

**ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**Education and Employment Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 15, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Present**

Randy Staton, Chairperson  
Diana Braun  
Cathy Christensen  
Brian Dixon  
Melanie Fleenor/ Rep. Beth Hanselman  
JJ Hanley  
Jose Mendez  
Jose Ovalle  
Jeff Stauter

**Committee Absent**

Bonnie Dohogne

**Staff**

Margie Harkness  
Valencia Elzy

**APPROVE MARCH 13, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve – Jeff Stauter, seconded – JJ Hanley. **Approved**

**EMPLOYMENT 1<sup>ST</sup> UPDATES**

- Executive Order in Gov. Office, been reviewed, as noted in full Council meeting.
- Total Link 2 Community notified proposal accepted by DRS under Balancing Incentives Program (BIP) funding
- Jose Mendez working with DRS to coordinate with other agencies and the 16 entities funded under BIP to use the Individualized Employment Support model and self employment initiatives.
- Discussion noted that it seems BIP projects across agencies are siloed. Jose and Randy note DRS is meeting regularly with DDD which is a step in the right direction but more joint planning and coordinated service provision is needed.

**CHILD CARE (TARGET 2.4) DISCUSSION**

Discussed needs in child care in terms of what were the unfilled needs, what role ICDD could play, and did the committee want to proceed related to this goal or refocus on another goal or identified area. Reviewed thoughts sent by Bonnie Dohogne.

Main discussion:

- Unlicensed home providers are a group potentially to target for additional training in serving children with developmental disabilities – not currently reached by INCCRRA or other existing training
  - Unclear if unlicensed child care providers can readily be “found” everywhere. Some providers have connections to these homes.

- From a systems perspective, who or what entity is most likely (best?) to screen and identify young children who may need referral for more detailed assessment?
- What disability information is useful and needed in an informal home child care situation?
- Committee wants to be sure if we develop a CFI related to this target that it will have impact that is broad and sustainable. Several concepts of how a CFI could be developed were mentioned, including a phased approach.

**Next steps** – Develop informational questions from our discussion (committee members to send to Margie for compilation). Connect with Clara Lopez at El Valor (Margie/Jose) for informational conversation. Consider inviting her or someone who is in the field and able to talk about unlicensed providers to a future meeting.

Committee does not feel ready to proceed with this target at this time.

### **OTHER**

- Distributed updated committee workplan and state plan status charts as an FYI
- Cathy Christensen inquired about having the ICDD funded employment and community college program managers present at SUSO, at the September retreat, or at the next committee meeting. The SUSO planning committee can invite any or all of them as they desire. Margie to take back to ICDD staff the suggestion for the retreat.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by Diana Braun, seconded by Jose Mendez. **Approved.**  
Adjourned by Chairperson Staton at 12:30 p.m.

**Next regular meeting  
September 10 or 11, 2014 during retreat in Normal, IL**

[Note: No committee meetings were held during the retreat, so the next meeting becomes November 6, 2014].