

Minutes

(Digitally recorded)

EC3 Meeting / February 5 & 6, 2015

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, 450 W. State, Room 7A, Boise, ID 83702

Attendees:

Members: Sherry Iverson, Shannon Dunstan, Kathy McGill, Christy Cronheim, Ellen Neff, Gary Rillema, Kris Spain, Emily Petersen, Bill Foxcroft, Holly Whitworth, Judge Greg Culet, Amada Flores, Omair Shamim, Roger Sherman, Beth Oppenheimer, Mechelle Wilson, Melissa Carico, Aubrie McArthur (for Ericka Rupp), Paula Mason (by video conference)

Excused: David Allen, Ericka Rupp, Justin Coleman, Nancy Luevanos, Natali Pellens

Guests: Lisa Reed, Jennifer Wheeler, Lauren Ertz, Melaine Shephard, Jennifer Surrusco, Jacquie Watson, Mitch Scroggins, Deborah Drain, Sofia Richman, Megan Keating, Mezelle Moore, Agda Burchard (by conference phone)

Staff: Sue Harpold, Diane Foote

Meeting Called to Order at 11:05am

Co-Chair Sherry Iverson opened the meeting and welcomed new council members Roger Sherman, Amada Flores and Omair Shamim. Remaining members were introduced with identifying titles and agencies. Membership was discussed as many terms are expiring in 2015. Sherry will be contacting individuals to discuss details. Anne Beebe, Governor's Office, reported at the Governance Committee meeting the option of providing one, two and three year terms. Ann will also be asking the Senate Pro Tem and Speaker of the House for legislative representatives. Senator Fred Martin will be asked to serve again along with filling the spot left vacant by Representative Agidius.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved with a correction to add Judge Greg Culet to the attendance list.

IDAEYC / Legislative Issues Update – Beth Oppenheimer

Idaho is 1 of 5 states with no early learning programs. Beth feels legislators understand the need for our children to be prepared for school, but struggle with the approach. Several bills are being offered during this session:

- Pilot Pre-K program: Sponsored by Hy Kloc, will be presented again in this session. It will be similar and funded through private/public funding. Changes include incorporating the Upstart Program which is computer software developed by the Waterford Institute in Utah. It is designed to reach rural communities and assist families in exposing children to early literacy. Separate legislation is also being planned for the Upstart Program as stand-alone legislation. Per child costs are \$1,000. Representative Kloc is also including language around a social impact bond model. See below.
- Lee Pesky **Pay for Success** Model Program: Also known as a **Social Impact Bond**, (contract with public sector in which a commitment is made to pay for improved social outcomes that result in public sector savings.) A portion would go towards professional development for child care providers and early childhood educators. It would be open for outside entities to apply for funding.

- Beth has met with the new school superintendent and feels positive about the interest towards early learning.
- Early Learning Legislative Day: Is in conjunction with the Idaho Head Start Conference and slated for Tuesday, February 10th. Please join them on the first floor of the rotunda from 7:30-9:00am for an informal meet and greet with legislators. They would like to build this as an annual event.
- Beth will be advocating for early learning, along with a Head Start parent, to the House and Senate Education Committees. Individual meetings with legislators are being set up for parents and educators with packets of messaging provided.
- John Pepper will be in Boise on Wednesday, February 11th, to speak on the business case for early learning. He will speak at the Head Start conference, lunch with legislators along with a free presentation at 7:00pm, BSU Sub, Jordon ballroom.

Home Visiting and Parent Education Committee - Gary Rillema, Deborah Drain

The Home Visiting assessment survey identified four areas of need: Financing and Sustainability, Technical Assistance Program Support, Public Engagement and Partnerships and Collaborations.

Additional mini-summits and RECC collaboration were discussed as next steps. A letter was drafted to home visiting programs asking to please join their regional early childhood committee. Contact information for each region was included.

Deborah reported new contracts have been executed. Those programs are in process of developing their plans with Health Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7 implementing PAT (Parents as Teachers). District 3 will do NFP (Nurse Family Partnerships). Site visits with NFP National were done in N. Idaho and Caldwell on February 4 and the model developers were impressed with the progress. Expansion sites hope to be serving families by May. Existing program sites are updating contracts to add families to caseloads and/or add a caseworker. Deborah hopes to have notification of expansion rewards by the end of the month.

A PowerPoint on Home Visiting and Parent Education was given by Deborah to introduce new council members to the basics and also to collect feedback from members already familiar with the program and committee. Please see the [EC3 portal](#) for the presentation.

