

**Illinois Early Learning Council
Practices and Principles Subcommittee
Illinois Action for Children – Lawrence Location
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Minutes**

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Participants: Choua Vue, Granada Williams, Saleem Hue Penny, Leah Pouw, Shanta Payton-Scott, Edna Vidaurre-Navarro, Juliet Bromer, Kate Ritter, Joy Bah, Gail Nelson, TeeNeka Jones, Luvia Rodriguez, Sergio Hernandez, Gail Nelson

Update on the QRIS Level 5 Governor’s Award of Excellence:

- Juliet Bromer from Erickson Institute was contracted to review and edit the principles and practices level 5 chart.
- Juliet will be reviewing the standards, drafting it in a more presentable way, as well as providing research-based evidence and indicators

Work Plan for FY 14

- We discussed doing two potential focus groups – one for providers and one for parents.
- We discussed the opportunity and potential to revise the standards with the feedback we received. Gail Nelson stated that the level 5 work should be viewed as developmental and in the continuous process of evolving. Therefore, getting input from providers and parents would still be useful.
- We discussed the purpose of the provider discussion. Thoughts shared included getting a sense of the challenges providers may face in meeting the standards, what are examples and indicators of how some of the practices we identified are “on the ground,” and what resources they may need to do this work well.
- For parent conversation, we discussed how to engage parents in understanding and identifying quality family engagement work. Some of the challenges in having a conversation with parents about “what is quality” are really centered on parents not knowing that their program is good or bad in family engagement.
- Parent focus groups may have to be done with other parents they are familiar with so they can comfortably share their thoughts and ideas. We would like to have statewide conversations with programs of varying size, large, medium, and small programs.

Next meeting: Nov. 1, 2013 9:00-12:00 PM at Illinois Action for Children