

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Virtual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

9 – 9:30 a.m. | Welcome & Introductions | SICC Vice Chair, E Renae Antalan

- Role and Purpose reviewed by E Renae Antalan
- Group agreements shared by E Renae Antalan
- Land acknowledgment expressed by Brian Frisina
- Welcome of members and attendees
- SICC members each gave descriptive introductions
- Will Moncrease Jr shared meeting do's and don't's
- Beth Krehbiel moved to and approve the January 2022 minutes and February 2022 agenda; Ryan Guzman seconded the motion. Agenda and minutes approved.

9:30 – 9:50 a.m. | Micro-Training: Accessibility Micro Training | Janet George

Janet George expresses the difference accessibility makes for others and encourages presenters to make accessible forms.

9:50 – 10 a.m. | Break

10 – 10:35 a.m. | Parent Stories: ESIT Services & PIE Introduction (Cohort 4)

Vanessa Allen introduces PIE parents who share their unique stories and experience with services pre-Covid compared to the present. Parent, Danielle Turner shared services her daughter (3) and son (14) have been enrolled in and current struggles with meeting Special Ed services requirements with their school district. Parent, Elizabeth Rhonemus (Lizzy) shared varied list of services her daughter has had and the difficulties of setbacks and being on waitlists. More guidance would have been helpful and appreciated. Laurie thanked parents for sharing their challenges. Lizzy expressed her thankfulness to the program and the knowledge and strength she's gained from her experiences in the cohort.

Vanessa extended invite to attend the Transition to Three meeting on Thursday from 1:00-2:30pm.

10:35 – 10:50 a.m. | Proposal joint meeting with SEAC

Jen Chong Jewell reminds group on their collective efforts to provide children with good transitions. Jen requested a joint meeting to identify next steps for OSPI and DCYF to do more collaborative work in order to expand access for children. Ryan Guzman moved to approve collaborations. Lisa Greenwald seconded the motion for SICC to collaborate with SEAC.

10:41 – 11 a.m. | Break

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | Deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessibility | Krissy Walker

Krissy Walker, Family Engagement Specialist for WA Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth

(CDHY). Krissy shares slideshow with tips for successful presentations with ASL-English Interpreter presents alongside her. These tips included various accommodations such as room background or zoom background, printing materials in advance, and closed-captioning. Sign language interpreting resources were shared.

11:45 – 11:45 p.m. | Public Comment

No public comment.

11:45 – 12:15 p.m. | Lunch Break

12:15 -12:20 p.m. Legislative updates from Government Affairs Office – Allison Krutsinger or Mary Sprute

State updates on policies, budgets, webinar, state side. Federal updates affecting copays. Key updates.

12:20 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Agency Updates

SICC state agency representatives share insights, request advice/assistance from the council, and make announcements of upcoming events/activities.

Laurie Thomas, ESIT, reported Adrienne O'Brien left her position into another one in DCYF. Posting the position soon, encouraged those interested to apply. Collaborate with partners at OPSI. Extended option on Part C application. Federal budget will be posted in near future, as well as presented to the SICCC group, along with different hearings with public comment option. Lisa Greenwald asked when Part C would impact, if approved. Laurie said May 2023 was the target date with ESIT Provider agencies providing those services.

Beth Krehbiel, DDA, update.

Janet George, 0-8 primarily consults, planning for in person college and career exploration during the summer for 9-21 year old individuals.

Dan Tolson, no updates.

Jen Chong Jewell, discussion of upcoming meetings.

Alicia Skelly, update. Feb 22nd upcoming meeting. Family focus groups. State special education forecast update.

Robert Solano, no updates.

Ryan Guzman, WAC discussion, secondary tool for WAC updates. What the WACs are, previous language comparison to current language. Ensure clarity and support children.

Shellea Quillen, incomplete summary due to presenter's connection.

Cindy Carroll, Chair of Public Policy, looking at cost factors, ways to offset cost. Looking at SICCC as a collective.

1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Caseload Forecast Council | Paula Moore

Paula Moore shared caseload forecast, current trends, upcoming considerations, and how the forecast is used. Summary of increased developmental needs expected throughout the pandemic. Uncertainty continues with Covid and forecast.

1:50 – 2:15 Legislative Engagement Action Forum (LEAF) update – Lance Morehouse

Co at Sherwood Services reviews legislative priorities and bill analysis. Broad overview of specific bills. Lance also shared the 2022 Legislative Priorities around early intervention. WEECARE recommended revisions were shared. Feedback shared.

2:15 - 2:15 p.m. Public Comment

No public comment.

2:50 – 3:30 p.m. | Evaluation & Wrap Up

Members share their word on the day, input, and/or make recommendations for future meeting topics.

Next SICCC Meeting:

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 | Virtual