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Nevada's Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
Family Support Resource Subcommittee (FSRS)

MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: August 24, 2017 at 11:03 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Voting Members attending: Christine Riggi (ICC Parent Rep) - Chair, Janina Easley (ICC Parent Rep), Robin Kincaid (ICC Rep-Nevada PEP), Sherry Waugh (ICC Rep),

Voting Members absent: Lisa Cridland (ICC Parent Rep), Aimee Hadleigh (ICC Parent Rep), Martha Estrada (Parent)

➤ Met Quorum

Public: None

Staff Support: Dan Dinnell, Part C Office

II. Public Comment: NA

III. Approval of the Minutes from April 18, 2017 Meeting:

Motion: Sherry motioned to approve

2nd: Janina

Approved: Unanimous

IV. Family Support Resource Subcommittee Updates and Future Assignments

1. Planning & Reporting on Educational Activities in Support of the ICC and Early Intervention Programs Which May Include but are Not Limited to:

a. Upcoming ICC meeting: next Thursday, August 31st

b. Participation Opportunities:

• Conferences, Meetings, or Trainings

○ Robin reported on her attendance at the Professional Development Subcommittee meeting on August 17, where Jason Dietrich, Director of Educator Licensure, Division of Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement, Nevada Department of Education, discussed with the group the certification needs for early interventionists, required courses, as well as reciprocity to accept credits from other states.

- Robin reported on her attendance at The National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute May 9-11 in North Carolina. The theme was, "Trusting Partnerships in a Time of Change", and there were sessions on topics like social-emotional issues, coaching, and inclusion. She enjoyed a Keynote, Janice Fialka, who with her son, a self-advocate, gave a powerful presentation on Inclusion.
- Report on 2017 Spring mini conference on May 20, 2017 – Aimee Hadleigh – *Tabled to next meeting
- Christine reported on two Down Syndrome conferences she attended, one in June, in Los Angeles, and one in Sacramento, July 20-23, 2017. Great information, but the one in Los Angeles was mostly for California with resources specific to California. The one in Sacramento was national and she saw many others from Nevada. Great resources and many sessions to attend, such as a session on "Dream Planning", and on relationships and responsibilities for people with disabilities.
- Janina reported on her attendance at the OSEP National Leadership Conference from July 16-19, in Arlington Virginia. She felt the best part of the entire event was the State Interagency Coordinating Councils pre-conference meeting. She was able to meet many parents from around the country and learn from them, hearing how things are done in other states. There were updates on legislation, and many sessions such as how to use social media in rural areas to support services. One interesting Keynote, Dr. Allen, talked about pre-school suspensions of children.
- Robin reported she attended a family survey session that was very good, and that she noticed there were 5 presentations at this conference by people from Nevada.
- Other Conference/Workshop Opportunities in Nevada
 - Christine reported on her attendance at the Washoe County School District's Family Summit & Resource Fair at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) on April 29, 2017. Lots of resources were there. The majority of the WCSD School Board was there on a panel to answer questions. One question she posed was how could 2 different schools in the same district respond differently to an IEP situation.
 - Robin reported on her attendance at the Nevada Department of Education's (NDE) Mega Conference on May 5-7, at Lake Tahoe. Next Mega Conference may be in Las Vegas. Most sessions were highlighting the k-12 schools. Lots of motivational speakers for teachers. There was a lack of focus on young children in pre-k. It was well attended with about 400.
 - Sherry reported that she and a few others were working on getting pre-k more attention at the next Mega conference.
 - Dan reported on his attendance as a Vendor at the Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC) Conference from May 18-20, in Las Vegas. Part C office shared the table with NEIS-Las Vegas. It

was well attended with almost 400, mostly pre-k/Daycare staff. He handed out 50 *Fathers Booklets*, and 150 *Milestone Moments* booklets, Project ASSIST brochures, and *Baby Has A Lot To Learn* child find brochures.

c. Sharing Family Perspectives:

- o Robin reported that she still has concerns for families who want an evaluation for services and still having to wait for the evaluations specific to each service while waiting for other services to be started. Because of delays it takes a long time for all services to get started.

d. Support at Early Intervention Program's Open House for Early Intervention Programs:

- o Robin reported on her attendance at the NEIS-Las Vegas' "Spring Fling" with resources for families. Was a good turnout, but ended early due to the weather.

e. Submitting Newsletter Articles: Christine reminded everyone that articles about their experiences for the Early Intervention Families Newsletters are always greatly appreciated.

f. Informational/Letter Writing Activities: NA

V. Update of Activities Regarding Nevada Parent Advocacy Initiative – Aimee Hadleigh – *Tabled to next meeting

VI. Schedule Next Meeting: October 19th at 11:00 am

VII. Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting [*send them to Dan]

*Update of Activities Regarding Nevada Parent Advocacy Initiative – Aimee Hadleigh, ICC Parent

*Report on 2017 Spring mini conference on May 20, 2017 – Aimee Hadleigh

VIII. Public Comment: NA

IX. Adjournment: 11:57 am