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King County Interagency Coordinating Council

M I N U T E S

January 8, 2007

Marriot Hotel SeaTac

3201 S 176th St

Seattle Ballroom

Seattle, WA 98188

Voting Members Present

Kevin Bernadt

Cheryl Buettemeier

Donna Borgford-Parnell

Sandy Duncan

Adrienne Fatur

Betsy McAlister

Heather Moline

Susan Sandall

Kari Tanta

Representing

KCDDD Board Representative

Boyer Children's Clinic

Seattle King County Public Health

CHAP

Child Care Resources

Arc of King County Parent Coalition

Region 4 DDD

University of Washington EEU

Valley Medical Ctr Children's Therapy

Community Members

Sue Perez

Mary Ellen Martone

Walt Bowen

Molly Loiler

Kent School District

Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center

WA State ITEIP

Kent School District

Staff Present

Jan Wrathall

Helen Cadigan

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Minutes Reviewed

The minutes from the November 1, 2006 and October 23, 2006 meetings were reviewed. The November 1, 2006 meeting was held at Boyer to complete the review of the draft KCICC Three Year Plan. **01080701** A motion was made and the minutes for the November 1, 2006 meeting were approved. **01080702** A motion was made and the minutes for the October 23, 2006 meeting were approved.

Agenda Reviewed

Sandy reviewed the Agenda. Two handouts were distributed: King County Board for Developmental Disabilities Legislative Agenda 2007 "Adequate Funding to Counties for Birth-to-Three Early Intervention Services" and "Costs of Services".

Community Announcements

Betsy announced that Advocacy Days will begin January 31, 2007. Arc will be organizing families to go to Olympia to meet their legislators on Wednesday. There will be a legislative Reception January 24, in Olympia. A flyer will be distributed to ICC members by email.

Early Intervention Three-Year Plan

Jan introduced the Early Intervention Three Year Plan. The current version of the Plan has been approved by the King County Interagency Coordinating Council, but not yet by other approving agencies. Jan said the Plan is not in a final state, and can still be altered.

Sandy began a review of the Plan, pointing out that County statistics for percent of birth to three children in the state enrolled in the Early Intervention Program differ from the state's percentage due to differences in reporting time frames. King County uses a day in time for reporting, the State uses the same as the Federal government that is December 1 as a day-in-time count.

Sandy pointed out that Caucasians have the lowest participation rate in the Early Intervention Program. Cheryl brought up the low rates of participation for children under one year of age. Most agreed this was due to low referral from medical practitioners, and that there is a need to address this problem. Cheryl also mentioned that families seem to want to avoid government systems, so signing up with a School District could be part of the problem of low participation.

Other discussion about low referral for children less than one year included mention of the delay for referral being partly due to the time it takes to build the relationship with the Primary Physician.

Kari mentioned that NDC (Neurodevelopment Center) funding in the state will be redistributed. The hoped for effect is strengthened networking among counties and agencies. Organizations in King County designated NDCs include Valley Medical, Boyer Children's Clinic, Kinderling Center, Dynamic Services (formerly CTC) and Birth to Three has received new NDC funding.

Kevin reminded that school districts are required to have contracts for provision of Early Intervention services. Sandy stated that all districts must comply by 2009.

Kari asked if the discussion about the EI report could move to discussion of goals. Susan asked if we should first prioritize goals.

Jan agreed that we should prioritize the goals and form committees to begin working on the top 3 priorities.

There was discussion about which goals could be combined. Donna asked if there were already mechanisms in place for working toward attaining goals. Sandy and Jan discussed briefly how the state and County are working on some goals as part of their work plans.

Jan asked for recommendations from the group about combining goals, prioritizing and moving forward, as the ICC is an advisory to King County, who has responsibility for administering processes toward reaching some of these goals.

At this point it was suggested that another meeting be set before the regular scheduled next ICC meeting, for the purpose of prioritizing goals. The meeting was set for Monday, February 26, 2007, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Location would be announced later.

Staff Report

Jan shared information about future funding Child Development Services. The need for services has grown but more money is not coming. Ray Jensen, Director of King County Developmental Disabilities Division, had asked Jan to bring this problem to the ICC for possible solutions. Jan referred to the materials handed out at the beginning of the meeting: A presentation of *Costs of Services and Service Descriptions for Developmental Disabilities* and the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities Legislative Agenda 2007 *Adequate funding to Counties for Birth-to-Three Early intervention services*. The Board is asking for more money for Counties. For now, funding for programs will continue as usual. In the event that the trend (increased program growth, steady funding) continues, we need to begin to consider options/recommendations as to how to reduce per capita DDD funding. This group will be asked for advice and guidance around this issue.

Walt said that federal funding has flattened, which also underscores importance of planning for the future of programs in agencies and schools. Jan said that KCDDD has been increasing contract funds, but can't continue to do that.

Walt spoke about state activity regarding Early Intervention programs. The 2006 legislature set up an Early Learning Commission and a report is being circulated. There is a new State Department for Early Learning that formed in July 2006. An Autism Task Force made its first report to the Legislature Early Learning Committee. Children's mental health is another state issue.

Next Meeting

The KCICC will meet February 26, 2007, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in a special session to discuss prioritizing and attaining the goals of the Early Intervention Three Year Plan. The meeting will take place at WorkSource in Renton, Conference Room O.

Guest Presenters

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to M'Lisa Shelden and Dathan Rush, from the Puckett Institute and trainers who are nationally recognized as knowledgeable regarding evidence based implementation of natural environments. They presented an overview of the evidence, provided an understanding of Parent Coaching and Primary Service Provider models of service delivery as a method of providing quality services in natural environments.