

Minutes

(Digitally recorded)

EC3 Meeting / February 4th & 5th, 2016

Holiday Inn Boise Airport, 2970 West Elder Street, Boise, Idaho 83075

Attendees:

Members: Sherry Iverson, Ellen Neff, Bill Foxcroft, Christy Cronheim, David Allen, Holly Whitworth, Julie Fodor, Greg Culet, Mechelle Wilson, Kathy McGill, Cindy Brock, Cathie Johnson, Rebekah Forster-Casey, Beth Oppenheimer, Roger Sherman, Omair Shamim, Mick Hodges, Paula Mason, Shannon Dunstan, Kris Spain, Paula Mason, Julie Fodor, Emily Petersen, Amada Flores

Excused: Ami Owen, Reed DeMordaunt, Fred S. Martin, Kent Hobbs,

Guests: Cameron Gilliland, Brian Shakespeare, Katie Lamansky, Angela Gribble, Deborah Drain, Jaqueline Watson, Kristen Bergeson

Staff: Sue Harpold, Katie Stoneberg

Meeting Called to Order at 11:02am

Co-Chair Sherry Iverson opened the meeting and provided an overview of the day's agenda. Council members were introduced with identifying titles and agencies.

Contingency Planning: Next Steps

(Handouts were provided and are available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Council members were provided with the: Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Impact Funding Opportunity Brief, Grant Comparison: Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant (2005-2015) and Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Impact Grant (2016-2021), and the Federal Mandates for State Level Advisory Councils.

Cameron Gilliland, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Family and Community Services Deputy Division Administrator was in attendance to provide insight on the Department of Health and Welfare's decision to not apply for the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Impact grant for 2016-2021. Cameron reviewed a document comparing the 2013 grant with the new grant and explained some of the differences:

- The current ECCS grant was a top down state level model; the new ECCS Impact Grant requires state, county and local systems work that would require support and active involvement of county and community government entities. The focus area of the current grant has been a state choice; the new ECCS Impact Grant mandates a specific measurable outcome with one aim.

- The current ECCS Grant does not have a sustainability requirement while the new ECCS Impact Grant does. It would require that all 3 impact levels (state, county, and local) commit to sustaining the effort both fiscally and programmatically.
- The current ECCS Grant's outcomes are very broad while the new ECCS Impact Grant has mandated measurable outcomes.
- The amount of funding is not enough to meet all of the requirements that come with the grant- specifically the requirement for creation of a statewide data collection system.
- The current grant has no requirement for participation from the Governor's office. The new ECCS Impact Grant would require active participation from the Governor's office.

Cameron explained should ECCS funding end, the Executive Order the Council specifies the Council would revert back to a body meeting the Infant Toddler Program requirements. EC3 could continue, but, the Council will need to discuss what it will look like going forward.

Shannon asked: With it reverting back to the Infant Toddler Program requirements, will that continue to cover the Head Start Advisory Council requirements as well as that of the 5 programs that require an advisory council (Head Start, Infant Toddler Program, Child Care, MIECHV, and the State Department of Education) since EC3 has been serving as that source for the Advisory Council?

The Federal Mandates for State Level Advisory Councils describes each of the 5 programs' requirements for an advisory council. EC3 has met the need for all of the program's advisory councils up until now. The requirements for each program to have an advisory council would still need to be met even without the grant funding. Child Care and MIECHV each have a steering committee that serves as an advisory council however they use EC3 for the purposes of systems building at the state level.

Shannon asked if the Department of Health and Welfare values the work that has been done across departments and across the Early Childhood Community enough to have a line item to fund EC3.

- Cameron indicated that though the Department values the work of EC3, a decision has not made yet on a budget line item. Right now the funding is not available. Cameron feels that the focus should be for the 5 programs to decide how they are going to sustain their advisory councils and see if they would have funding available for EC3.

Sherry added that the Council's current focus needs to be to look at the possible continuance of EC3 as well as the sustainability of the RECCs (Regional Early Childhood Committees).

Bill asked why the decision was made to completely change the focus of the ECCS grant and decrease the amount of recipients.

Sue shared information from a grant conference call with HRSA: while HRSA has not received any increase in funding, they are responding to increased scrutiny and accountability. They needed to build in measurement, and they decided to change the focus and add mandated benchmarks. In addition, the Federal Government is increasingly putting money where there is already money. Any state that has

either a Federal Promise Zone or a Rural Impact Area is given a higher priority for funding; Idaho has neither of those.

Roger asked if the scope of the new grant is too great to apply for no matter what program or organization would choose to apply. Cameron clarified that any program/organization can choose to apply for the grant, the Department of Health and Welfare has just chosen that it will not apply.

