

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa SAC COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Vision: “Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful”

Date: August 13th, 2012 Time: 10:00 Location: Public Health Annex, Lower Level

SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Jack Bensley, Sac County Supervisor; Kristi Neumann, CAASA Prevention Coordinator; Christy Jenkins, New Opportunities; Alayna Clancy, Decat/CPPC; Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Carrie Coats, Sac County Health; Jackie Duffy, Sac County Health; Jayne Wilhelm, Sac County Mentoring; Deb Gimer, CCNC/CCPH; Mollie Scott, Kids World, Inc.; Retta Mitchell, CCR&R.

AGENDA REVIEW: Mollie S made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Jayne W, all in favor.

APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES: Jayne W made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Kristi N, all in favor.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA:

- Annette K shared information obtained at the June Directors meeting about changing the formula for Early Childhood funding to Early Childhood Iowa areas. In FY 12 BVCS ECI had a reduction of \$1,261.00 in FY 13 a reduction of \$6,065.00. Current formula is based off FIP cases. Discussion was held. Discussion included it would make more sense to have more population based along with income based. Start with a base to make it more equitable. Having it based off centers/homes would benefit larger communities. Maybe look at Medicaid/WIC numbers. A quality incentive, what currently are the benefits to be quality? Mollie S made a motion to recommend the 3-County Board support relooking at the current formula, Deb G seconded, all in favor.
- Annette K shared clarification about BVCS ECI board membership requirements (Tool LL). All members on the board are either citizen or elected officials. The place you work can pay you for your time that is up to the employer, it does not matter if members live in one of the counties being served. No one receiving funds either directly or indirectly can be on the board. Annette K also shared Shanells opinion about ex-officio members, that having anyone that receives funding directly or indirectly on the board could impact and or influence decisions made by the board. This lead to discussion about having the Program Director as a Supervisor over programs if that would also be considered a conflict of interest to the board. The Board currently will ask for input from guest, but that could change as the board develops. Deb G agreed that having ex-officio member that receive funds could influence the board, others members agreed. Comments were made that in small communities it is hard not to have someone on the board that does not have a strong opinion about programs.
Annette K shared she is seeking a board member to serve as a business member, Cora Lahr was suggested.
- Annette K shared how Family STEPS programs not funded by MICVEE still benefit through data collection referred to as REDcap. RED cap is a statewide data collection, and can be done by I-pad (data plan), laptop or paper method. More information will be coming.

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- Discussion was held if family support programs should be required by the BVCS ECI 3-County Board to be research based. Family STEPS in Buena Vista County was not able to write for the MICVEE grant because they are a Promising Practice program. Concern if more federal dollars become available would not be able to access them. Sac County currently does not have Early Head Start which is considered research based. The council discussed the cost involved, case load, time frame for current Family STEPS program to achieve if acted upon, collecting data for five years to see if promising practice program meets needs, afraid of gap not being able to serve as many families. How many counties are accredited (research based)? Sac County Advisory Council does not support accredited (research based) family support program at this time, but to continue with the Iowa Family Support Credential.

AGENCY - COMMUNITY SHARING/NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY:

- Head Start has a waiting list for am/pm classrooms, have 20 enrolled.

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN: Alayna C made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mollie S, all in favor.

Next scheduled meeting for Sac County Advisory Council:
October 8, 2012

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting “Big Board”:
Wednesday August 29 at 10:00 am - Trinity Lutheran Church 612 S Dewey Street, Odebolt
Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

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