Deborah also discussed in detail the assessment results which addressed strengths/needs and the four needs of interest identified above. She will report to the committee on benchmarks from the last 3 years and the information will be shared with EC3 at the May meeting.

Lunch and Networking

Education and Child Care Committee – David Allen

The committee is presently working on aligning the core competencies to the Head Start standards along with making clear teaching objectives for those using the core comps. A future project is to build a system to match trained early child professionals with job opportunities in Idaho. Two viable options for this are using Linked In and the free website builder Weebly. Resumes, job postings could be posted on Weebly for individuals and schools districts to access.

Data and Resource Committee – Paula Mason

The committee is working on revising the ACEs survey before being sent out. Paula discussed adding a question to identify which region the survey taker resides. It was suggested to emphasize the regions are Health and Welfare regions as opposed to school districts plus adding a link for additional information on ACEs. Paula is drafting a letter to accommodate the survey. Christy suggested working with Jennifer Surrusco, data analyst, to fine tune the survey. Other suggestions were:

- Applying logic to questions with a short paragraph preceding link to additional information
- Radio buttons to identify demographics
- Redefine purpose of survey: collect data/develop training

Melissa, Christy, and Roger offered to serve on the committee and assist in the survey development.

Idaho Head Start Association – Bill Foxcroft

The Idaho Head Start Association Conference will be held February 9-12, 2015. Many EC3 members will be presenting and/or attending the conference that serves Head Start Directors, staff and parents from around the state.

Head State Collaboration – Omair Shamim

With Sara San Juan leaving the Council, Omair is recruiting new members for roles in the Head Start Committee.

In a regional call with Head Start, the Collaboration is reorganizing and releasing new strategies including:

- Partner with state child care system emphasizing early head start child care partnership initiative
- Work with state efforts to collect data regarding early childhood programs and outcomes
- Support expansion to access of high quality workforce and career development
- Other projects include: oral health, lead screening and child obesity

An Idaho Falls program was awarded expansion for full day services and the contract is being negotiated. Also, a hearing screening training from Idaho Sound Beginnings was held for Early Head Start and Head Start in January.

Regional Early Childhood Committee – Holly Whitworth

Crying Plan brochures were distributed to all RECC to share with their agencies and the community. In addition, the chairs reviewed the Core Competencies and how members of the committee can utilize the document to review staff development and recruitment. The Home Visiting assessment results were discussed along with the particular home visiting programs in each region and the possibility of collaboration and member recruitment.

ECSC Revisions/New Certificate Proposal – Shannon Dunstan, Taylor Raney

The standards and endorsement documents are reviewed every five years. The endorsement language was edited to provide opportunities for teachers to serve kids in the best way possible and how to enable the teachers to teach through elementary school. He will notify the Council if the opportunity for public comment arises. Next steps involve presenting revisions to the Professional Standards Commission in March and then to the Board of Education for consideration and approval.

Executive Director Report – Sue Harpold

The next grant non-competing continuation report is due April 1st with a new reporting requirement of MIECHV benchmarks. Year 1 requires reporting on two areas and two indicators; Year 2 adds two; and all six need to be completed by Year 3.

- Area 1: Maternal and newborn health
Indicator: Percentage of infants born pre-term
- Area 2: Child abuse and neglect, maltreatment, reduction in emergency room visits
Indicator: Rate of substantiated child abuse and childhood deaths due to external causes
- Area 3: School readiness and achievement
Indicator: Percentage of children who received development screening and didn't need follow up/referral
- Area 4: Crime and domestic violence
Indicator: Percentage of families who screen positive for domestic violence and are referred
- Area 5: Economic self-sufficiency for families
Indicator: Percentage of children in state at poverty level
- Area 6: Systems and coordination for community resource and supports
Indicator: Memorandum of Understandings between child care programs and early learning programs; Head start and school district programs, etc.

Sue will be attending the regional MIECHV and ECCS Grantee Conference in March where the focus will be systems integration, trauma stewardship, and integration of MIECHV into ECCS.

A new HRSA requirement is to include an acknowledgement on all products produced by HRSA grant funds. This disclaimer will be added to the website and any future project materials. Questions will be asked of the grant officer to clarify details.

Updates are planned for the Clearinghouse and Facebook pages along with a new edition of the Communicator. Added to the May agenda will be an EC3 101 for new and existing members. It will include grant information, committee breakdown, etc. Binders with council information will be available digitally on the portal.