Contingency Planning: Next Steps Continued

Sue provided an overview of the current Executive Order and its requirements. The Council then discussed the continuance of the Early Childhood Coordinating Council:

The Executive Order 2011-2015 states:

Under Article III:

- The Council may accept funds from private, federal, state or public agencies and any other sources in accordance with state law. The moneys shall be used to support the statewide effort in the development and sustainability of this Council and early childhood programs and services.
 - a. In the event of Federal dollars are no longer available for Early Childhood Comprehensive Services and Head Start State Collaboration, scope and Council membership will be limited and aligned with the current requirements of IDEA Part C within 30 days of loss of funding.
 - b. In the event that federal laws change that require the existence of an Interagency Coordinating Council and Early Childhood Advisory Council, this Executive Order shall terminate within 30 days of the effective federal date.

The new Executive Order 2016-2021 has been signed however Sue has not yet received it.

The current grant funds The Executive Director and Administrative Assistant positions, all expenses for EC3's quarterly meetings, and the annual RECC meeting.

Sherry asked the Council to think about two things: what the State must have and what the Council members would like to have in place.

MUST HAVE

- Head Start, Infant Toddler Program, Child Care, MIECHV, State Department of Education advisory councils.
- Support staff 1.7 FTE funding
- All current member retention/collaboration
- Early Childhood Systems Focus
- Video conferencing capability
- Parent Support
- List of EC3's accomplishments
- List of Sue and Katie's job duties

What would we like to have?

- Possible membership fee
- Face-to-face quarterly meetings
- In-kind support
- Bring-your-own-lunch to quarterly meetings

Funding ends as of July 31, 2016. There is one quarterly meeting between now and then. Next steps for the Council are:

- Kris – Investigate possibility of available funding from Public Health and report to the Governance committee before 02/19/2016
- Kris, Omair, Christy, Ericka, Deborah Shannon – Core Programs meet together to discuss blending or braiding funds to provide operating expenses for EC3 and report to the Governance Committee before 02/26/2016
- Sherry – Contact Senator Fred S. Martin and ask to schedule a meeting with the Governor before 02/26/2016
- Beth, Sherry – Contact the Albertson’s Foundation to arrange a time to talk with them before 02/29/2016
- Sherry – Governance Committee will review reports and plan for next steps before 03/01/2016
- Sue – Compile EC3 accomplishments before 03/15/2016
- Sue, Christy – Draft a letter to the Governor and have it ready to be sent before 03/15/2016
- Sherry, Senator Fred S. Martin – Meet with Governor by 03/30/2016

Sherry announced that Justin Coleman has resigned his position as Co-Chair and membership of EC3. Due to his busy schedule, he felt he was not able to continue. Emily Petersen was asked and agreed to take on the position of Co-Chair; however, with the current state of the Council and the uncertainty of its future, she will not contact the Governor’s Office and request appointment to the position at this time. Council members made an unofficial vote for Emily to assume the role of acting Co-Chair.

Ericka Rupp – Child Care Development Block Grant Re-Authorization Updates

(Presented by PowerPoint and available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Ericka provided an update on the Child Care Development Block Grant also known as Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP). The grant is given to the states and territories by the federal government and is the primary source of federal funding for child care subsidies. The 4 key areas of the grant are Health and Safety Requirements for Child Care Providers, Transparent Consumer and Provider Education Information, Family-Friendly Eligibility Policies, and Activities to Improve Quality of Child Care.

- Council members were encouraged to visit the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare ICCP website where there is a link to the [2016-2018 ICCP Draft State Plan](#).

- ICCP’s Public Hearing on the State Plan: Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm (MST).
- Council members were encouraged to provide feedback. This can be done online at ICCPStatePlan@dhw.idaho.gov. The due date for feedback is February 11, 2016.

Katie Lamansky & Angie Gribble – Idaho Physical Health and Nutrition Program (IPAN)

(Presented by PowerPoint and available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Katie Lamansky and Angie Gribble provided information on the Idaho Physical Health and Nutrition Program whose mission and purpose is to promote a culture of health and vigor by encouraging and enabling Idahoans to be physically active and make good food choices across a lifespan. The program has chosen to implement the “Let’s Move Child Care” program in its work with Idaho Child Care providers. The five goal areas of “Let’s Move! Child Care” are Physical Activity, Screen Time, Healthy Nutrition, Healthy Beverages, and Infant Feeding.

IPAN is involved with EC3 in several ways; IPAN Staff participate in EC3 subcommittees, Health District IPAN staff participates in RECCs, and the two groups collaborate on educational materials. EC3 can help support IPAN by promoting participation in Let’s Move! Child Care workshops and online modules.

