

**Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting**  
**September 23, 2009**  
**1:30 to 3:30 PM**

**\*Call to Order**

Members Present: Alan Dietrich, Marva Campbell Pruitt, Deb Fornoff, Andi Berryman, Sue Walter, Margie Harkness, Darcy Contri, Adjoa Denise Blalock  
Present by Phone: Terry Braidwood  
Special Guest: Laura DeStigter, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

**\*Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by common consent.

**\*Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 25, 2009 and July 22, 2009 were approved by common consent as presented.

Minutes for the May 27, 2009 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- Page 2, bottom of the page – add “regarding participation” to complete the following sentence: Marva is in communication with Larry Small at the Department of Child Family Services . . .
- Delete the “y” following this sentence on page 2, paragraph 4: Marva stated that the conversation was not about a member of the AG’s transition subcommittee but to have someone from the Attorney General’s office on the ICC. y
- Correct spelling of “the” and replace “be” with “bring” as indicated in bold print on page 2, paragraph 3: . . .she feels that voice would be heard through the ISAC Transition Committee and brought to **the** ICC through that venue and then also through her participation. Beth stated that she can **bring** information back to the ICC as well as serving as the conduit of ICC and the ISBE to the Attorney Generals committee and sharing the work we’re doing.

**\*Public Participation**

Laura DeStigter of Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics was welcomed and introduced herself. She also gave a brief introduction to the work she will be doing as the Healthcare Transition representative, sharing information with healthcare professionals on transition. Darcy Contri will be working with Laura and offered to share information on the goals of this grant project with the ICC. This is a very new project but when they are underway, will ask for ICC support in sharing information.

**\*Chairperson’s Reports**

**Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS**

Marva asked ICC members to complete the Ethics Training module sent recently by Carmen Dodd and return the signed documentation as soon as possible.

**\*Old Business**

**HR1117**

Adjoa Blalock shared information along with Terry Braidwood. This committee continues to work on preparation of a document that will be shared through each participating agency. There is ongoing discussion regarding the need for funding and a reference to this need in the document was agreed upon at the last meeting. They are hoping to finalize and make the document available by their next meeting.

### **ICC/ISAC Work Plan**

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

### **Post Secondary Group**

Andi Berryman reported that they hope to develop a survey tool for post-secondary students with disabilities regarding participation in activities and social involvement and the relationship of participation to retention. Sue Walter shared that there is research available on the importance of social participation and involvement in the retention of students in high school.

### **Transition Conference**

Registration was at 420 on 9/15/2009. Early registration has been extended to October 2. DCEO has generously donated \$6,000 to support the attendance of students and families. Exhibitors are still encouraged to send in applications. Deadline for those applications is September 28.

### **Transition Leadership Academy**

Marva shared that all ICC participants are welcome to attend this Academy scheduled for September 28 and 29 in Bloomington. Several ICC members are sharing information at the conference. There are currently 65 registered and 32 of the TPC's are represented.

### **\*New Business**

#### **Annual Report**

Marva will lead the effort to complete this report with help from Deb Fornoff. The 2008/2009 report will cover July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The form template will be sent to ICC members along with the information they submitted last year to use as a guideline. New information must be added, however. This report must be submitted March 1, 2010 but will need to be completed by January, 2010.

The TPC Survey section of the Annual Report was completed on Survey Monkey last year. The group agreed that this was an effective tool and that it should be used again this year. Several survey question ideas were discussed:

- A question regarding the maintenance of diversity (achieving representation from all transition stakeholders) on the councils
- A question regarding representation by local mental health agencies on TPC's
- A question regarding the ongoing mental health care needs in your communities
- Ask for respondents to share the creative approaches being used to dealing with the common barriers to effective transition that re-appear annually

Marva will work on this and share for comments prior to the Transition Academy next week.

Another suggestion for the report was to add a section with input from youth in transition. Sue will refer to the TOTAL Project information for questions that might be asked. This section will also be completed through Survey Monkey. Students attending the Transition Conference will be provided with information on how to complete the survey but additional efforts will also be made to get a more comprehensive and representative response statewide. Mike Padavic, who participates on the ISAC Transition Committee is also a participant in the IAASE and will be asked about his thoughts on how best to reach students in transition.

Margie Harkness shared that an ICDD project, [www.lifemyway.org](http://www.lifemyway.org), has some great personal stories from students around transition that may be available for sharing as well.

**\*Proposed 2010 ICC Meeting Dates**

The following ICC meeting dates were approved.

January 13, 2010

February 10, 2010 – This is the annual joint ICC/ISAC Meeting Date

March 10, 2010

May 12, 2010

July 14, 2010

September 8, 2010

September 27 and 28, 2010 – Transition Leadership Academy

October 24 – 26, 2010 – Statewide Transition Conference

November 10, 2010

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

**ISAC**

The ISAC Transition Committee did not meet in September but Deb F. shared a reminder about the Oct. 19 Northern Illinois Transition Symposium that involves many ISAC Transition Committee and ICC members.

**DRS**

Marva reported that \$745,000 was awarded to projects designed to increase employment of youth with disabilities through ARRA and DRS. She urged others who have additional ideas to submit their proposals.

**DHS-DDD**

Terry reported that Howe Developmental Center is closing and residents are being relocated to other residential situations. DDD is also working on a plan to convert some grant-funded programs to Medicaid funding. The planning process for this is just beginning so the impact on grant-funded services is not known at the present time.

**\*Adjournment**

The September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.