

Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MIICC)
Early On® Michigan
(Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
Michigan Department of Education, Hannah Building
608 W. Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48909
State Board Room, 4th Floor

Friday, February 19, 2016

Minutes

- Members Present:** Clare Brick, Barbara Corbin, Anne Dallaire,
Kristina Donaldson, Lauren Heilman, Chandra Jones,
Nolana Nobles Bandy, Stephanie Peters,
Conny Raaymakers, Nicole Sodergren, Deana Strudwick,
Rich Van Tol
- Alternates Present:** Reneé DeMars-Johnson, Karen Ebnit, Melissa Epstein,
Cheryl Granzo, Pamela Kies-Lowe, Barbara Newby,
Barbara Russell
- Staff Present:** Laura Goldthwait, Rachel Harmon, Tiffany Kostelec,
Cheryl Najm, Colleen O'Connor, Barb Schinderle,
Vanessa Winborne
- Grantees Present:** *Early On* Training and Technical Assistance:
Christy Callahan, Allan Knapp, Victoria Meeder, and
Nancy Surbrook
Wayne State University
Charo Hulleza
- Guests Present:** Brad Gomoluch, Mina Hong
- Call to Order:** Chairperson Nicole Sodergren called the meeting to order at
9:30 a.m.
- Introductions:** Introductions were made and everyone was welcomed.
- Approval of Minutes:**
- A motion was made by Stephanie Peters and supported by Anne Dallaire to
approve the minutes.
Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Anne Dallaire and supported by Rich Van Tol to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Updates:

Annual Performance Report (APR)

The APR was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) prior to the February 1, 2016, deadline. APR data submitted to OSEP showed slight increases for Indicators 5, 6, and 7 from what had been reviewed by the MICC at their November 2015 meeting. The changes for Indicators 5 and 6 are a result of the federal number used for births being slightly lower than the numbers projected by the state. The change in the Indicator 7 percentage is a result of a reporting error. The changes are:

Indicator 5 (was 1.15%)

FFY 2014– 1.16% Target- 1.24%

The percent of children birth to one served in Michigan for FFY 2014 was 1.16%. The 56 local early intervention programs served a snapshot total of 1,303 children aged birth to one year on October 3, 2014, while the number of births in 2014 was 112,448.

Indicator 6 (was 2.61%)

FFY 2014– 2.62% Target- 2.7%

The percent of children birth to three served in Michigan for FFY 2014 was 2.62%. The 56 service areas served a snapshot total of 8,898 children aged birth to three years old on October 3, 2014. The total number of children aged birth to three for 2014 was 339,373.

Indicator 7 (was 94.45%)

FFY 2014- 95.07% Target- 100%

Calculation: $8,100/8,520 \times 100 = 95.07\%$

Data Source: Michigan Student Data System (MSDS)

Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) Fiscal Initiative

Michigan was selected to participate in the ITCA Fiscal Initiative. A team consisting of Christy Callahan, Colleen O'Connor, Jane Reagan, and Vanessa Winborne attended a meeting in Washington, DC to learn more. The goal is to help states examine all current financial supports and all available resources that may be available for Part C and determine the best way to utilize them to the fullest extent. The team will meet via conference call to discuss additional membership from the MICC. The expanded team will assess the financial situation in Michigan and

develop a plan for obtaining and coordinating access to more financial resources and supports. They will be working from a draft action plan put together during the meeting in Washington, DC, and consider the work started by the *Early On* Michigan Foundation.

OSEP Visit

On February 11, 2016, OSEP met with MDE *Early On* staff and the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Core Team to talk about SSIP Phase II work. The meeting focused on evidence-based strategies, infrastructure, and evaluation.

Established Conditions List

The MICC approved the change in *Early On* eligibility for infants and toddlers exposed to lead to align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which is a Blood Lead Level of (5 µg/dL). The updated Established Conditions list was approved by the Joint Information Center for all state departments and has gone out to the field.

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Application

MDE requests public comment on the draft FFY 2016 Michigan Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) application. The period of public participation extends from February 11, 2016 through April 11, 2016, with public comment accepted only March 7, 2016 through 5 p.m., April 6, 2016. The draft application and public comment instructions can be found at: [Part C Public Comment](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_6809-231302--,00.html) (www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_6809-231302--,00.html).