Julie Fodor – University of Idaho Workforce Study

(Presented by PowerPoint and available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Julie provided an update on the University of Idaho’s Workforce Study. The study was designed to help Idaho anticipate future directions for the Early Childhood Workforce, identify and compare characteristics of the workforce presently caring for and educating young children across early childhood program sectors, identify the impact of Idaho STARS on the child care workforce landscape, and identify anticipated early childhood program workforce needs for 2020.

- Shannon: The State Department of Education has been looking at developing a new tool to replace the Idaho Reading Indicator. There have been committees that have been working on this for over a year based on the Governor’s task force. They hope to have something identified and rolled out next year.
- The data received will be used to provide recommendations to the early childhood education field.

Christy Cronheim – Infant Toddler Program Family Survey Update

(Presented by PowerPoint and available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Christy provided an update on the Infant Toddler Program's Family Survey Project. Their goals have been; to increase family survey result rates, identify a new survey tool, identify new survey completion methods, and create a feedback loop.

- A new more user friendly family survey was created.
- Options for completing the family survey are via email/website, in-person, or by mail
- The family survey response rates have increased from 13% (pre-project) to 38.4% (post-project)

Christy Cronheim – SSIP Update

(Presented by PowerPoint and is available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Christy provided an update on the State Systemic Improvement Plan for the Infant Toddler Program. Their measurable goal is to increase the percentage of infants and toddlers with disabilities receiving services in Regions 1, 2, and 3, who leave the Infant Toddler Program with progress made in social emotional development.

Accomplishments to date are:

- SSIP Workshop Meeting held November 19th
- Extensive Technical Assistance from November – January
- Revised Theory of Action: Finalized Logic Models in January

Summary of Changes:

- Narrowed scope from 5 strands and strategies to 3 stands and strategies
 - Professional Development
 - Monitoring & Accountability
 - Early Childhood Outcome (ECO) Practices

Next Steps:

- February 2016
 - SSIP Workgroup Meeting
 - OSEP SSIP Technical Assistance Call
 - Finalize Evaluation Plan
 - Write Indicator #11
- March 2016
 - FACS Administration Meeting
 - Develop Local Level Implementation Plans
- April 2016
 - Submit Indicator #11 to OSEP
 - Implement activities according to timeline

Contingency Planning: Next Steps, Continued

Ericka: There is a Promise Neighborhood beginning in Idaho in partnership with the City of Caldwell, City of Boise, Idaho Superintendent of Schools, United Way, Hospitals, and others. The infrastructure is there with money available to create and define a Promise Neighborhood in our community. P-16 is established in Caldwell and is getting rolled into the work of the City of Boise, United Way, and the Boise School District's work to form a Promise Neighborhood.

Beth suggested that other entities apply for the grant, and the State Department of Education was suggested as a possible applicant. Shannon and Beth will contact Tim Corder and discuss this with him.

The grant application is due March 15th. It is not clear if the focus of EC3 would continue to be the same if the grant was received. **Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm**

MINUTES

EC3 Early Childhood Coordinating Council - DAY 2 – February 5th, 2015 8:00am

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00am

Co-Chair Sherry Iverson called the meeting to order and provided an overview of today's agenda

Brian Shakespeare – Idaho Sound Beginnings Program

(Presented by PowerPoint and is available on the <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ec3> – please refer there for further information on the details of the presentation.)

Brian Shakespeare provided information on Idaho Sound Beginnings whose goal is to ensure all Idaho infants and toddlers with hearing loss are identified as early as possible and provided with timely and appropriate services in order to maximize language, literacy and communication. When working with 2014 statistics, Idaho Sound Beginnings found a disparity between birth counts reported by birthing facilities and those reported to Vital Records. In response:

- In 2014 an interface was created to ensure that all births in Idaho are reported accurately to the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program.
- An interface was created between HiTrak and ITPKIDS to capture screenings and risk factors reported to ITP staff.
- When infants are referred, diagnostic follow-up appointments are scheduled prior to discharge from the hospital.

Amada shared that Community Council of Idaho attempted to share their data with Idaho Sound Beginnings however, the data system they use is not compatible with Idaho Sound Beginnings. Amada asked if there has been any progress in correcting this.

- Brian stated that he has been working with HiTrak developers on a way to import their data. Until then CCI can provide a spreadsheet of their data while maintaining patient confidentiality

and not sharing any personal information. Omair suggested CCI get parent signatures when children do fail their hearing screening and are referred.

