

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

Minutes

November 20, 2015 - Public Service Building, 251A/B Conference Room

The SICC's goals are:

- Goal 1: Assure there are adequate resources to fully fund service levels as identified in the state funding formula for early intervention and early childhood special education (EI/ECSE) programs.
- Goal 2: Advise and assist the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to implement recommendations from the legislative report generated by joint meetings between the SICC and the Early Learning Council.
- Goal 3: Ensure that strong and effective LICCs and other local supports exist for every EI/ECSE contractor and/or subcontractor.
- Goal 4: Assure there are appropriate policies in place for children who are eligible for EI/ECSE services and their families.

Members:		X	Johnson-Dorn, Nancy		Guests:
	Baker, Bruce		Johnson-Hyde, Cristina	X	Hansen, Dianna
X	Benson, Melinda	X	Kellogg, Lori	X	Gritz, Melissa
X	Bingham, Claudia	X	Moore, Carol	X	Linda Albi
X	Bolt, Dona	X	Neunzert, Caroline		
	Clifford, Jantina	X	Newman, Judy		ODE:
X	Cooper McMullen, Jennifer	X	Reese, Christy	X	Cordsen, Mindy
X	Dougherty-Smith, Janet		Shales, Paul, M.D.		Jones, Sharla
X	Fredrickson, Ronald	X	Trout, Cassandra (Acting Chair)	X	Stanley, Mandy
	Sen. Gelser, Sara		Williams, Linda	X	Reed Schindler, Holly
X	Graham, Susan		Woodley, Sarah		
X	Henry, Jason				Ad Hoc Members (non-voting)
				X	Ford, Nancy

Time	Agenda Item(s)	Purpose	Goals Addressed
8:45 - 9:00	Networking		
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and Introductions Regular Business: Announcements Review Agenda Review/Approve Meeting Minutes - September 2015 Public Commentary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nancy Johnson-Dorn (Director of EI/ECSE with the Department of Education) introduced the newest Education Specialist for EI/ECSE, Mandy Stanley. ▪ Additions to the agenda: Dianna Hansen (Parent) asked to talk about the Joint Education meeting that happened on Tuesday and to talk about advocacy. ▪ Introductions were made. ▪ Announcements: Nancy Ford (EI/ECSE Provider, Northwest Regional ESD) talked about Nike taking back one of their buildings a school was using. That school will have a new space twice the size and will be moved to the new location in December 2015. 	
9:15 - 9:25	Discussion regarding Creating Opportunities Family Network - Creating Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating Opportunities is the local family network for Marion and Polk county. Mandy Stanley attended the Creating Opportunities Workshop that helps create networks and teach parents how to be advocates. The 	Goal 4

	Workshop (Mandy Stanley)	<p>group would like to have a collaborative presentation regarding Creating Opportunities. Caroline Neunzert (OHSU) said they have a contact that could collaborate with Mandy on this presentation. If anyone has family networks that would like to be part of the presentation, please contact Mandy Stanley at mandy.stanley@state.or.us. It was requested to have a one page handout with descriptions of each family network to share with LICCs throughout the state as a resource. Cassandra Trout (Parent Member and SICC Interim Chair) has this information and will send it to Mandy. The group felt they would like to have a collaboration of all family networks to be presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents of the group felt the training provides confidence and teaches parents to have a voice. This training was very impactful. 	
9:25 - 9:40	Joint Education Meeting (Judy Newman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint Education Meeting - Judy Newman (EC Cares), John Rexford (High Desert ESD Superintendent), Rob Saxton (Northwest Regional ESD Superintendent) and Cassandra Trout presented in front of the joint committee about concerns for lack of funding for the next year because the caseload growth is going to be higher than projected. Superintendents around the state have gathered and requested a hearing in the interim to make the case that more funding is needed and asked for \$ 5.4 million to “stop the bleeding”. EI/ECSE has been funded at below the services levels. This has set the ground work for the work to try to bring the funding closer to service level funding needed. There was an article in the Oregonian the next day that was about Rob’s testimony. There was also another article in the Children’s Institute about their testimony. ▪ Dianna Hansen has received a lot of communication this past week because of this hearing asking about what the next steps will be. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is unable to participating in lobbying and cannot contribute to this discussion. After the meeting the group met with Ozzie Rose (lobbyist) to talk about putting together a Steering Committee for Oregon’s Early Alliance to decide on next steps as a group. They would like to talk with the EI/ECSE Contractor’s to get a person from each region to be on the committee. The goal is to get organized before February 2016. If anyone is interested in the SICC on being a part of this Steering committee please contact Cassandra Trout at charper1@uoregon.edu . Partners from the Children’s Institute and hubs would also like to be a part of this. It was suggested that family networks would be another good partner. 	
9:40 - 10:05	TSPC License Realignment (Linda Albi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linda Albi from the University of Oregon spoke about changes that will be coming from TSPC. Linda works in the EI/ECSE Licensing program at the University of Oregon. Currently students graduate from the program 	

