

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting
July 22, 2009
1:30 p.m. – 2:39 p.m.

***Call to Order**

Members Present: Lola Lucas, Bill Sinwell, Alan Dietrich, Paula Staderker, Beth Hanselman, Melanie Fleenor, Terry Braidwood, Marva Campbell Pruitt, Deb Fornoff, Andi Berryman, Darcy Contri, Adjoa Denise Blalock

Marva welcomed Alan Dietrich back.

Paula Staderker works in the Department of Special Education with ISBE. Focused monitoring is her main responsibility however she also works with Melanie on Indicator 13 and is also the vision consultant for ISBE.

***Correction to agenda**

Sandy Mott will not be joining us so under old business we can delete the 2009 MIG grant update.

*** Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted by common consent.

Beth Hanselman suggested that since we have the minutes electronically members can take the opportunity to review on their laptops/computers and provide feedback as comments and we can bring a clean version to the next meeting. Marva asked members to go through and make whatever changes need to be made and we will come back and approve these minutes at the next meeting.

***Chairperson's Reports**

Beth Hanselman, ISBE

ISBE had their emergency board meeting yesterday July 21 to determine budget cuts. Categorical and general state aide are mandated. Those line items did have separate line items within the governor's budget and so were the only two with increases. The other lines were lump sum to the agency and so the Board had a \$511,000,000 lump sum and had to make a determination of which project would be funded and at what percentage. From Special Education perspective, basically we are flat funded for FY09.

On the Federal side of our funding for Special Education, our federal discretionary grants, everything seems to be going forward. Because the majority of our special education funding is from federal funds there aren't as many cuts. The State Board of Education is going to write for the ARRA's Race to the Top funds. Race to the Top is a competitive fund that each state writes for independently. ISBE has secured an individual, Jonathon Furr, who is going to be writing for our portion of the application. A requirement is to identify data for the state and then what the target would be for improvement. The application does have to be submitted by the governor and cannot be submitted by an individual agency.

In regard to legislative updates, we have received the breakdown of all of the bills that are in resolutions that went through this legislative session. They have been assigned to the appropriate division or center for follow up.

There are 715 participants registered for the Directors Conference that is being held in Peoria on August 5, 6, 7th. The big focus will be on transition specifically Indicator 13, transition plans.

OSEP will be here in 2010 for a review with a focus on LRE and our transition data.

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS

The budget has affected a lot of DRS programs however it has not affected the Step Program which is the one that operates in the schools for the secondary transition program.

ICC has joined with ISAC for a joint subcommittee on secondary transition.

*** Old Business**

Melanie Fleenor regarding HR1117

There was a face to face meeting on July 16, 2009. The draft document was reviewed and some changes were incorporated. Those who attended the meeting are going to incorporate further changes into the draft in order to compile everyone's input into one document. Another face to face meeting is scheduled in the very near future to finalize the document.

ICC/ISAC Work Plan

The joint workgroup of ICC and ISAC transition committee members met on July 15 in Bloomington. The group will meet again on September 30th from 10-3 to continue the process.

Post Secondary Group

The PS Group decided rather than just going with transition in general we narrowed it to socialization of students with disabilities.

Transition Conference

Darcy reported that there will be a site visit so that the committee can determine logistical information such as locations for registration, continuing education, etc. Registration is up and running.

Re: the ICC session at the 2008 Transition Conference. Marva stated that last year when it was time to do the panel she suggested a talk show format. This year it will be a talk show format where each person will be interviewed as if they're on a talk show. A picture is needed of each person who will be on the panel and sent to Marva.

***New Business**

Centralized Clearing House and Marketing:

This item is part of the work plan for the ICC/ISAC joint transition committee and suggested to be put under new business for a while because sometimes dollars have to be sought quickly. As a group, think of resources that will help us market transition. Marva stated it will be a continuing part of the agenda under old business.

MIG Grant: If you have any event dates you want submitted on the transition calendar you need to submit them to John Spears as well as artwork from students and adults with disabilities.

***Individual agency updates relating to transition:**

DSCC recently collaborated with the Illinois Chapter of American Academy Pediatrics and received a three year grant that is designed to increase transition-focused education for stakeholders with an emphasis on healthcare providers, families and youth. A youth transition coordinator will be hired under ICAAP. The main emphasis of the grant is to increase access to community based services.

***ISAC update**

The last ISAC Transition Committee meeting was in May and the group finalized the white paper on High Expectations that had been in draft. The transition subcommittee received ISAC approval to distribute the paper. Distribution has not begun yet. Sharon Slover and Sarah Johnson-Rodriguez were at the meeting and discussed a couple of initiatives that Northern Illinois University is leading on transition. They are hoping to do a summer transition institute for teams who are looking to improve transition outcomes for students and youth. It will include educators and agency personnel, families and other services providers if they're interested in attending. They are also doing a symposium on October 19th.

***Adjournment**

The July 22 meeting was adjourned by Marva at 2:39 PM.