

ICC MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Utah Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs and Their Families (ICC) is to assure that each infant and young child with special needs will have the opportunity to achieve optimal health and development within the context of the family."



**MINUTES OF THE UTAH INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)
FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Utah Department of Health, Division of Family Health and Preparedness
4431 S. 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT, Main Conference Rooms
September 23, 2015 // 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Coreen Anderson, Debbie Ballard, Karen Borg, Nicole Brown, Tiffany Jo Evans, Barbara Fiechtl, Debbie Justice, Susan Ord, Paula Pittman, Esperanza Reyes, Stephanie Roach, Janet Wade, Ginger West, Michelle White, Teresa Whiting, Gina Troop.

Via Telephone: Lisa Davenport, Linda Geotze

Excused:

Absent: Simon Bolivar, Jeff Ojeda, Gina Pola-Money, Cassie Selim, Kristina Shock

BWEIP Staff: Carma Mordecai, Joseph Petersen, Lynne MacLeod, Lisa Davenport (phone), Adrienne Butterwick

Other Attendees: Carolyn Christensen, Heather Waters, Jennifer Kelsey

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced at 9:30. Stephanie Roach conducted the meeting. Members and guests introduced and welcomed.

- II. Minutes** – Motion to approve May 27, 2015 minutes by Ginger West, motion seconded by Debbie Justice, motion passed unanimously with the following changes:
Nicole Brown is not spelled with an “h”
Page 2, a comment made by Ginger West regarding Debbie Justice; change to “...naming part of “an all abilities” park for her services”

III. Public Comment Period – No comments

- IV. Parent/Provider Spotlight** – Gina Troop, a parent representative on the ICC, spoke about her family’s story of raising children with disabilities and shared pictures with the group. In reference to the CAPTA referrals, she talked in general about the difficulties inherent in helping families that may be scared or reluctant to let early intervention personnel into their home because they are not known to the family. Also, other reasons for unsuccessful contacts may be because families move frequently or work all day.

A comment was made about Early Head Start having slots available for foster children and/or children from undocumented families.

- V. Membership** – ICC needs to replace Kevin Morris – a provider representative – as he has recently retired. There is a need to review the adequacy of parent membership on the ICC.

VI. Announcement – Three members of the ICC; Esperanza Reyes, Gina Troop and Tiffany Jo Evans, were accepted to attend the *It's About Us, Include Us!* Family Data Institute on October 6 and 7 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Institute is designed to help parents understand the data that is collected in Part C and how to effectively engage in data systems initiatives.

VII. Round Table – ICC member updates

Debbie B- spoke about a program her pre-school is doing, “Reaching Potentials through Engagement of Recommended Practices” - specifically, the DEC recommended practices. Janet told about a presentation on how to implement coaching. Easter Seals has an OT clinic that emphasizes parent involvement in Salt Lake City. Ginger W. announced the creation of a support network for parents with special needs funded through DSPD in St. George. Ginger is now the director of the program. Barbara F. talked about the need to encourage people to go into the field of early intervention. Numbers are around 12 – 14 for on-campus students. There is a great need for students to pursue careers in special education. There has been a significant increase in the ages 3-5 matriculation group from around 15 to 50 on campus. Michelle W. is waiting for the federal government to specify requirements around Autism Spectrum Disorder and the private insurance bill that takes effect in Jan 1, 2016. She should have information closer to the end of the year. The Insurance Division is working on the open enrollment exchange from Nov. 1, 2015 to Jan 1, 2016. Tiffany E. has a daughter with Down Syndrome who just transitioned into part B. Tiffany has been involved in sharing developmental information in her community. Coreen A. said that she is down one OT in her program. She is trying to get more families involved in a parent support program. Esperanza R. and other Parent Center staff continue to provide parent consultations to guide families and connect them to resources in the community throughout the entire state. They will be changing their model for annual workshops. A calendar of those workshops should be available in the next few months. Karen B. is preparing for a parent conference, “Grateful for Ordinary Moments”. Paula P. has recently seen children in Monument Valley and Blanding, and would like to do more visits in rural areas. She is beginning new ASL toddler groups. They just started an ASL story time group at several community sites. They have a dedicated story time group in Barnes and Noble in different locations throughout the state. Biggest group is in Murray. Winter event is PIP Polar Express. Full-Time position in St. George for next year. Nicole B.- has experience in the political world, and then taught kindergarten special education, and is now involved in a 504 plan and early intervention with her children and husband. Her family “doesn’t know how to do anything average”.

