

**Illinois Early Learning Council
Program Standards and Quality (PSQ) Coordination and Communication
January 14, 2013 Teleconference Notes**

Attendees:

Amy Tarr	Judith Walker-Kendrick
Bea Nichols	Karen Berman
Carol Morris	Kim Collins
Cass Wolfe	Lauri Morrison-Frichtl
Chris Rosean	Rhonda Clark
Christy Serrano	Samantha Aigner-Treworgy
Janet Maruna	Sessy Nyman
Jeanna Capito	Theresa Hawley
Joni Scritchlow	Vanessa Rich

Welcome-Janet Maruna and Jeanna Capito

Review September 10, 2012 Teleconference Notes

- No edits required

Report Back from PSQ January 3, 2013 Telenet

- 90 Participants
- Updates on all events were provided
- A Survey will be sent to PSQ Committee membership to gain an understanding of how communication is working and gain insight as to how the PSQ should move forward.

Reports from Advisory Bodies and Key Entities

- *TQRIS: Theresa Hawley*
 - Criteria for Levels 1-4 and Level 5 (Areas of Excellence for Infant/Toddlers, Preschool, and Cultural Diversity) will be presented to the IELC Executive Committee on January 16, 2013 for discussion.
- *IELC Program Standards and Quality Communication and Coordination:*
 - The IELC Executive Committee will meet on January 16 to discuss and possibly reframe the IELC Strategic Plan to meet the RTT Plan.
 - After this meeting Theresa and Kim Collins will be meeting with each committee co-chair to compare the plans and make sure they match.
- *IDCFS: Carol Morris*
 - Phase 2 of Rule 407 is in review and will be released soon.
 - The IDCFS Day Care Advisory Council is being reconvened on January 16, 2013 and will have four workgroups:
 - Roles and Procedures
 - Data
 - Weighted Licensing
 - Pre-service Training
- *Head Start: Lauri Morrison-Frichtl*
 - The Third Grade Impact Study has shown that Head Start does a good job, but cognitive developmental gains are eliminated by third grade; determination needs to be made as to why gains are not maintained. Currently, Head Start is held accountable for this lack of continued gain.
 - Lauri will share talking points regarding how to address this study.

- *City of Chicago: Vanessa Rich*
 - Ready to Learn is moving forward.
 - A policy statement was sent by the city of Chicago outlining minimum levels of education requirements, aside from a degree, including demonstrating a level of competence with Creative Curriculum and also teacher orientation requirements.
- *Chicago Public Schools: Samantha Aigner-Treworgy*
 - Over 100 CPS employees have joined a cohort process with University of Illinois – Chicago or National Louis University to work towards their ELL endorsement. Participants are utilizing Gateways Scholarship, ARRA and RTT funds for these courses, which begin the week of January 14, 2013.
- *ISBE: Rhonda Clark*
 - The Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS) are currently being field tested.
 - It is anticipated that field testing will be completed and implemented in May and then a training of trainers will be held this summer, with a state-wide rollout this fall.
- *PDAC: Cass Wolfe*
 - PDAC begin a new strategic planning process this month which will continue until June. It is anticipated the new PDAC Strategic Plan will roll-out in July.
 - The Gateways Infant Toddler Credential Benchmarks have been recently cross-walked with the revised IPTS, NAEYC, and the Birth to Three Early Learning Guidelines.
 - This work was completed under the direction of Marsha Hawley of the Ounce of Prevention, with a consultant, Jessica Rodriguez- Duggan.
 - Once the cross-walk was completed, an Ad Hoc Infant Toddler Group (combined of joint PDAC and PSQ IT members) was convened, with Infant Toddler experts from across the state, who reviewed the cross-walk. This IT work group was convened under the direction of Marsha Hawley and Jeanna Capito.
 - The PDAC Qualifications and Credentials Committee and Steering Committee have approved these benchmarks, with anticipated approval by PDAC during the February meeting. They will then be implemented statewide with Gateways Higher Education entitled institutions.
 - The Gateways Higher Education Forum will be held on April 4-5, 2013.
 - Gateways is partnering with IRC-Early Childhood and ISBE to offer this event.
 - Articulation will be a topic at this forum.
 - Much of the work related to articulation has been delayed pending the Professional Educator Licensure decisions.
 - Two new credentials are in the initial development phases: Family Child Care Credential and Family Specialist Credential.
- *Early Intervention: Bea Nichols*
 - The Cornerstone System, which has been utilizing local servers, is changing to a web based server system, which will allow the ability to add providers as users.
 - This council is looking forward to appointments from the Governor’s office.
- *IDHS: Judith Walker-Kendrick*
 - This Council has not met since November 2012.
 - The next item they will examine is in regards to Great START and the Career Lattice.

System Integration and Alignment Committee Updates

- The work plans of the PSQ Advisory Bodies were cross walked with this committee’s work plan, in order to avoid duplication of work.
- The full committee will meet on January 25, 2013 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Thompson Center. There will be a call-in option.

Advocacy Update: Sessy Nyman

- General Assembly was in session last week, but will not reconvene until the end of January.
 - There will be a change in leadership in both the House and the Senate, which also creates new committee leadership.
- The State of the State Address will take place on February 6, 2013.
- The State of the Budget will take place on March 6, 2013.
- Linda Smith from HHS stated her department has two priorities, which are:
 - The importance of affordable health care
 - Early Childhood, working on a ten year plan.
- President Obama is delaying a proposed budget until early March.

Meeting Adjourned

Future Meeting Dates:

- IELC Program Standards & Quality (PSQ)
Monday, March 18, 2013-11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Monday, May 13, 2013-11:30 AM-1:00 PM