

**ND INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 9, 2023
Via Teams**

PRESENT

Shannon Grave
Jill Staudinger
Missi Baranko
Mariah Hill
Amanda Peterson
Eric Gault
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Tina Bay

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STAFF:

Jackie Adusumilli
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GUESTS

Danielle Hoff
Nicole Maddock
Jessica Dargis
Stephanie Yellow Hammer
Janaka Walker

TOPIC: FAMILY STORY

Amanda Boerboom

How did you experience Right Track – working since 2018 and signed up in the hospital. Transitioning out and had a daughter in 2020.

What was helpful about Right Track – wonder if child is doing everything or am I missing anything. If they are lacking in any area, you get tools to help your child advance.

Would you change anything – honestly wouldn't change anything

Process being referred to the KIDS Program - it was very easy and the ladies in the southwest area are very helpful. If you are confused they have mountains of knowledge and transition was smooth.

What was helpful – daughter is spiky. Missi saw some lacking in speech and communication and daughter had multiple melt downs daily. We were referred to KIDS program and given a wide array of tools. The ladies helped her daughter, and they were just as stubborn as our daughter and never gave up. Worked with KIDS Program for a year and had an evaluation and her speech is blooming and saying 3-word sentences. We have learned coping skills and also use on our son. We are forever grateful for what Right Track and the KIDS Program for what they have done for our children and us.

Difference between both - Right Track - making sure hitting milestones and given some tools. The KIDS Program – visitor comes out they have a wider range of tools and assessment, more in-depth on helping and getting tools and specialists to you.

TOPIC: NEW BUSINESS

ICC Member Updates -

Angela – conferences/events/websites – she put them in the chat.

Lisa – working on training cross zonal teams – human service zone staff, Children & Family Services, juvenile court staff joining to look at ways to find problematic issues in child welfare system and create a solution. Challenge ourselves to do better and make it better for children and families in ND. Williston to Minot area are do the training and then northeast corner just received their training and starting to work on that. Cory with CFS has done most of the testimony. Opportunities for public input for the cross zonal teams and yes input is welcomed, and Lisa will pass Michelle's name on.

Kelli – North Dakota mental health program directory launched. She shared the link in the chat. Last legislative session bill 2161 to direct Dept to create a directory. This is a list of programs and not clinicians.

Awarded the system of care grant – goal to improve mental health outcomes. Expand current services and develop services that we don't have. Unable to keep grant as we couldn't commit to expanding services and lost the grant. And now the 3rd time we were awarded, and it is \$3m a year up to 4 years - sustainable and access to services. There is no manual, and it will take everything single partner to come to the table and think about how to do things differently and wrapping services around every single child. There are 2 staff members on board. Will be developing steering committees and obtaining community input. Will be doing needs assessments.

How do providers get added – any program who has someone providing mental service will be added.

Carolyn – at the National Headstart Association institute and it was around workforce and how to bring in qualified providers to work in the Headstart. North Dakota Headstart meeting last week and discussed this.

2276 – it passed out of senate app, committee work and then to senate floor. Create new service program for individuals on 1915i Medicaid waivers, if providing extraordinary care to your child/loved ones and financial stability. Tina – appropriations did not take any action on approving. 1915c waivers add option for family to be paid for caregiving and potential change autism, dd, and medically fragile waivers to allow this option and fiscal note was about \$10m for this upcoming biennium and looking at July 1, 2024, effective date for service and need time to work through CMS. It was passed out late yesterday afternoon.

Janakate – working on RFP with standing rock on Right Track. Decided as a team so much bureaucratic red tape that it would take longer to approve the RFP than the time allows for. Jackie will talk to Janakate later about the issues.

Budget that supports family voices of North Dakota and work done. Bill that Sarah helped write around accessible parking; century code requires the person to be on the title of the vehicle. This has passed through the House unanimously – HB 1169.

Cross disability council/waiver – move some children from dd waiver that are lower need into the cross disability and DD waiver to serve higher need and we would need to update our level of care in the DD waiver and this would be over several years. Get an independent 3rd party to run the Council and Tina and Jackie would keep the ICC members updated.