- Holly shared that MIECHV's Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program offers hearing screenings. Often times after a hearing screening parents will say that their child was checked at the hospital and was ok. However, based on Idaho Sound Beginnings data it would appear that the Home Visiting programs should check the children at 3, 6, and 9 months and beyond, with the parent's consent. Brian stated that audiologists suggest that when children pass their initial hearing screening they be screened once a year.

Cindy Brock – Medicaid Primary Care and EPSDT Update

Cindy provided an update on the Idaho Medicaid Primary and EPSDT website. On February 1, 2016 Medicaid implemented a Patient Centered Medical Home Model of Care through Healthy Connections. This model provides improved access to care, better care coordination, patient involvement in care decisions, and improved outcomes. Medicaid took the per- member per- month case management that Primary Care (PCP) received and broke it down into 4 tiers. Depending on where PCPs are and if they are delivering Patient Centered Care, they were enrolled into one of the four tiers and their tier is key to reimbursement.

Tier 1 – Includes providers who have been Healthy Connections case managers and have not on their own or through Medicaid's Health Home Initiative, gone into Patient Centered Care. They still have Care Coordination responsibilities and their reimbursement is according to that.

Tier 2 – Providers offering all of the activities of tier one as well as offering 46 hours of expanded access.

Tiers 3 & 4 – Providers that have been involved in the Healthy Homes Initiative for the last couple of years and are doing Patient Portals, are following patients, tracking coordination of care, and sharing data with the Health Data Exchange. Also includes those who have NCQA recognition.

As of February 1, 2016 access to Telehealth Services was also improved. Primary care codes have been added and the Telehealth policy has been revised. As of July 1, 2016 there will be some school services available under the Telehealth system.

Council members are encouraged to visit the Medicaid website at healthandwelfare.idaho.gov to receive more information.

The EPSDT website has been rolled out. The website now has information on EPSDT as well as the request form, resources for parents, EPSDT schedule, etc. This can be utilized by not only parents but as well as providers, stakeholders and schools.

Ericka Rupp & Omair Shamim – Legislative Update

Omair reported that February 8th – 10th, 2016 the Head Start Association will be holding their annual conference. On the first day, February 8th, there will be an awards ceremony and keynote speaker. On the second day February 9th, there will be tracks for content areas managers as well as a viewing of the

film *The Raising of America* which will be held at 6:00pm in the Lincoln Auditorium at the State Capitol Building. The last day, February 10th, will be a Legislative day with IAEYC. The Legislative day will feature BLOCK Fest in the State Capitol Rotunda from 8:30a.m. - 11:45am and an Early Learning Rally at 12:00pm on the State Capitol steps. The House Education Committee presentations will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the Senate Education Committee presentation will be held at 3:00pm.

The Raising of America videos are also available online at raisingofamerica.org.

Ericka reported that the School Readiness Act is currently in a holding pattern. There has been a lot of discussion during the Legislative Session on K-12 education.

Other Legislative Updates:

Shannon indicated that Representative Hy Clock will be reintroducing his Pre-K Bill. There are some Legislators that have stated they will not discuss an Early Childhood initiative unless Pay for Success is addressed.

Rebecca reported that there is a public hearing on February 12, 2016 from 8:00am – 10:00am at the Capitol Building Lincoln Auditorium. The Department of Health and Welfare will hear public testimony. Cindy reported that Medicaid has a CHIP Expansion bill that will be introduced. House Bill 416 will take CHIP eligibility up to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Sherry updated the Council on the American Academy of Pediatrics first White Coat Day held on January 29, 2016. Pediatricians were available at the Capital to answer questions and provide feedback. The White Coat Day was well received.

Sherry also reported on legislation is being introduced by the Board of Pharmacy that would lower the age for children's vaccines from 12 to 6. This could be positive for rural communities with limited access. Physicians are requesting that the vaccine data is entered into IRIS however the Pharmacy Board does not support this as physicians are not required to utilize IRIS. Physicians do keep a medical record of all vaccines however pharmacies do not. The best case scenario would be for pharmacies to input all vaccines given into IRIS and then when the child goes to their primary care provider an accurate record of all vaccines would be on file.

Other updates from AAP: The American Heart Association is pushing for congenital heart screenings to become required on newborns before discharge. This should get more attention in 2017.

An Arizona physician has developed powdered alcohol. The alcohol would be available in 4 different types. Most states are pushing to ban it; in Idaho the State Liquor Dispensary promoting a ban. The concern is that minors will gain access to the alcohol and put it into their drinks.

