

**ND INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 11, 2025
Virtual via Teams**

PRESENT

Emily Dolinar	Danielle Westerhausen
Michelle Ragan	Carolyn Kueber
Jill Staudinger	Eric Gault
Danielle Hoff	Jodi Hulm
Jordan Anderson	Jennifer Withers
Kayla Stastny	Shannon Grave
Annie Skiba	Nicole Maddock
Sarah Carlson	Louise Greff
Missi Baranko	

STAFF

Jackie Adusumilli	Colette Perkins
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GUEST

Jessica Van Neste

TOPIC: WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduced themselves and stated their favorite Christmas movie(s).

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes review and approval will be postponed until the next meeting.

TOPIC: OVERVIEW OF AGENDA

TOPIC: FAMILY STORY

Dr Dan and Lindsey Kramer and son Bennett.

Dr Kramer was psychologist at SCHSC and now is the statewide clinical director and supervises and 8 regional clinical directors.

Pre birth diagnosis of down syn and 96% diagnosis. Prepared and found heart defect and looking for potential genetic disorders that would have caused that. Their Dr made sure they knew about what services were available. Important people don't feel alone and have to figure it out for themselves. Dr put in referral for early intervention and dr Kramer reached out to Danielle and she had already received the referral. They over and did the initial screening/eligibility and Lindsey was very happy and humble. He did very well but still has many health issues. Staff were very kind reassuring and helpful. Got on Medicaid really quick. After 3 weeks they were qualified. Went with acc for early intervention services and began PT, OT, and speech services. Very appreciative of Megan and great support. At 4 months had ABSD repaired and went as well as we could have hoped. Grateful for early intervention Medicaid services and all of the support we received. Have not had to worry about anything.

Megan connected us with Designer Gene's and helped with some different things and going to play groups and picnic. Did Gigi walk this summer.

TOPIC: NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (APR) DATA REVIEW

Annually report to OSEP on progress of 12 indicators. Sharing the Indicators today.

2 types of indicators, compliance and set by OSEP at 100% - 1, 7, 8. The other indicator are results indicators and targets set b6y ICC and state; have 1 more year of the targets we set and then in

another year we will need to review those targets. These are indicator's 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Jackie reviewed each indicator.

Indicator 1- timely provision of services – not met could be family reason/weather reason are acceptable reason and agency reasons-noncompliance. 1780 new services, 1493 on time, 287 did not and of those 259 were due to family reasons; 1 weather; 18 agency oversight, 5 agency shortage, 4 agency illness. Did not meet the target. We did improve our percentage. Last year it was 94% and this is 96%.

Indicator 2 – needs to be home and community based environments. Results Indicator target set by ICC 98.88%. 2129 children in services and all receiving services in home and community based environments. Examples of not a natural environment – ICF, agency office of early interventionist. ACC doesn't have kids under 3 – no kids receiving early intervention services in a facility. Go to a park and get services would be a natural env – if that makes up the majority of their environment.

Indicator 3 – child outcomes – in program 6 months or more. 3 areas are reviewed – social emotional, knowledge & skills, and use of appropriate behaviors. In early intervention world as providers changed to apes3. Jackie reviewed each of the areas.

Indicator 4 – Family Outcomes Survey - results indicator.

Slight decrease in participation and slight decrease in results for each. Seems to be getting a more accurate representation of outcomes for families.

Do we compare the state population to our return rate population. Do we compare race and ethnicity from surveys to the state's race and ethnicity. Any changes to the survey process, we should start talking about this in February. Can this be broken down by

region, yes it is. Knowing of rights – region might have more “red” is there an opportunity with T.A. to make sure PEIPs are talking about parent rights brochure.

Indicator 5 and Indicator 6 – both talk about child find.
Indicator 5 - % of children in ND have an IFSP in particulate age category and compare to total number of children in ND. Target was met.

Indicator 6 – met the target.
ND was ranked 4th in the nation for child find.

Indicator 7 – 45 day timeline
It was amazing this year.
Last year just over 98% and this year up to 99.28%. Only 10 families did not receive IFSP in 45 days.

Indicator 8 – transitions. We pull a sample of kids instead of entire state data and it is more labor intensive. Looked at 181 cases for children that were transition age.

Is there more information we don't know about transition and is there a way to gather that and how do we implement.

Indicator 9 and Indicator 10 – due process hearings and mediations. We have none.

Break Out Rooms and their discussion:

Indicator 3:

Pyramid model and how to play

Ensuring fidelity of AEPS C3 and more guidance on scoring.

State went through training on Brookes and on system vs actual practice – question wanting to ensure using the data to measure outcome and consistency across state with data entry. Brookes working on revising outcome scores. Cut off scores are in 6

months and lots of development in birth to 6 months and not so confident in those scores.

Indicator 8 – transition

Concern struggling in social emotional and left without service supports to grow those skills – and comes to eligibility issue also. When parents opt out – because we created a barrier? They can have for 1 hr a day and they have a drive to get there and they work. Parents are opting out because of preschool and wanting to stay where they are. Concerns in rural areas – accessing services is a barrier. Offer Part C for 0 to 5. How to capture the experience of parents opting out and capture what is really happening vs child eligible for services and not eligible because of social emotional.

Jackie needs motion to accept the APR data as your report to OSEP.

A motion was made by Shannon Grave and seconded by Jill Staudinger to accept the APR data as the ICC's report to OSEP. Motion carried

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (OSEP) UPDATE

Rec confirmation and comm from OSEP contact about a week ago. Government reopened and informed that staff should be back. Our state lead, we reached out but haven't heard back. Rec'd confirmation emails from about 4 people on our larger. We have a meeting with them next Wednesday. We will follow up to see if they have any information. Resolution passed that OSEP could not be rifted until end of Jan 2026. Attempt to rift a large amount of OSEP and moving IDEA over to Health and Human side. Jackie will keep ICC members updated.
EI changes/membership/updated

Kayla – parents lead – have a parents lead for professional side. Working on early childhood materials, and releasing pod casts and available on the website and they are 45 minutes and working on some 2 minutes videos for parents and caregivers who need some extra support.

Jen – school accountability information for schools that are on our website. Putting the link in the chat. School identified they are on the improvement plan for 3 years and if they meet criteria they can get off. They are just the lower performing school.

Michelle – offering interaction training the end of January in Bismarck and the link is in the comment. Primarily for early intervention and DDPMs. Hopefully this will be an in-person meeting.

TOPIC: STANDING NDICC AGENDA ITEMS

ICC MEMBER UPDATE

No updates.

ICC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive – Danielle W, Eric G, Annie S, Jill S, Jackie A, Looking for another parent member and help review the agendas. Nicki will be on.

Membership – Sarah C started but hoping for someone to step in for her. Couple of low attendance members we need to address and have filled all parent slots.

Operating procedures – Matt N.

Family Outcome Survey – think we actually have the process developed. Disband but if we decide we need to bring it back

together. A motion was made by Erick Gault and seconded by Carolyn Keuber to disband the Family Outcome Survey committee. Motion carried.

Jackie will review notes and try and put together a description of each committee for the next meeting.

Family Story for the Feb meeting and reach out and coordinate, please let Danielle know. Eric Gault will share their Family Story.

NEXT MEETING

February 12, 2026

9am to 12pm

Virtual via Teams

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