Break

Child Care Update – Aubrie McArthur

The Child Care and Development Block Grant reauthorization was signed by President Obama in November 2014. Appropriations are coming, but the exact amount of funds is not known. The authorization involves changes with many standards effective immediately. Idaho is out of compliance at this time along with the majority of states. A 40-page alignment plan developed by Idaho will assist them into compliance, though several standards will need to be put in front of the next legislative session. Despite the hard work ahead, they are excited as it will make child care safer and healthier for children. The plan:

- Will increase payments to high-quality providers and remove poor and dangerous providers from subsidy
- Increase eligibility for families and taper off if over income as opposed to a fiscal cliff
- Post results of monitoring and background checks and substantiated child care complaints

Idaho STARS has implemented a new orientation process for those wanting to become an ICCP provider. The 16-minute video is available on the IDSTARS website.

Please see Aubrie's Timeline of Implementation on the [portal](#).

Children's Trust Fund – Roger Sherman

The 3rd Annual Summit on Shaken Baby is scheduled for March 16th at the Boise Hotel and Convention Center. A focus will be on developing next steps in a Crying Plan/Tantrum Strategy for toddlers. This will be a preconference to the Strengthening Families Training Institute March 17th and 18th. Several speakers are scheduled with keynote speakers being Rev. Daryl Armstrong who will speak on his experiences in the foster care system and ACE's and Pat Stanislaski speaking on resiliency. Please RSVP to Lisa Newhouse at newhousel@dhw.idaho.gov

Giraffe Laugh Daycare Center in Boise is using the Crying Plan as part of a child's care plan. The hope is to incorporate into Home Visiting also.

Nominations for the annual Ed Van Dusen Legacy award are being taken. Lorraine Clayton, past EC3 Director, was mentioned as a possible nomination and Ellen Neff will complete the online application.

Free online training will soon be available for child sexual abuse.

Framework Work Groups – Sue Harpold

It was discussed to have Council members divided into work groups to strategize on the systems framework and the grant performance progress report during future EC3 meetings and map out a timeline. Ideas centered on:

- Breaking the plan down to combine into the committees' work and focus.
- Members who are experts in a specific strategy asked to email insights to committee chairs
- Due diligence done as to what has already been completed

Due to time constraints, this agenda item will be continued on the second day of the meeting.

Adjourned at 5:05pm

MINUTES

EC3 Early Childhood Coordinating Council - DAY 2 – February 6, 2015 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast – Networking

Immunization Rate Update – Mitch Scoggins, DHW/Public Health

Information from the National Immunization Survey (NIS) on children aged 19 months through 35 months was presented. Idaho's MMR vaccine coverage is 91.1% which is 1.1% above the Healthy People 2020 target. There are pockets statewide though of vaccine exemption. We would have problems if measles shows up in the northern part of the state or north end of Boise.

School immunizations as of 2014 show 83.8% compliant with 16.2% noncompliant. Conversation surrounded around state exemption for medical, religious and philosophical reasons. West Virginia and Mississippi are the only states that allow medical exemptions. Idaho is the 2nd highest exemption state with Oregon being number 1. The expectation is Idaho will move to the number 1 spot this year because Oregon tightened up their philosophical exemptions. A breakdown by public, charter and private schools is included in the ppt.

Idaho is improving in many measures, but much work remains. For details on other vaccines, please see the Immunization PowerPoint on the [EC3 portal](#) and also at [Health and Welfare](#).

Information on adult vaccination coverage can be found on the [CDC site](#).

Framework Workgroups – Sue Harpold

The ECCS grant requires the state to report periodically on accomplishments and barriers to the work plan. In order to identify the strategies for action that have been completed, the Council broke up into 5 small groups. Each group reviewed one of the goal areas, identified action strategies that have been completed, and created timelines for the strategies that need to be completed. Group leaders were Omair Shamim for Health, Shannon Dunstan for Social and Emotional, Ellen Neff for Early Education and Care, Gary Rilemma for Family Resources and Tools, and Kris Spain for Systems. The Council will revisit the Framework at the May meeting.

Break

Community Foundation of Idaho Fund – Sherry Iverson

In 2006 an account was set up with the Community Foundation to house fundraising monies and donations. A decision is needed on the account and the balance of \$8,780.00. The Executive Committee's recommendation is to dispense equally between the seven RECC to further their projects. Motion was made to request funds and disburse to RECC to further the vision and mission of EC3 with all in favor of said motion. A friendly amendment was proposed that prior to spending funds each RECC bring forth budget and project plans to be approved by the Governance Committee; complete the project within 365 days upon receipt of monies; submit a report upon completion of said project to Governance Committee. In addition, donations made in honor of Karen Mason will be recognized in said projects. The amendment was voted on and all in favor.

