

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)		Attending: Ginger Brath, Jennifer Bibler, Jacci Borchardt, Linda Hall, Jenna Jacobson, Kristine Nadolski, Rosemarie Navarro-Red Hail, Deb Rathermel, Trisha Wicinsky, Theresa Wixom, Rebecca Jarzynski, Kelly Pethke
Date: 10/18/2023	Time Started: 9:00 AM	Time Ended: 12:00 PM
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting		Excused: Lisa Hanks
		State Staff: Deb Rathermel (BCS), Rebecca Granger (BCS), Elias Garringer (BCS), Tessa Freedberg (BCS), Regena Floyd-Sambou (BCS), Dana Romary (BCS), Lori Wittemann (BCS), Dan Kramarz (BCS), Debbie Borquist-Conlon (BCS), Jess Ford-Kelly (BCS)
		Presiding Officer: Ginger Brath

**Minutes**

**Welcome:**

- Call to Order, Greetings, and Introductions
  - Council Member Updates and Announcements
  - New member introductions
    - Kelly Pethke
    - Jill Kelly

**Public Comment**

- No public comments

**General Business:**

- Trisha Wicinsky motioned to approve the May 12, 2023 minutes.
- Jacci Borchardt seconded. Motion passed.

**Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program Data**

- Quarter 2 2023 Enrollment, Eligibility and Disenrollment Data
  - Of the 6,670 enrolled participants:
    - 72% (4,794) are eligible because of a 25% delay.
    - 19% (1,269) are eligible because of a diagnosed condition.
    - 9% (607) are eligible because of atypical development.
  - 4,389 participants disenrolled in Q2, 2023.
  - Reasons for disenrolling are mostly due to:
    - Child no longer in need of services
    - Family chose to discontinue services.
    - Child referred to local education agency (LEA)
- October 1, 2023, Child Count
  - The Part C Child Count survey captures enrollment data for a single point-in-time.

- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) submits this data to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

### **Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) 2.0**

DMS 2.0 is the revised monitoring system that OSEP has implemented to seek to improve outcomes and results for children and families through heightened program monitoring.

Wisconsin is in cohort 5 and will experience the OSEP monitoring in 2027. In preparation for DMS 2.0 Wisconsin Birth to 3 has completed a gap analysis to identify and remediate areas of opportunity.

Those areas include:

- Child Find Resources Statutes require every county Birth to 3 Program to have a comprehensive child find system.
  - (BCS) worked with subject matter experts, and lived experience individuals to develop new Child Find Materials for:
    - Comprehensive Child Find Checklist
    - Child Find Outreach Resource for infants and toddlers experiencing homelessness.
    - Child Find Outreach Resource for infants and toddlers exposed to substances.
    - Child Find Outreach Resource for infants and toddlers residing on and off reservations.
  - These Child Find materials will be released in December and will be placed on the website and announced at the Birth to 3 teleconference.

### **Professional Development – RESource**

- **RESource and EI in WI (Early Intervention in Wisconsin)**
  - Professional development system grounded in research.
  - Ongoing activities to highlight:
    - EI in WI platform website components
    - Discipline specific Communities of Practice (CoPs)
    - Professional development leadership forums
    - Early childhood education and higher education outreach
    - Approved assessment tool rollout
    - Professional development/support requests

### **State and Local Determinations**

- Measurement and evaluation of performance for each state early intervention program
- Determines how states are meeting the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- State and county determinations are issued annually.
  - State determinations issued by OSEP
    - Wisconsin “Meets Requirements” in federal fiscal year 2021 (7/1/21-6/30/22)
  - [County determinations issued by the Department of Health Services](#)
    - 48 counties met requirements
    - 21 needed assistance
    - 1 needed intervention
    - 2 needed substantial intervention
- In 2023, BCS set a five-year tiered goal to support counties wherein all local programs will be at “meets requirements.”

## Findings of Non-Compliance (FNC) result

- OSEP requires states to provide monitoring and oversight of programs that provide early intervention services to ensure compliance with IDEA Part C requirements. States must identify and demonstrate timely correction of instances of noncompliance in early intervention service programs. States have up to 12 months to verify correction and include the information in their annual performance report.
- DHS issues four findings of noncompliance across three Birth to 3 local programs.
- Each local program has until September 1, 2024, to correct findings of noncompliance.

## Community Partnerships

- Vision Screening Tool Pilot
  - to support needs for local identification of children with visual impairments in the Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program
  - DHS partnered with Vision Forward to pilot updated vision screening tool in identifying children with vision needs.
  - Nine County Birth to 3 programs piloted the screening tool.
  - DHS will review the survey results, evaluate the current vision checklist, and update it, if appropriate.

## BCS Updates

- **2024 local funding allocations and methodology**
  - DHS issued a [numbered memo](#) outlining the county allocation methodology
- **Mediation Contract and Materials**
  - The state is required to provide mediation services as part of the Birth to 3 Program per 34 CFR § 303.431.
  - DHS contracts with a vendor to provide Birth to 3 Program mediation services.
  - The new contractor is Pionek Valle Law Group, LLC.
    - Published on the [Birth to 3 Program Mediation webpage](#).
- **All in for Kids Bulletin**
  - <https://ww.dhs.wisconsin.gov/newletter/b3aifk2023-03.pdf>
  - Go to the [DHS Email lists webpage](#), scroll down, and click [Birth to 3 Program Information for Families](#) to sign up.
- **No Wrong Door**
  - Families and professionals can get connected with the different services, supports, and programs in the Children's Resource Network that support children and youth ages 0-21 who have delays, disabilities, special health care needs, or mental health conditions.
  - You can connect with Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network by calling toll-free [\(877\) WiscWay](#) (877-947-2929) or at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wiscway/contact.htm>

## Wrap-Up & Overview of Future Agenda Topics:

- 2024 ICC meeting series schedule
  - January 24, 2024, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
  - May 17, 2024, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
  - September 11, 2024, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
  - November 6, 2024, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Prepared by: Jess Ford-Kelly on 11/8/2023.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 1/24/2024