		<p>with an EI/ECSE certification. The new alignment will change all licensing to teach children from age 3 to grade 12. TSPC has not responded to what the new licensure will be by dropping birth to age three. The question is, if you have to go within your codes endorsement ages, it's not clarified what that is. The University of Oregon is trying to gather support and gain feedback from stakeholders. The goal is to graduate high quality professionals for EI/ECSE certification. TSPC is not accepting any comments about the licensing redesign. The concern is how Early Intervention will be affected by this redesign. There is a big disconnect. The University of Oregon was told they would be able to continue as they have been for EI/ECSE licensure. The group was alarmed that SICC and SACSE advisory groups had not heard about this during the summer when public comment was being solicited. The scope of having certification from age 3 to grade 12 is not defined. The University of Oregon is in conversation with Western Oregon University and Portland State University as a consortium. It sounds like the endorsement is final and in the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) and takes effect January 1, 2016. It was suggested to have the Early Learning Council (ELC) get involved with this discussion too. The next step is to get the word out. The University of Oregon is preparing to write a letter and the SICC group indicated they would also like to write a letter of support. Linda will let Jantina Clifford (SICC Member, University of Oregon) know the SICC would like an sample letter to mirror for support of the SICC's concern.</p>	
10:05 - 10:10	Governor's Report Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandy Stanley (Education Specialist, ODE) talked about the SICC's Governor's Report that is due by February 2016 and is interested in forming a committee to work on this. There are two options, the group can update the Governor's Report from the year prior or they can accept Oregon's Annual Performance Report to the Federal Office of Special Education Program as the report to the Governor. It was felt that since this is a report from the SICC, it's important the group provides the content. Jennifer Cooper McMullen, Cassandra Trout, Mandy Stanley, Nancy Ford, Jason Henry, Lori Kellogg and Judy Newman volunteered to be a part of the SICC Governor's Report Committee. Dianna Hansen gave permission for the SICC to use Central Oregon Disability Support Network's (CODSN) photos. 	
10:10 - 10:15	Nominations for Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The SICC Executive Committee recommended Cassandra Trout (parent, SICC Member) to be the next SICC Chair. Lori Kellogg recommended the nomination and Judy Newman seconded. All were in favor and there was no opposition for Cassandra to be recommended to the Governor's Office as the SICC's Chair. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group nominated Lori Kellogg and Jennifer Cooper McMullen to be the next Vice Chair for the SICC. Each person gave a brief personal introduction for themselves and their involvement with Special Education. ▪ Judy Newman proposed that Jennifer and Lori join the SICC Executive Committee. It was also proposed that Lori will be the acting Vice Chair and once her term is up, Jennifer will take over to ensure a smooth transition between Vice Chairs. Claudia Bingham (SICC member) seconded this motion, everyone voted in favor, and there was no opposition. 	
10:15 - 10:25	By Laws Update (Nancy JD and Mandy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nancy Johnson-Dorn spoke about the SICC Bylaws and how there were some inconsistencies. Nancy also revised the Bylaws with simple language so that it was easier to read. Nancy Johnson-Dorn, Mandy Stanley, and Mindy Cordsen had a meeting with Ben Souede, General Counsel for the Governor's Office, to discuss the revisions to the SICC Bylaws. 	
10:25 - 10:35	SICC Membership (Nancy JD and Mandy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mindy Cordsen (Administrative Support to SICC, ODE) and Mandy Stanely gave an brief update on current SICC membership. Jennifer Cooper McMullen, Jason Henry, Cassandra Trout, Lori Kellogg volunteered to be a part of the Membership Committee. The committee will email the group about SICC positions that are currently vacant with the description of what the position is. Lori Kellogg has a parent that she feels would be an excellent addition to the SICC and will work on getting them involved. Jennifer Cooper McMullen will contact a person she has in mind, to be a part of the SICC too. Lori Kellogg threw out a challenge for people to bring parents to the next meeting in January. 	
10:35 - 10:50	BREAK		
10:50 - 11:05	LICC Retreat Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Feedback was provided from the LICC Retreat participants. It was felt the retreat was really good. John Rexford, Superintendent of High Desert ESD spoke to the group about the presentation that was given this past week. Kathryn Weit presented about disparities. ▪ It was recommended to have bullet points for synthesize data from what was discussed during the LICC Retreat to take back to the LICCs. For the future it would be good to have takeaway points and make it part of the wrap up for the future meetings. There were breakaways into the early learning hubs. ▪ The content of the retreat was great. It was mentioned that it feels like the same contractors and same people have attended throughout the past years and the question was posed if there is a way to get more diverse people at the LICC Retreat. ▪ A recommendation was made to plan an LICC Retreat every other year instead of every year. It was suggested the SICC should have a specific purpose and goal for 	

