

Systems Integration and Alignment Committee (SIAC) meeting
Thursday, May 30, 2013
9:00am – 11:00am
33 W Monroe, Chicago IL – 24th floor, Exec Conference Room
Conference call in #: 888-494-4032
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Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions – 10 minutes

Vanessa R.

Meeting participants:

Abby Rose	Elissa Bassler	Madelyn James
Angela Hubbard	Gina Ruther	Meg Tomlinson
Angelica Flores	Janine Lewis	Pam Reising
Anne Clancy	Jeanna Capito	Peter Byrne
Annie Hysaw	Joanna Su	Reyna Hernandez
Carol Morris	Judie Walker-Kendrick	Samantha Aigner Treworgy
Chelsea Guillen	Karen Berman	Susan Fowler
Christine Robinson	Kate Ritter	Tracie Smith
Cindy Zumwalt	Kim Collins	Vanessa Rich
Dan Harris	Leticia Reyes	

II. Review SIAC meeting minutes from 1.25.13 – 5 minutes

Karen B.

Meeting minutes from 1.25.13 were approved by members of the Committee, and submitted to the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

III. Early Learning Guidelines and Standards Update – 10 minutes

Reyna H.

Starting in January, the 3-5 standards were sent out to over 100 programs to be piloted. The content experts that are overseeing this are getting feedback from the pilot sites and incorporating this feedback into the final version of the standards. The standards will be finalized no later than mid-July in preparation for two train-the-trainer events in August.

The standards will also be available through an interactive phone application.

The 0-3 guidelines are available online. A webinar on the guidelines will be recorded and made available. They have been translated into Spanish, but there is insufficient funding at this time to support the formatting and pictures to publish it.

As far as looking at the standards and guidelines across a continuum, a group of professional development providers were pulled together to address this issue. An orientation on the guidelines and standards will be made available. This orientation will then be converted to an abbreviated module that will be incorporated into trainings related to the guidelines and standards, so that all trainings address this continuum. This module should be completed by June 7.

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Some programs work with 0-5 year olds, so there is committee concern whether trainings cover all of these ages. Currently, a lot of the training that is being put together is broken down 0-3 and 3-5. Karen Berman will reach out to Claire Dunham to discuss this further.

Reyna is determining whether there is funding from the Early Learning Challenge to produce a document that captures this continuum.

The individuals at ISBE working on the Common Core have been attending trainings on the guidelines and standards. ISBE supports teachers knowing the continuum and this continuum aligns with the new grade level breakdowns.

The Early Childhood Advisory Group is also advising early teacher and elementary teacher prep programs working together to align standards and teacher prep curricula.

IV. Early Learning Council Update – 5 minutes *Karen B.*

Reyna explained that Illinois received additional Early Learning Challenge funding and that the Governor’s Office is still determining how to utilize that funding.

The Early Learning Council also submitted a letter urging Congress to move the President’s proposal for universal preschool forward.

DHS is heading a new Early Childhood Diversity Initiative.

V. Recommendations for standards on Oral Health in DCFS Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers (Rule 407) – 20 minutes *(Anne Clancey)*

The oral health recommendations were submitted. There was some overlap with the obesity standards around water and juice consumption. See the handout for the full recommendations around caregivers/teachers encouraging parents to establish a dental home by age of 1 and brushing guidelines.

The next step is developing a standard, universal message around oral health. This is a good area to develop consumer action and awareness around access to dentists. This should also be integrated into home visiting programs.

David Miller from the Illinois Department of Public Health directed the group to the Healthy People 2020 Goals. In addition, he shared that interventions around oral health really need to be community specific. IDPH is also exploring the idea of a “report card” around oral health and data collection would be the next step. Reyna supported this idea and urged the group to consider what would be the right indicators and metrics to make the data relevant and transferable to real change in policy and practice.

VI. Subcommittee Updates (see Subcommittee reports) – 20 minutes

Vanessa R.

a. Health Subcommittee

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- b. Braiding, Blending & Sustainable Funding Subcommittee
- c. Community Systems Development (CSD) Subcommittee
- d. Special Education Subcommittee

Committees gave their reports. Sam asked for feedback on the BBSF quality table.

VII. Having a standing agenda item for discussion of systems work – 45 minutes Karen/Vanessa

- a. Reviewing overlapping items across system components
- b. Discussing other systems issues relevant to SIAC
- c. Raising issues beyond SIAC

Reyna feels that the systems work discussions are happening organically, but was suggested by Karen B. that we build time into the agenda for it. Child development screening may be a good discussion topic for the next meeting.

VIII. Next Steps – 5 minutes Vanessa R.

- a. SIAC meetings: to be scheduled prior to Early Learning Council Meetings
- b. Work to be completed and Who is responsible

Christy will send out a copy of the 14-day special education brochure (both in Spanish and English.)

Handouts: Meeting Agenda; DRAFT meeting minutes from 6.13.12; Oral Health Recommendations for Rule 407; Subcommittee reports

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