

ELC Executive Committee

April 6th, 2015

1-3pm

ISBE Conference Rooms

Chicago: JRTC, 5th Floor- Murdock Room (100 W. Randolph Suite 5-300)

Springfield: DHS Secretary's Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Harris Building (100 S. Grand Avenue East)

Conference Link: 888-494-4032

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Meeting Minutes

Participants

Chicago-

Karen Berman, George Davis, Gaylord Gieseke, Phyllis Glink, Dan Harris, Theresa Hawley, Reyna Hernandez, Teresa Kelly, Janet Maruna, Beth Mascitti-Miller, Harriet Meyer, Sylvia Puente, Diana Rauner, Elliot Regenstein, Vanessa Rich, Teri Talan, Kathleen Villano, Maria Whelan

Phone-

Jeanna Capito, Beth Purvis, Cindy Zumwalt

Springfield-

Linda Saterfield

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Theresa Hawley, Executive Director of the Office of Early Childhood Development, began the meeting by introducing the new co-chairs: Phyllis Glink & Beth Purvis. Phyllis and Beth each took turns sharing their excitement for the work of the council. Maria Whelan moved that the Minutes from the Committee's February meeting be approved. Teri Talan seconded. The minutes were approved without discussion or changes.

II. Discussion of Health Recommendations from SIAC & HVTF

Theresa Hawley described what has happened with the Health Recommendations from SIAC & HVTF thus far—the recommendations went to the InterAgency Team (IAT), and an IAT subcommittee was created to ensure that the work is integrated into all of Illinois' agencies. Following, Adam Becker of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) shared a summary of the recommendations, and Phyllis Glink opened the floor for questions/comments.

Maria Whelan commented that the recommendations should include more information on home visiting, and where families can go for additional information. Committee discussed the points where

Home Visiting could coincide with these recommendations and how the subcommittee could create a plan moving forward for implementing recommendations within groups.

Committee discussed the notion of incorporating reproductive health measures in the future, ways to ensure that these items become actionable, and the need to ensure that certifying programs and educational institutions take these needs into consideration. Adam Becker determined that he would bring these comments back to his subcommittee and look into the possibility of creating new work groups for specific recommendations, as well as working with HVTF's Health Connections workgroup to ensure continuity.

Karen Berman moved that the recommendations of the health connections workgroup of HVTF and SIAC made to the Early Learning Council are passed by the executive committee, so that the goals of these can be tracked over time and included in our integrated planning, and creating a dashboard that will allow us to track these over time, while understanding progress to our goals. Vanessa Rich seconded the motion. Motion passed and recommendations were approved.

III. Update on Dashboard

Elliot Regenstein of the Ounce of Prevention provided an update on the Illinois Early Childhood Data Dashboard, referring to a handout that communicates how things are going on this project. This included indicators for economic security, services provided, and KIDS, which will be tracked over time. The council discussed a desire for embedded targets for this data which would determine quality, plus ensuring that we are not duplicating counts. Regenstein explained that data analytics and trend analysis would come in the future.

Council discussed the high-level indicators that are used in the dashboard and the inclusion of KIDS and kindergarten readiness, as well as the Budgeting for Results work and the necessity of continually collecting measures even when they are difficult to quantify.

Regenstein encouraged council members to reach out to Anna Colaner at the Governor's Office if they had other indicators in mind.

IV. CCDBG Reauthorization Update

Dr. Purvis acknowledged the many questions regarding CCDBG reauthorization and what Statewide cuts will mean for the block grant. Co-chair Glink explained that the PIC Committee has been given some clear direction regarding implementation and integration, which requires the State to come up with a plan and address outstanding issues, which will have implications for the budget, services, and monitoring. As such, she noted that this Planning Implementation and Compliance Committee, co-chaired by Phyllis Glink and Gail Nourse, will be working with DHS and ELC to work critically on making difficult decisions on a state plan, which needs to be completed by January 2016 and written up by March 2016. Linda Saterfield explained a handout from the Administration of Children and Families, capturing the major provisions of reauthorization, such as health and safety requirements for providers who receive child care funding (including licensing requirements and exemptions), transparency

provisions with parents which will be handled through DCFS, a family-friendly eligibility process which will move to 12 months of eligibility and a higher earning-out percentage for moving out of State programs, activities to improve the quality of programs, and other provisions for vulnerable populations and payment practices.

V. Strategic Discussion: Grand Victoria & NGA Grants

Co-chair Phyllis Glink explained that the Grand Victoria Foundation has renewed its funding partnership with the Ounce of Prevention to staff the Early Learning Council, providing an opportunity to be clearer about goals and proposed achievements. She noted that the State is also applying for a National Governor's Association Grant which would help the new administration to set a strategy and vision for what early childhood in Illinois will look like. Dr. Purvis noted that, whether the grant is received or not, this work needs to be done. She noted that economic crunches will continue for a long time, but that strategic plans will be needed. Executive Director Theresa Hawley explained an inside/outside strategy, in which the Grand Victoria resources will help create an ELC vision, while the NGA vision will focus on bringing the new administration together to focus on its vision. The timeline for this work was discussed. The committee agreed to continue to look at these opportunities in the context of the work that has been done by the Committee and the Council over many years, rather than reinventing the wheel.

VI. MIECHV Updates

Dr. Purvis introduced Teresa Kelly of OECD, who explained that Illinois won the MIECHV competitive grant for \$9.4 million over 27 months, which will continue the randomized control trial through the University of Chicago, expanding the Fussy Babies and Healthy Families Illinois work, and expand the doula program to an additional 20 sites and 751 families. It is possible that, due to the strong competition for these funds, there will be another round after July 1st with money that some states turn back. This was in addition to the formula grant of \$4 million. Kelly also provided an update on the MIECHV Federal reauthorization, which is attached to the Doc Fix bill and was passed in the House of Representatives on a two-year extension; the Senate plans to make this bill a priority upon return.

VII. Other Announcements & Regular Business

a. Race to the Top

i. Dashboard

Theresa Hawley explained that work is moving forward, but that the data project has essentially been wiped out and is being redone. She noted that OECD is working to learn more about the quality of these programs.

Additionally, other projects are doing quite well. Reyna Hernandez provided an update on KIDS, which has had small setbacks but has received plenty of support as well. She noted the new plan with a three year cycle, with an updated timeline that requires all kindergarteners to be tested by 2018.

ii. APR

Hawley explained that OECD's Federal partners are very proud of and impressed with the work of Illinois over the past year. She explained a pie chart giving a

sense of the progress throughout the year, including great progress in ExceleRate but a concern and need to focus more strongly on licensed child care centers. She noted the continued need to work toward an unduplicated count. Committee discussed the difference between Preschool for All programs and licensed child care centers in ExceleRate. Hawley noted that she would send around a Validation Study one-pager on the Head Start pilot.

iii. Innovation Zones

b. Preschool Development Grant

VIII. Adjourn

Co-chair Phyllis Glink noted that she would send a survey asking if more time together per month would be feasible, whether it be three hours every other month or two hours every month. The meeting stood adjourned.

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