

IELC: SPECIAL POPULATIONS COMMITTEE**MEETING REPORT****Date:** March 17, 2011

In person Attendees: Donna Nylander (Valley View School District), Daniel Fitzgerald (DCFS), Evelyn Green (Star Net), Dennice Ward Epstein (ECHO), Cherlynn Shelby (DCFS), Frances Elbert (DCFS), Karen Drill (Learning Point Associates), Deanna Durriga (Office of the Governor), Carie Bires (Heartland Alliance), Bea Nichols (Chicago Department of Family and Support Services), Kathy Chvostal-Schmidt (S.P.E.E.D. Early Learning Center), Linda Dauksas (Elmhurst College), Lynnare Deutsch (Erikson Institute), Karen Berman (Ounce of Prevention),

Phone Attendees: Kathy Urbanus-Bernerno (4C), Kathy Hollowich (StarNET), Rebecca (AOK), Chris McGrath (Strengthening Families), Vinni Hall (ISBE); Chris McGrath (Strengthening Families), Mitch Kremer (NIU)

Agenda item: **Approve Minutes****Notes** Minutes Approved.**Next Steps** None.**Agenda item:** **Updates**

Notes

State:

DCFS (Daniel): Still on maintenance budget. Working on efficiencies that don't impact direct services. Working on program plans.

DHS: Nothing new to report. Waiting for final budget to be released.

ISBE: Nothing new to report

ELC: Donna reviews the information presented from the Strategic Planning Kick-Off meeting, and the notes from the World Café Group Exercise. Donna directed our attention to the goals identified in column 2/question 2. She also notes that we need to find a way to infuse the special populations more clearly into strategic planning. Donna and Daniel provided a brief review of how the strategic planning meeting was held. Discussion around the meaning of goal 2, "Streamline craziness in EC programs".

ICEI and ELC Collaboration:

Meeting between the two groups to get an idea of what each group is doing and how to collaborate. Discussion of the EI Taskforce recommendations, and the priorities. Overlap between Taskforce Issues and IELC charge. Are considering creating a work group that combines members of each entity. Suggestion for the collaborative meetings to be scheduled more in advance.

Next Steps None.**Agenda Item** **Strategic Planning**

Next Steps	None.
Agenda item:	Final Review of Work Plan
Notes	Reviewed, edited, and discussed work plan.
Next Steps	Karen will send it around to the group for the final review.
Agenda item:	Upcoming Meetings
Notes	<p>Meeting dates set for third Thursday in the following months (2:00 – 4:00 PM, AIR)</p> <p>May 19 July 21 September 15 November 17</p>
Next Steps	
Next Meeting	May 19, 2011, 2:00 PM, American Institutes for Research (AIR)