VIII. Baby Watch Report –

Autism Training – Carma Mordecai reported on the autism trainings that occurred last summer. The entities involved in planning and delivering the training were Utah State University, University of Utah, BYU, Utah Valley University, URLend, Intermountain Healthcare, Primary Children’s Medicaid Center, Autism Council of Utah, and Baby Watch staff. Utah has the 2nd largest rate of autism in the nation and the lowest rates for early identification of autism under the age of three. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children at the age of 18 and 24 months be screened for autism. The autism training included autism risk factors, and a discussion of children with developmental delays vs. a child with autistic characteristics. The training stressed the implementation of universal screening for all children entering early intervention. The culturally diverse families or those in a lower socio-economic status are not being screened at the same rate as other children. With universal screening, they would receive the same opportunities for screening as other children. They provided training on the MCHAT, how to administer and score it, and what the process is if the child fails the MCHAT. The MCHAT is a screener which can be accessed by all programs free of charge. There will be a monthly teleconference follow up to the training to discuss questions or issues people have about screening children.

Debbie Justice commented on the new developmental clinic under the Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs. She is concerned about what the clinicians are telling parents about the therapies that a child needs such as OT, PT, and SLP, as well as autism services. Parents are passing those

directions on to the early intervention programs which may set up a certain expectation that cannot be realized. It was suggested that Baby Watch staff, along with a provider, meet with the clinic staff to help them understand the early intervention program and the referral process.

CAPTA Referrals – Lynne MacLeod presented statistics on 10 weeks' worth of CAPTA electronic notifications of referrals that Baby Watch programs have been receiving since July 1, 2015. We received 320 "e-notifications" during this timeframe, 306 of which had been processed up to the time of this report; 3.6% (11 of 306 processed e-notifications) of these e-notifications were already under an IFSP in EI at the time they were received in BTOTS; 11.1% (34 of 306 processed e-notifications) were new referrals to EI and in the referral, eligibility determination, or under IFSP stage; 85.3% (261 of 306 processed e-notifications) did not become new referrals and were ended and deactivated in BTOTS. See handout. ICC stakeholders expressed concern about the number of children whose families could not be contacted. They wondered if the ICC should form an ad-hoc committee to pursue their concerns. Lynne suggested that the committee review the handout on the Alaska pilot to understand how different Utah's statistics are from Alaska's experience. BWEIP will continue to track the status of CAPTA e-notifications and will present information again at the November ICC meeting.

SSIP – Lynne MacLeod reported that the State Systemic Improvement Plan is due in April 2016. Staff are currently working on the evaluation plan for the next four years. Christina Kasprzak, the director of the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, will be working with Lynne McLeod and Catherine Hoelscher on the evaluation plan. See handout on where to find SSIP information on the Baby Watch website as well as the handout – “Graphic theory of Action”.

Cost Study – Teresa Whiting discussed some aspects of the cost study, including: better data related to the costs of Early Intervention. Linda Goetze, the cost study contractor, was on the phone and explained her reasoning for the cost study methodology. The ICC requested that the cost study be released as soon as possible in order to be able to answer questions from legislators. Baby Watch stated that the cost study was undergoing internal review and that it would be released as soon as possible.

IX. Next ICC Meeting – November 18, 2015 at the State Lab; 4431 S 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT 84119, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

X. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Stephanie Roach, for the ICC Tri-Chair

Joseph Petersen and Susan Ord, Baby Watch Staff