Men's Health and Father Involvement

Hannah Hanson, Men's Health Coordinator for DHHS

CDC pehap – public health associate program – 2-year training program.

Hannah shared her power point presentation.

2019-2021 – 367 men suicides compared to 87 in women.

2020 – more than 1 in 10 men have diabetes compared to 7% of women told this .

1st slide – Mission -

2nd slide – men's health month is every June. Other projects include Webinar series, Primary Health Care Resource for DOCR, Integration of Men's Health into Women's Health Programs, Fatherhood Experience Survey, and Men's Health Data Dashboard.

Survey – survey around 800 dads and hoping to get 400 returned. Topics include fatherhood, prenatal/delivery experience, caring for the baby. There will be 6-month pilot starting April 2023.

Resources – National Fatherhood Clearinghouse, Dads of Children with Special Needs. Pacer Center – Champions for Children with Disabilities – Dads are Important.

How to support – having messaging specific to Dad is important. Dad need an extra targeted effort. Goals/objectives – promoting and integrating into other initiatives.

Elections

This co-chair would last until September when we would hold our elections.

Time commitment – the month before the actual meeting for about an hour.

A motion was made by Louise Greff and seconded by Lisa Piche to appoint Matt Nelson as the co-chair. Motion carried.

Annual Performance Report (APR) Date Review – Indicator 8

Submitted one week ago.

Jackie reviewed the Indicator 8 data.

Jackie will send the Indicator 8 and trend data to the members.

We will get this up on the website also.

Right Track Program

Jackie shared information on the Right Track year end reports.

There was discussion about 1, 2, 3 or more visits; when programs feel they should refer to the EI referral. We can discuss this at our next Right Track Coordinator meeting. Some regions are short screeners and can't see a lot of the kids more often.

EI Referral % - of children engaged in Right Track what % were referred to EI. EI Enrollment % - compared to population birth to age 3 what % are enrolled in EI.

Early Intervention Retention Incentive

EI providers could opt in to pay out up to \$2100 to employees. Provide incentive or reward to being a direct provider during COVID.

15 providers – 11 unique providers – 6 providers opted into the incentive program; providers can still opt in. 5 requested reimbursement and total of \$176400 has been reimbursed so far.

Matt – question from the last meeting – monthly average cost per person for services, got in half and trying to figure out how. Tina didn't see a financial report and didn't put anything together for this meeting.

TOPIC: STANDING NDICC AGENCY ITEMS

Committee Report

Sarah – Membership – have not met. Goal set prior to last meeting to invite someone who has experience with Right Track and heard from Amanda this morning. Goal to keep these families in mind for the Family Stories. In touch with families to get Family Stories for our library.

Experience Parent Subcommittee – dollars in the budget for this. In detail the \$260,000 of general fund was brought up for Experienced Parent.

Family Survey Subcommittee to meet before May to review what we have done.

Jackie will send Sarah an updated membership list.

Jill – professional development work group – working on providing some interact professional development for individuals to learn more about early intervention rollout work Authentic Assessment give update on that next time.

Concerns shared earlier about CDC milestones changes – staff had new baby, developmental concerns because of prematurity. Maybe this group to go back and re-visit about what this actually means.

Michelle – where the information for the virtual work done - more feedback prior to submitting to CMS as there is an official date end of pandemic. 6 months after emergency to offer these flexibilities until Nov. Put out for public comment in early april and submit to CMS and CMS has 90 days to review waiver. This amendment will be quick one to get the virtual stuff in there.

Part C Application due the beginning of May – public comment but waiting for some guidance from OSEP. Jackie will send a link when it is posted to the website.

Jill – in the Governor's budget is a line item for FTE, line 60, child health and wellness, linking early childhood with early intervention. Dedicated FTE for early intervention and more we need to do with linking with early childhood and it is not 100% federal funded as more Medicaid. Ind create systemic and documented relationships outside of early intervention; working with tribal nations and solidifying those relationships, equity from Federal level, formalizing relationships that exist and that policies are in place.

The meeting adjourn.