		<p>the retreat. Having it every other year would allow time for planning. Cassandra Trout and Lori Kellogg suggested having a “Save the Date” for the next LICC Retreat sent out by mid spring. Cassandra suggested if we have a purpose or a reason then using that approach for the retreat versus having the yearly or bi-yearly requirements. Lori suggested trying to build the LICC Retreats on a legislative year. The SICC is going to hold off on the decision making for the retreat until they know their goals. It was recommended to have it focus around advocacy and service levels and how to increase the funding. This would pull more people into these meetings. A short session will occur in February 2016. The next full session will start a year from February. Mandy asked if FACT would be interested in posting information about future LICC Retreats too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was felt by some that these meetings as a “retreat” is kind of misleading and it was recommended to call it an “advance” because it’s a call to action instead of a time of contemplation and big ideas. 	
11:05 - 11:35	<p>ODE Stakeholder’s Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Survey • Developmental Delay Eligibility Update (Nancy JD and Cassandra) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Stakeholder’s Meeting was held November 6, 2015. There was discussion regarding the Parent Survey that ODE is required to implement. Mandy Stanley was part of a workgroup meeting to determine what the survey should look like. The workgroup gathered information and presented at the stakeholders meeting. ▪ Developmental Delay (DD) Eligibility was discussed at the Stakeholder meeting. It is felt that DD eligibility is over identifying children. There is a divergent viewpoint among stakeholders. The timing may not be very good because of full-day kindergarten because kinders were not prepared for full day school nor were teachers. It was suggested to wait a year to increase DD eligibility age span. The SACSE response was generated through both SICC/SACSE and this can be on the agenda for the March meeting. The next steps are to gather more data and more information from the stakeholders. 	Goal 4
11:35 - 11:50	Parent Leadership Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandy Stanley and Cassandra Trout will be attending the Parent Leadership Conference (PLC) held by the Oregon Head Start Association (OHSA). Mandy handed out a sheet for people to attend the PLC. The cost for this conference is \$125.00. Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) are able to use their money to support parents lodging, per diem and registration. LICC’s would have to look at what to do to supplement the cost for parents. 	Goal 3
11:50 - 12:00	SICC Goals Review and Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A motion to approve the SICC Goals with the changes stated was made. Jennifer Cooper McMullen (SICC Member) moved to accept the SICC Goals. Lori Kellogg (SICC Member) seconded the motion. The SICC Goals were approved. 	

12:00 - 12:05	Dispute Resolution Committee SICC Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Moore (SICC Member) has graciously accepted to be on the Dispute Resolution Committee on behalf of the SICC. 	
12:05 - 12:15	SICC Meeting Occurrences/Times (frequency)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It can be challenging for parents to attend all the scheduled SICC meetings. According to SICC Bylaws, the SICC only need to convene on a quarterly basis. The SICC could meet once every other month with half days or we could meet on a quarterly basis and have full days. A discussion ensued: It was felt by some that half day meetings are not worth the effort for those who live in central/eastern Oregon. One recommended to move to virtual meetings. Another recommendation was for meeting start times to begin in the afternoon and go until the evening until 6pm or 7pm. It was mentioned that childcare becomes an issue for parents. A suggestion was made for SICC members to ask people they are trying to recruit what the barriers are for attending an SICC meeting. Another recommendation was to meet quarterly as a whole group and have subcommittee's meet more regularly to move the work along. It was mentioned that parents might not be comfortable with the teleconferencing option. It was felt that fewer meetings with longer days would be more manageable for parents. It was recommended to have an informational meeting for parents at the family networks or creating opportunities meetings. The SICC Membership Committee can work on creating a presentation and then to talk about recommendations to the larger group. January 15th is the next regularly scheduled SICC meeting. The group recommended to have the meeting on January 29th due to conflicts with the Parent Leadership Conference being held on the 15th. 	Discussion
12:15 - 12:45	Meeting Wrap Up/Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	

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