Michigan's estimated FFY 2016 federal award is \$12,390,181, which reflects an increase.

Wayne State Presentation:

Charo Hulleza shared current data for family and child outcomes, which are APR Indicators 4 and 3, respectively. Charo encouraged a conversation with the MICC about the data, since the data had been approved by the Council at the last meeting.

In looking at family outcomes, the Council commented that data increased a great deal in 2011. This was due to focusing heavily on family outcomes and releasing two Request for Proposals; Climb to the Top and the Family Navigator. The Parent Involvement Committee was also involved in this work and made recommendations around the family survey, and worked closely with Wayne State University.

Another interesting area was that parents whose children were eligible for Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) reported higher outcomes than those parents whose children were Part C only. This could be because the children eligible for MMSE receive more services and home visits. Interestingly, the data for child outcomes is reversed. Children eligible for MMSE do not come as close to meeting their child outcomes, and data for the children who are Part C only show they are more likely to reach their child outcomes. This could be due to those children in MMSE have more severe delays or disabilities.

Current child outcome data, for summary statement 1, reflect a decline. The reporting rate increased substantially, which means more exit Child Outcome Summary (COS) ratings are being reported. The declining data could be related to a greater proportion of children eligible for MMSE are being reported and did not substantially increase their rate of growth by the time of exit. The Council felt strongly that it is important to support families even if the child isn't meeting his or her outcomes.

The SSIP Phase II work is focusing on the COS process which may help with increasing child outcomes for children across the state.

Follow up requests include:

- There is an expected increase of children being enrolled in *Early On* in Genesee County. The MICC is interested in looking at the data when it is available.
- Look at how many visits are scheduled versus how many visits are carried out, especially in urban areas.

SSIP:

Members of the SSIP Core Team shared a presentation highlighting the Theory of Action and State Identified Measurable Result (SiMR) from Phase I of the SSIP, as well as where the SSIP committee is with Phase II. This presentation was also shared with OSEP staff during their visit on February 11, 2016.

Three workgroups carry out the priorities for Phase II. The workgroups are: Messaging, Evidence-Based Practices, and Data. Each workgroup will recommend strategies to the Core Team that will be implemented in the pilot sites (Kalamazoo, Kent, Macomb, and Marquette-Alger) during Phase III.

The Phase II report is due to OSEP on April 1, 2016. The MICC will be updated at the May meeting and the report will be shared with the Council.

Flint Update:

Reneé DeMars-Johnson shared information related to Flint regarding *Early On*. A supplemental appropriation, with funds totaling a little over \$2 million, has been made available for the purpose of providing *Early On* services to every child, birth to age three, in the city of Flint.

At the November MICC meeting, the Council voted to change the Established Conditions list for lead exposure from 10 µg/dL to 5 µg/dL, which aligns with CDC recommendations. This change was also approved through the Joint Information Center and has been shared with the *Early On* field. Vanessa Winborne, Part C State Coordinator, is the lead; Laura Goldthwait is the MDE *Early On* consultant assigned to Genesee ISD; and staff from *Early On* Training and Technical Assistance are ready to work with Genesee ISD. Funding is in place at Genesee ISD and additional staff are in the process of being hired.

Additionally, on February 10, 2016, a letter was sent to the Appropriation Leadership by the State Budget Office requesting to amend the 2016 School Aid budget and designate \$9.2 million to address *Early On* services for children under age four in Flint. The intent is to serve any child not enrolled in the Great Start Readiness Program or Head Start last fall, as well as those who were age three and not eligible for *Early On* services. If this is accepted, it will be a coordinated effort.

Public Comment:

Karen Ebnit shared an opportunity for professional development around the management of complex feeding disorders. On May 2-3, 2016 Midland County Educational Service Agency is hosting a conference and bringing in Dr. Elizabeth Clawson, who was the speaker at the pre-day session of the *Early On* conference. Registration is available at [Mealtime Miseries- Management of Complex Feeding Disorders](http://www.planetreg.com/E217132010141421) (<http://www.planetreg.com/E217132010141421>).

Barbara Russell shared that there will be a meeting at the State Capitol next Tuesday, and the Junior League will be sharing a position statement about coordinating early intervention services.

A motion was made by Anne Dallaire to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed.