parents are accepting the childcare reimbursement that will be their only reimbursement. We want to make sure that this is not the case. Reviewed the federal laws that cover this, and ICCs are not allowed to pay a stipend. Matt read the language from the federal guidelines. They have not developed an amount yet. How many are on this committee, and do you need more? They have only met once, and anyone is welcome to join.

Continue with other reasonable and necessary expenses are not part of childcare – yes.

TOPIC: NEXT MEETING

June 13, 2024, from 9am to 5pm In Person in Bismarck.

Sarah Carlson asked for an update on the Experienced Parent Program – how it is going, it is going to be in the next budget, do providers need to re-apply. Janakate said

they had received an RFP for the Experienced parent program but there was so much red tape, and it didn't get submitted. Janakate was wondering if other tribes have done this and how did it go for them?

Sarah also asked for an updated on the DD Slots.

Adjourn