

Systems Integration and Alignment Committee, Special Education Subcommittee meeting
Thursday, May 29, 2014
1:00pm-3:00pm
208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago IL, Suite #1409
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Meeting Agenda

In person: Karen Berman (Chair), Nichole Cato, Angelica Flores (staffer), Sergio Hernandez, Amy Zimmerman

On the phone: Michele Carmichael, Eileen DeRoze, Emily Dorsey, Susan Fowler, Evelyn Green, Chelsea Guillen, Kate Ritter, Gail Nelson, Donna Nylander, Pam Reising-Rechner, Amy Tarr

1. Introductions and Welcome (10 min)
2. Approve minutes from 11.12.13 meeting (5 min)
The minutes from the 11.12.13 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Update on Award of Excellence (10 min)
The Award of Excellence was submitted on December 30, 2013. The peer-review is underway. A small group met on April 25, 2014 to review the portfolios from the three programs piloting the award: Champaign County Head Start, Carole Robertson Center for Learning, and Valley View Early Childhood Center. The programs submitted a range of supporting evidence, so the next step is to look at the guidance provided to the programs and consider examples that illustrate the documentation that should be submitted with an award application. Jeanette is in the process of doing the verification site visits.
The Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development also issued a Request for Applications to agencies able to offer support to early care and education programs that have reached the Gold Circle of Quality and now seek to achieve an Awards of Excellence.
4. Review screening resource list and recommendations for coordinated system for screen and referral (30 min)
The screening resource list is due June 30th. The Subcommittee provided feedback on the draft. This feedback will be incorporated and shared out for final approval by the Subcommittee. This resource list is viewed as a stop-gap recommendation, not a long-term solution like a coordinated systems approach. With Kathy Stohr's approval, this Subcommittee will offer to the Community Systems Development Subcommittee a recommendation for a community-systems approach to early childhood developmental screening; this recommendation is in alignment with the Consortium for Community Systems Development. It will not prescribe the steps that are necessary for a community-systems approach, as that is outside the purview of this Subcommittee, but rather support this type of approach for Illinois.

The Subcommittee will also consider if a recommendation should be made to the State to buy the ASQ and appoint someone to be responsible for guiding programs in how to reliably administer the tool.

5. Review MOU templates (45 min)

This will be discussed further at the next Subcommittee meeting.

6. Federal Initiatives and Children with Disabilities (5 min)

This will be addressed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

7. Next steps (15 min)

Angelica will edit the resource list based on the group feedback and share a draft MOU with the group. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2014 as a conference call only.

Handouts: Agenda, minutes from 11.12.13 meeting, screening resource list, MOU templates, CDCP Milestones Checklists, Milestones Brochure, Watch Me Thrive ECE Provider's Guide for Developmental and Behavioral Screening, Watch Me Thrive Developmental Screening Passport, IL Administrative School Code on Child Find, DHS LIC Responsibilities