Healthy Me is Cavity Free Collaborative – Lisa Reed and Jennifer Wheeler, Delta Dental

Idaho Oral Health Alliance has taken the lead on this collaborative that involves 22 organizations. The purpose being the prevention of cavities in children 0-3. It is sometimes difficult to have a young child seen at the dental office because of the lack of pediatric dentists in Idaho, so a pre-dental home pilot project is underway. The children can receive a screening, risk-assessment, and fluoride varnish. Brochures will be available and a signup sheet was passed.

Data is being tracked on Medicaid children as to the type of services and where they received them. Education continues with dentists, parents and educators as to the importance of early visits. Medicaid's Medical Home portal supplies a list of dentists -- <http://www.medicalhomeportal.org/> Concerns center around those that will also serve children with special needs. Angie Bailey, Project Coordinator for the Idaho Oral Health Initiative, can supply information on every region's [oral health manager](#).

Early Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) – Shannon Dunstan (for Frede' Trenkle, DHW/Medicaid Alternative Care Coordinator)

EPSDT funds will cover needs that have a limit in Medicaid or needs that have been identified in another state plan for Medicaid outside of Idaho. Examples are:

- School Perspective: Behavioral Consultation and Personal Care Services are the only two services with limits. With proper documentation those services can be extended with EPSDT funds.
- Community Perspective: Glasses, durable medical equipment in addition to other states' services that can be replicated in Idaho to meet a child's needs.

If a child has a need that will exceed their budget, it is recommended to start the process early as proper documentation and prior authorization is needed by the Department of Health and Welfare before reimbursement.

A pre-recorded informational webinar is in production that can be connected to several different sites including ECIC. It was requested the topic be revisited again at the May meeting.

The form can be accessed at <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/SchoolBasedServices>

Birth Outcome Data/Pregnancy Risk Assessment Tracking System (PRATS) – Jacquie Watson

Looking at birth certificate data, in 2013 there were 22,348 live births to Idaho residents which is a birthrate of 13.9% per 1000 population. Idaho is always a bit higher than the national average of 12.5%, but experienced a 16.8% drop from 2007 to 2013 because of the economic downturn. By region, Health District 7 has the highest with 18.5% and District 2 the lowest with 10.9%.

The PowerPoint contains details on age and ethnicity of mother, prenatal care, method of delivery, birth weight, etc. which is supplied by Idaho's Bureau of Vital Statistics. Also included are the PRATS annual survey results on mothers' experiences and behaviors surrounding pregnancy which may affect pregnancy outcomes and infant health. The PowerPoint can be accessed on [the portal](#) with additional information on the [DHW site](#).

Lunch and Networking

Agency/Organization Reports

Maternal Child Health/Kris Spain and Jacquie Watson: Kris and Jacquie will be meeting with their BSU Needs Assessment team for the block grant to look at data which will drive their selection of national performance measures. They will report those findings at a future meeting.

AS a result from EC3 conversations, there is collaboration between the WIC program, MIECHV Home Visiting and Idaho Physical Nutrition program who are working with Idaho STARS training supervisors and passing on information to child care workers.

All states have been asked to move forward in an unfunded process of selecting a plan to reduce infant mortality. A kickoff meeting was held this week where each state was asked to select two strategies that originated with national. Idaho's team chose smoking cessation and pre/ inter-conception care.

The Newborn Screening program consists of a blood collect from a newborn's heel and tested for genetic and metabolic disorders. By November, they hope to add a new condition to the panel, Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID), otherwise known as "bubble boy disease". Significant cost is involved for the kits, so they will move it forward to stakeholders and providers for opinions.

Jacquie Watson was recognized for her work in the maternal and child health world at the annual conference in Washington, D.C. last week. The Council congratulated her on the acknowledgement.

Children's Mental Health/Mechelle Wilson: Several years ago, a young man named Jeff D. was placed at State Hospital South with adults as there was no juvenile unit. Idaho was sued which brought on transformation and created a children's mental health system. Every ten years the state is re-sued in areas that need improvement and a lawsuit is pending that will bring expansion of mental health services over the next 5-7 years for children in the state. Other updates:

- The behavioral health boards are being rolled out in all regions and moving forward with community collaboration.
- The recently opened Idaho Falls Adult crisis center has been a success when comparing who was brought to the center as opposed to being incarcerated. Funding for one additional center has been requested by the division administrator with the goal of eventually a center in every region.

