

FSSAC QUARTERLY MEETING

MINUTES

Family Support Services Advisory Council

Date | time Friday, January 27, 2023, 9:00 – 11:30 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Abby Harris

Type of Meeting: FSSAC and Part C News

Note Taker: Liz Wood

In Attendance

Members: Abigail Harris, Nicole Goeddel, Laura Christiaens, Karen Thornton, Karen Underwood, Susan Wensel, Amanda Christofferson, Kalli Decker, Lucy Betz, Madison Diederichs, Brandi Loch, Kathy Rich, Jade Atkinson, Serena Wright, Elissa Erickson, Morgan Walker.

Guest: Tracy Moseman, Jill Christensen.

State Staff: Sandy Cade, Samantha Hoggatt, Shari Northcott, Liz Wood

Approval of September 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved.

Introductions, Ground Rules, and Agenda Review

Abby Harris - Review of the agenda and the FSSAC Ground Rules.

Sandy Cade - led introductions of attendees.

FSSAC Work Groups

Appointment letter sent, request to for return, from Lt. Governor request.

Request for Parent participation. Potential Region 4 candidate.

Family Story, Morgan and Madeline Walker.

FSSAC Strategic Plan Workgroup:

- Workforce: Increase multidisciplinary engagement and collaboration.
 - Look at more train to close gap between Providers and EIS.
 - Revisit a possible multi-disciplinary gathering, (Kalli Decker).
 - Request for anyone interested in workforce or Transition workgroup. (Kalli Decker, Karen Underwood Workforce group and Serena Wright volunteered for transition group)
 - Collaboration: Improve Transition for children and families exiting Part C services and support.
 - Two new brochures to print in early January. Just mailed out January 18, 2023, to Part C Contractors and MT Empowerment Center (will send to everyone on their mailing list).
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Sandy starts the Part C Updates –

Sandy presented a New Division Organizational Chart. Introduction of Tracy on organization changes.

- Moved Part C and FES programs to Early Childhood Services Bureau, (ECSB).
- New Bureau and changed Bureau: Business Systems/Operations, Child Care, Family & Community Health.
- Every Division needed to cut 5% from budget plan, if General Fund Obligation cannot be met. (Not implemented at this time)
- Possible Commission a Rate Study.

Question: *No questions were asked from the group.*

Differentiated Monitoring (DMS) by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Now in Phase III, which included on-site monitoring from OSEP. Results letter received and in review by Part C at this time of findings and next steps.

ARP funds update: Child Find Campaign. Child Find Direct Services, Family Stories, Media and Print ads are being prepared, (to include football season), push state-wide. Family Outcome Survey with U of M launching this year (On-line Link and QR Code).

Workforce Recruitment and Retention: Professional Development and incentives. Workplace study.

Infant Toddler Mental Health: State leadership team supporting Pyramid Model.

Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1 through June 30, 2022): States receiving IDEA funds must have a State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) that evaluates their efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of C of the IDEA, and reports annually on their performance.

Part C Annual Performance Report – 11 Indicators or measurements reviewed. **(See Powerpoint)**

- Review of each Indicators and providers participation and validation of records.
- Target setting review and proposal for each Indicator.
- Vote on Indicator 2 and Indicator 4 target setting. Responses collected via live survey link in chat. Members approved.
- Will submit a letter for approval of target setting.

Part C State-wide Systemic Improvement Plan – (Comprehensive improvement plan)

- Professional Development System (On demand Modules, completed) Modules will build on each other, with use of video, module testing. **(See Powerpoint)**
- Social and Emotional Screening and Assessment, (Pyramid Model and Train the Trainer E-modules)
- Comprehensive System of Professional Development.
- Region 1 DEAP, Cohort 1 Implementation
- NTI conference on Pyramid Model in April.

Question – *How is Pyramid Model implemented in Montana? What is it? (Karen Thornton)*

Explanation of the 3-tier system of Pyramid Model, with specific benchmarks.

Is there a part of the Pyramid Model that is specific to Part C only? (Kalli Decker)

Yes, specific to Part C and would like a copy of Benchmarks of Quality.

FSSAC Agenda Development for March 2023

Next meeting date: March 31, 2023, 9a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Agenda items:

- Possibly reaching out to WestEd, for Multidisciplinary engagement.
- Further discussion and direction on Transition group.
- Further discussion and information on Pyramid Model to Advisory Council
- Discuss in person meeting.

Action Items

- Send out Minutes, PowerPoint
- Send out Benchmarks of Quality from Pyramid Model, request by Kalli Decker.
- Send letter to Laura for ICC Chair approval to submit APR.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Parking Lot

Review of legislative session.

Deep dive into Pyramid Model.

Discussion of In-person meeting.

View Family videos