The Legislature is reviewing Idaho child abuse laws regarding faith-based healing. Young children who have had life-threatening conditions and have experienced extreme suffering are not always receiving medical treatment due to religious beliefs. There has been an increase in child deaths in Idaho due Idaho's child abuse laws. There is a possible legislative sponsor for reform; however with it being such a

controversial topic this is proving to be difficult. One of the main discussion points is quantifying the amount a child should suffer before receiving medical treatment. This bill does not have a number at this time.

Ericka will send Katie a blog from Linda Smith that provides information on early childhood Legislative topics- Katie will send to the Council. The blog provides information about the Early Care and Education workforce and the Child Care Act which specifically focuses on affordable pay for child care providers.

Committee Reports

Education & Child Care Committee:

David reported that the Education & Child Care Committee is rewriting their committee description. The Committee Description now states; "The Education and Child Care Committee shall be responsible for developing professional competencies and maintaining a list of resources and supports for integration of those competencies into early care and education programs and existing early childhood professional development frameworks. The Committee will promote and support development of an improved professional development system for Early Care and Education in the state of Idaho. The Education and Child Care Committee will also develop, identify, and recommend strategies for the integration of the Idaho Early Learning eGuidelines into early childhood curriculum and assessment tools and resources for early care and education programs and families in the state. The strategies will be in line with school readiness as defined by the Early Childhood Coordinating Council."

Omar: Head Start has recently revised the Child Development and Early Learning Framework for children 0-5 years of age. A lot of states are working on ways to align the Early Learning guidelines with the framework. Omar will attend the next Education & Child Care Committee meeting, and present his information and see how they can work together to align the two.

The Committee has drafted a letter that will go to universities to encourage them to look at their course work and align it with the Infant Mental Health credential requirements. This would promote students' understanding of Infant Mental Health. The Council agreed that the letter is ready to be sent.

Head Start Committee:

The Head Start Collaboration Office has submitted their 5 year grant strategic plan. Omar completed a comprehensive needs assessment and incorporated the data received from the assessment into the 5 year plan. The Head Start Collaboration Office has also submitted their annual report as of January 31, 2016.

With the new Head Start Performance Standards, Head Start programs are working to increase the dosage of Head Start to full day/full year programs. President Obama has put the money for the increase into his budget however it is unknown if all of the money will be made available. Of the money that is available, there will be funds for the transition to full day/full year programs. Omar will provide more information at the next EC3 meeting.

More funding will be available from the Office of Head Start. Omair will be working together with Ericka on the Early Head Start and Child Care partnership. The last time that funds were available, no Idaho program applied for the money. Omair would like Idaho to apply for funds for the Early Head Start and Child Care partnerships.

The Head Start Collaboration office and Home Visiting Program are supporting Oral Health training for Head Start programs. Trainings will be held in Coeur d' Alene, Lewiston, Pocatello, and Boise.

Infant Mental Health Committee:

The Infant Mental Health Committee has been working with Aim Early Idaho on promoting the Infant Mental Health Endorsement. The Infant Mental Health Endorsement is an evidence-based endorsement that originated in Michigan. There are not enough providers in the state that have the higher levels of the endorsement and can provide services to children and families or provide reflective supervision to home visitors in the field working with families.

The Committee has been doing a lot of work to clarify billing codes and reimbursement for providers who are serving children and families.

Ami presented at the Behavioral Health Youth Committee meeting. They have added the need for providers to their gap analysis. This information will be added to their report to the Governor's office.

The Infant Mental Health Stakeholders Committee (a group comprised of members from the Infant Mental Health Committee and Aim Early Idaho) met to develop a plan to continue to build capacity and support the Infant Mental Health endorsement in Idaho. A subcommittee will work to develop a business proposal to be presented to Optum. Securing funding for an AmeriCorps volunteer to provide PR work and answer questions is also underway.

Cindy reported that Aim Early Idaho is not currently on the approved Telehealth list. It would be beneficial to have a conversation with Optum and Aim Early Idaho on correcting this.

Region Early Childhood Committee:

The RECC chairs have been sent guidelines for RECC Budgets. Budgets will be turned in no later than September 30th of each year. Any proposed expenditure of more than \$500.00 needs to have a detailed narrative description. All expenditures are to be made before June 1st of each year. Changes to the budgets exceeding 25% of any line item need to be preapproved.

The RECC Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee is still working on revising the bylaws. Once the bylaws are finished, the RECCs will work on recruiting members of key early childhood programs to join the RECCs.

RECCs have been working on getting someone from the local libraries as a member for each regional RECC.

RECCs are also working on many events such as Stewards of Children, mini conferences on Strengthening Families, car seat safety, BLOCK Fest, ACES 101, resource swap, Starts with Hello, as well as local activities around children.

Home Visiting & Parent Education Committee:

One of the goals for the Home Visiting & Parent Education Committee in 2016 is to promote the Crying Plan. The Committee will present the Crying Plan at the WIC conference in Idaho. The Committee is also working with the Idaho Children's Trust Fund's Steering Committee.

The Committee has been working on a track at the Early Years Conference. The hope is that every track provided at the conference will include a home visiting component.

The 2nd Home Visiting Summit was held in November 2015. A messaging strategy was developed and Davies Moore, the Department of Health and Welfare's marketing contractor, is currently working to develop positive messaging for home visiting in Idaho.

Another goal of the Committee is to assess all available training in the state that supports Home Visiting Competencies and to produce a systems- analysis report to show gaps and duplications in trainings. The Committee wants to develop a web-based method of collecting data on training needs in the state based on categories. Holly will report back on data received at the May EC3 meeting.

Data & Resources Committee:

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The Committee's measurable goal is to present the Council with a suggested set of data on child and family well-being which would be reviewed at each quarterly Council meeting.

The Committee has decided to look at data in 4 different categories:

- Infants and Toddlers in Idaho
- Poverty in Idaho
- Child and Family Health in Idaho
- Childhood Trauma/Maltreatment in Idaho

The first data set that the committee looked at was the State Baby Facts from Zero to Three. The Council felt the data from Zero to Three was not current enough to use. The Council will determine what data they would like the Data & Resource Committee to research and present to the Council. Council Members will send ideas to Katie by the end of February. Katie will compile a list of topics for the Committee.

The Data & Resource committee will continue to work on the ACES data received from the IAIEYC Conference, and the ACES survey that will be provided to Foster Parents.

RECC's Sustainability

The Infant Toddler Program currently funds the RECCs. The Council discussed the sustainability for RECCs; what they must have and what they would like to have.

What the RECCs must have:

- Funding
- Strategic Plan
- Training
- Materials
- State Experts to serve as a resource for pressing issues
- Coordination
- Information regarding initiatives, current issues, etc.

What the RECCs would like to have:

- Annual face-to-face meeting for all RECCs
- Leadership Development
- Part of a larger altruistic goal
- Drive/Common Vision

The Council agreed that the RECC Chairs should receive a letter informing them of the change to the grant funding as soon as possible. Sue will draft a letter and send it to the RECC Chairs before February 16th. The RECC Chairs are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 16th at 11:00a.m. MST. Sherry and Emily will participate in the call to provide support for the discussion of RECC Sustainability.

Round Table Reports

Kris Spain - The state WIC program is moving forward with the eWIC Movement to go from paper benefit issuance to electronic card benefit issuance. The program hired a planning contractor that has met with various entities throughout the Department of Health and Welfare to find out how their systems work and what needs to be done. They have done an edict analysis and determined that the most viable option is the Western States Contracting Alliance. The target for this to be fully implemented is 2018 with the federal mandate being 2010.

The Newborn Screening Program as of January 1, 2016 had the SCID (Severe Combined Immunodeficiency) implemented as another profile that is being screened.

The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant state action plan was developed through a needs assessment followed by setting priorities to align with national performance measures. **Jacqueline Watson** - Maternal and Child Health has created a new position that will focus on implementing new activities in the state for children with special health care needs. 30% of the Maternal and Child Health block grant will be used to support activities for that population.

Maternal and Child Health is exploring the learning collaborative with IHWACC (Idaho Health and Wellness Collaborative for Children).

Maternal and Child Health will be having a Medical Home Demonstration in Eastern Idaho Health Districts. The health district has found internal support for the medical home coordinator and has identified a pediatric center in Idaho Falls with 25,000 pediatric patients. This center will be part of the demonstration. They are also working to recruit another clinic in a more rural area of the state.

Sherry reported that for the last 6 years the state of Idaho, in conjunction with Utah, received a CHIP grant to look at quality improvement in the pediatric population. There been 9 learning collaboratives and this has proved to make a difference in the care of children. With the grant expiring, St. Luke's felt that this was too important to let go so they have decided to take on the program.

Cindy Brock - The Department of Medicaid recently completed their CHIP Annual Report and as part of that they have been doing quality measure reporting to CMS. Medicaid has gained more ground in the last three years and now has good trend data to look at. There are improvements in the areas of HPV uptake, childhood immunizations, and ER utilization.

Ericka Rupp - In November Zero to Three released a new state assessment tool; the Infant Toddler Self-Assessment for States tool is a state perspective on the well-being of infants and toddlers. Ericka and Sue have discussed completing the self-assessment and will begin working on it in late winter/early spring.

Ericka presented livebetteridaho.com a website that is being housed in the Division of Welfare. The website is a customer friendly site that is reframing the messaging of helping families become self-sufficient. The roll out for phase one was just for eligibility services (i.e. Medicaid, SNAP, ICCP, TAFI, Child Support, etc.). The second phase will branch out to different divisions and give division administrators and bureau chiefs the ability to own and contribute information to their portion of the site. The long term goal is to have division information available so that when a family goes to the site and enters their information, they will get a list of all available resources and likely eligibility for services in their community. Families will then be presented with options for applying for assistance.

The United Way ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Project is a study of financial hardship. This project addresses individuals that are not technically at the federal poverty limit however, they are not eligible for any services. This independent report is specific to each county, region, and city in the areas around housing, child care, insurance, food, checking, and savings. Council members are encouraged to view the ALICE project at unitedway.org.

Mechelle Wilson - The Jeff D. Settlement agreement was made last summer. The Division of Behavioral Health is working on multiple workgroups feeding into the plan.

The plan will be similar to the way that Katie Becket waivers occur. If a child is deemed to have a severe emotional disability they will be waived into the Jeff D. Class and will then be eligible for Medicaid. Children will receive a CANS (Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths) Assessment. There will also be

mini-CANS for people on the ground at first level to assess children (i.e., schools, preschools, child care, physician's offices, etc.).

The plan is looking at the multitude of services and how to define those services discussed in the settlement (i.e., emergency services, crisis services, case management services, etc.) and determine if those services will be eligible under Medicaid. The first plan is due at the end of March 2016.

The division administrator will be asking for funds to support CANS and Respite Care in the Legislature this year. The goal is for families to have more information on how to access funds. Families must have an open Children's Mental Health case in order to receive Respite Care. Respite Care does not necessarily mean that a Respite Care provider will be an option; it means that clients receive funds to pay for a care provider.

Rebecca Forster-Casey - The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is getting ready to write their 5-year plan and submit it in April. The Council has been doing a lot of work with Medicaid Expansion in the Legislature as well.

Rebekah recently contracted with the Federation for Families to coordinate the new Family Support Partners through Optum. Families who have children with mental health challenges can now receive mentoring and advocacy skill building services through their mental health agency. Optum will have all of their agencies trained in March.

Kathy McGill - The Department of Insurance's Director was officially confirmed by the Senate. In the Legislature this year, the Department of Insurance is bringing forward a piece of legislation that will increase sanctions on insurance brokers who behave unethically. The bill would allow their licenses to be revoked from 1-5 years depending on the offense. There are three rules that are being proposed. One of the rules will make purchases of Long Term Care Partnership Plans more affordable to Idaho citizens. This will make it easier to apply for Medicaid by exempting certain assets.

The 2016 Open Enrollment period for individual health insurance plans ended on January 31, 2016. Your Health Idaho will be releasing their official numbers as to how many Idahoans enrolled in individual health insurance plans in 2016. The count is approximately over 100,000 which is significantly higher than the 80,000 last year. Your Health Idaho is sending out notices to individuals who enrolled in insurance through the Idaho Health Exchange certifying that they do have coverage and how many months they were enrolled as well as the number of months they received tax credits if applicable. If Idahoans did not have health insurance coverage, the Your Health Idaho website explains how they can apply for an exemption from the penalty if they feel that health insurance was not affordable.

Julie Fodor - The IdahoSTARS regional office staff are being trained on Reflective Coaching. IdahoSTARS has a database that is being developed that will link data from the training and scholarship offices, PDS, ICCP, Steps to Quality together.

The Child Care Health Consultant role is now fully funded and there is staff in every region that is working on specializations and specializations framework. The framework will look at how training is

provided, how coaching is developed, and will assess best practices in child care settings, and ongoing professional development.

Melissa Crist and the Child Care Health Consultant staff are working on Emergency Preparedness. They are updating an inventory for child care providers.

IdahoSTARS has been working on using the Inclusive Classroom Profile Assessment for Child Care Programs. This will be a more organized and planful way of implementing inclusion in Child Care.

The Center on Disabilities and Human Development submitted their Leadership Grant. The grant will provide doctoral level training around Autism and other neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Julie will be hosting an open house at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development in May. The open house will have the Association Direction from the national level will be in attendance. Julie will be sending out invitations.

David Allen - The Higher Ed. Consortium is working to expand the certification for ECSE graduates to work in special education up to the 6th grade. BYU Idaho has a new infant course that will be starting next semester. BYU Idaho is also putting in place a system to measure competencies in students across courses. One of their biggest challenges is that students can pass courses however; they may not be ready to go out into the field. There is a list of competencies and framework measures for students and staff will evaluate their competence.