Parent Rep-Region 5/Emily Petersen: Region 5 RECC met and are very enthusiastic to continue the work of EC3.

Public Health District 7/Gary Rillema: Staff is being hired for the home visit expansion programs and will be begin to visit homes in May.

College of Southern Idaho/Ellen Neff: As a coordinator for Early Childhood Education for CSI, Ellen oversees their toddler lab which is an inclusive setting for 3-5 year olds. Recently, they assumed management of the CSI Child Care Center and are working to update the curriculum, best practices and accreditation. Collaboration with the local Boys and Girls Club is also in the works for a private kindergarten. All of this brings opportunity to train more teachers.

The CDA prep program with Canyon Bridge High School graduated 12 students and has 20 on the list for next year. The goal is to have the program in all 3 local high schools.

Infant Toddler Program/Christy Cronheim: The annual report on compliance and performance indicators is available for review on the [ITP website](#) along with public reporting on regions. The recent grant application requires a 60-day review for public comment and is also on the website.

The program report will be completed soon and Christy is asking for ideas in getting the document to legislators.

Another project is to organize a workgroup to update the existing annual family survey in order to increase survey response.

Migrant Seasonal Head Start/Amada Flores:

- Four programs are operating during the winter
- Total enrollment is at 797 with 60 short with recruitment being done in Caldwell, Nampa and Twin Falls
- Summer program will start in July instead of June due to a funding gap
- Eighteen children enrolled in their MIECHV program which will be working closely with Deborah Drain
- A \$200,000 grant through Cambia and the University of Idaho regarding obesity has been received. Thirty-two families accepted to be part of the project and will take place in Caldwell and Twin Falls

State Department of Insurance/Kathy McGill: – Enrollment period for *Your Health Idaho* is coming to a close on February 15th with coverage beginning March 1st. This is the first year when doing taxes you will need to indicate if you had coverage in 2014.

Idaho statistics for exchange enrollment was 83,300 December 31st, 2015. New figures will be announced several weeks after enrollment closes, though for January alone, enrollment stands at 90,000.

Medicaid/Melissa Carico: The \$40 million State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) grant came in and the committees statewide are working on the operational plans. The initial project will recruit fifty-five practices to be part of the patient centered medical homes. July 1 is a tentative start date.

State Department of Education – Shannon Dunstan

Charlotte "Charlie" Silva has been appointed as the new Special Education Director for the state. Previously, she held the position of Special Education supervisor for the Boise School District. Other changes include Shannon's responsibilities now covering 3 year olds through 3rd grade whereas in the past, she was responsible for 3-5 year olds.

Early childhood trainings are set for six regions beginning in June. Tentative dates are: Pocatello/June 8 & 9 – Idaho Falls/June 11 & 12 – CDA/June 15 & 16 – Moscow and Lewiston/June 18 & 19 – Boise or Twin either June 22 & 23 or June 25 & 26. Next fall, they will be working with IdahoSTARS and Lee Pesky to do 2-day training on common core in early childhood and the materials and strategies needed for implementing.

DD Council – Natali Pellens

The Council met with legislators last month at the Capitol. Topics included licensure for sign language interpreters, the healthy Idaho plan and Optum. They continue to work on their five-year plan and have several spots open for self-advocates parents and guardians in Regions 5, 6, and 7. Applicants will be interviewed prior the next meeting in July. Please pass this information to interested parties.

ITP Committee/ SSIP Update – Lauren Ertz and Jennifer Surrosco

Phase 1 is close to completion. Presentations were given to the HUB Leadership team with great feedback and to Cameron Gilliland, Deputy Administrator. ITP statistics were also brought up in the Department of Health and Welfare's presentation to JFAC.

The State Team distributed a survey to staff and contractors with a good response rate. Results were compiled to identify strategies included in a draft Theory of Action. The Small Stakeholder Committee then approved all strategies and the SiMR focus and finalized the Theory of Action. Regions 1, 2 and 3 were chosen to pilot initiatives because of strength in child outcomes, infrastructure, size, resources available, and diversity. The goal is to be statewide after the five-year mark.

A vote is needed to approve the Targets for Indicator #11. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion by Council centered on future modifications allowed by OSEP, regional data of one year and baselines. Proposed targets through 2018 were approved with one member abstaining. Please see Lauren's PowerPoint and the final Theory of Action for details on [EC3's portal](#). The committee welcomes any additional resources or collaboration information.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 7th and 8th, 2015.

Adjourned at 2:12pm