

Illinois Early Learning Council
Integration and Alignment Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Co-Chairs: Shauna Ejeh and Bethany Patten

Committee Members Present: Shauna Ejeh, Bethany Patten, Phyllis Glink, Carisa Hurley, Robin Steans, Karen Berman, Dr. Jamilah R. Jor'dan, Kristy Doan, Trish Rooney, Josie Yanguas

Committee Stakeholders Present: Choua Vue, Adrienne Piatkowski, Gabriel Morales, Kayla Goldfarb, Lori Orr, Naomi Black, Zareen Kamal

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. The co-chairs welcomed committee members and guests.

Norms and Expectations

The Community Agreements were reviewed and discussed. There were no changes. It was noted the Agreements are a nice compilation of norms.

Review/Discussion of Committee Charge and Priorities

- GEAM report needs to be addressed. Need to “dig” into the GEAM—it’s a larger resource and provides a much larger picture. Need to step back and analyze the data in the GEAM. Recommend a joint meeting is held for a presentation and discussion of the GEAM—initially a joint meeting of the Integration and Alignment Committee and the Research, Evaluation and Data Committee. It was noted an “organizational GEAM” is needed. Robin Steans would like to make a recommendation regarding this as an Ad Hoc Committee priority and agreed to draft.
- A statement regarding “funding mechanisms” was requested to be added to the charge.
- Cost modeling continues to be issue. Josie Yanguas referenced the Funding Commission Report. Questions were raised regarding the cost modeling work and where does it go (English Learners, Special Education, among others).

Public Consulting Group Special Education Project

Kristy Doan, Principal Consultant, Illinois Section 619 Coordinator and Adriene Piatkowski, Principal Consultant, Early Childhood ISBE provided a presentation regarding the PDG B5 funded project. The Funding Commission recommended further work on cost modeling for Early Childhood Special Education. The contract period is July-December 30, 2022.

IDHS, Division of Early Childhood on behalf of the Bureau of Collaboration and Partnerships

Bethany Patten, Associate Director, Office of Programs, Division of Early Childhood provided an overview of the Bureau of Collaboration and Partnerships which was established in January 2022 (Bethany presented on behalf of Kisha D. Davis, Interim Bureau Chief). The Organizational Chart, Programs, Vision and Mission were shared. There was a facilitated discussion related to the

mission/vision of the Bureau of Collaboration and Partnerships and a call to action—collaboration and partnership.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Adjournment

The July 21, 2022 Illinois Early Learning Council Integration and Alignment Committee Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.