Paula Mason - IESDB preschool teachers are going to New York to present at the National Conference. Paula would like for them to present to EC3.

IESDB has started a new website; iesdbaptors.org is a site where preschool teachers are putting up information for parents, stories of the week, vocabulary words, and resources for parents.

IESDB will be participating in a new literacy curriculum that was developed by the University of Georgia. The Curriculum is for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and will be tested in IESDB preschools.

IESDB is proposing to teach kindergarten at Ponderosa Elementary School in Meridian. This will allow for IESDB to continue on with literacy and to transition the children into Ponderosa Elementary with an interpreter.

In the Fall IESDB is doing a once a month parent group to teach parents sign language. Paula will meet with Ellen to discuss using space at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. IESDB will be doing a networking workshop for parents March and May. In June, IESDB will be doing an Early Childhood Day in Gooding.

Sue Harpold - Ericka and Sue are working on the Infant Toddler State Self-Assessment toolkit. Sue will be working on the Annual Report to the Governor's Office for EC3. There is a grant performance report due in the spring. . In December, Katie and Sue finished up work on the revised Early Childhood

Information Clearinghouse. This project has now been placed on hold until further notice due to the upcoming changes in funding.

Amada Flores - Migrant Seasonal Head Start has just started their winter programs. There are 6 winter programs that are going on across the state.

Amada will present on the Cambia program funding received for reducing childhood obesity and diabetes at the Head Start Conference Health Track. This program has trained 189 parents and had 150 participants for the lab draws. At this time, a nutrition assessment is being created. It will include a survey asking parents questions about health and nutrition behaviors, physical activity behaviors, feeding behaviors, etc.

Emily Petersen - Region 5 RECC has been increasing membership, getting organized and starting to work in the community. They are seeking a school district member. They will hold an open house for Idaho STARS on emergency preparedness on February 17th. Child's Day Out has been cancelled this year due to the remodeling of the facility used. They are discussing hosting a booth at county fairs; it would be a great opportunity to help promote the Committee. Sherry has an intern that is developing a toolkit for an interactive community booth on the Crying Plan. The toolkit will be tested at a March 5th event. Sherry suggested this as an option for the booth. Paula suggested High School Seniors would be good to help with the booth as they are looking for senior projects.

The Idaho Spina Bifida Support Group had a meeting with the Myelo Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise. Specialists contacted the group with ideas after the meeting. The mission statement for the group is "The Idaho Spina Bifida Support Group supports and educates families and individuals in Idaho who are affected by Spina Bifida." The group has created short term and long term goals. Some of the short term goals are to affiliate with Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinics, the Neonatal Intensive Care Units, and Myelo Clinics by providing families brochures, hospitalization care packages, snack activity bags, etc. The group has also put together a medical binder for families who are newly diagnosed. The binder holds information, medical summaries, doctor appointment logs, food logs, school contact information, and more. The group has been given a website that is currently in development and they are working on fundraising. A senior in Twin Falls has made fundraising for the Idaho Spina Bifida Support Group her senior project and is organizing a volleyball tournament and bake sale that will be held in Twin Falls with proceeds going to the group.

Roger Sherman - The Idaho Children's Trust Fund has been working with the Department of Corrections and the women in prison around parenting and protective factors work. There have been two meetings to discuss ways in which efforts can be put towards supporting women coming out of prison.

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund is having their 4th Annual Call to Action on Shaken Baby that will be on March 14th from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The focus will be on how to further disseminate the Crying Plan into the community. The Strengthening Families Training Institute will be held March 15th & 16th.

Greg Culet - Judge Culet attended the District Judges Conference and spoke with several judges on statistics regarding Early Childhood Education and the connection to the criminal justice system. In

regards to women giving birth in prison, Judge Culet feels that it make take legislative change to identify this as an area that would authorize further inquiries into the extended family in order to protect children.

Deborah Drain - MIECHV has updated their data system and is starting to roll it out to their programs for testing. There is an ACES toolkit, the NEAR (Neuroscience Epigenetics Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience) @ Home Toolkit that guides home visitors in talking to families about ACES. MIECHV is in the middle of a study with their evaluation team that to look at Home Visitor stress and retention.

Jennifer Surrusco - The Department of Health and Welfare's Child Welfare group is looking at partnering with Idaho State University to do a study on secondary trauma among social workers.

Sherry Iverson - The Perinatal Project Conference is February 18th & 19th. A speaker will be presenting on the hospital certification program on safe cribs and hospital wide safe sleep. Sherry will provide an update on this at the next EC3 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm