

ICC MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Utah Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs and Their Families (ICC) is to assure that each infant and young child with special needs will have the opportunity to achieve optimal health and development within the context of the family."



**MINUTES OF THE UTAH INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)
FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Utah Department of Health, Division of Family Health and Preparedness

4431 S. 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT, Main Conference Rooms

January 28, 2015 // 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Coreen Anderson, Debbie Ballard, Karen Borg, Linda DeGroff, Charlene Frail-McGeever, Debbie Justice, Paula Pittman, Esperanza Reyes, Stephanie Roach, Orvil Stokes, Betsy Sutherland, Janet Wade, Ginger West, Michelle White, Susan Ord, Teresa Whiting

Via Telephone: Barbara Fiechl

Excused: Jennifer Adams, Tim Eicher, Kevin Morris, Gina Pola-Money, Cassie Selim, Kristina Shock, Max Lang

Absent: Jennifer Hicks, Eric Tadehara

BWEI/Health Department Staff: Catherine Hoelscher, Lynne MacLeod, Lorna Roberts, Lisa Davenport, Joe Peterson

Other Attendees: Shaun Mower (Jordan), Tiffany Evans (Parent applicant), Kelsey Lewis (KWC), Marla Nef (Upto3), Heather Waters (KOTM), Nicole Brown (Parent applicant), Diane (KOTM)

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting commenced at 9:35. Debbie Ballard conducted the meeting. Members and guest introduced and welcomed.
- II. Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes by Debbie Justice motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment Period** – No comment
- IV. Parent/Provider Spotlight** – Betsy Sutherland is from the Utah State Office of Education; Preschool Special Education (ages 3 to 5). *See PowerPoint*

A small number of children, who were enrolled in preschool special education, had transitioned from Baby Watch. In addition, some special education preschool children could have qualified for Baby Watch services.
- V. In-depth Introductions** –

Orvil Stokes – Weber Morgan Early Intervention Program covers Weber and Morgan counties. The child count growth is consistent. The pre-literacy program has grown.

Coreen Anderson – Central Utah Early Intervention program covers 17,000 square miles. A recent Child Find activity provided a backpack of fun things and handouts promoting Early Intervention and other programs at the health department, to all hospitals in their area, for inclusion in the information sent home with all newborn babies. The child count growth is steady.

Debbie Justice – The Learning Center for Families Early Head Start-Child Care partnership grants allows those who receive the grant the ability to serve children until they turn four. Early Head Start funds are the funder of last resort. However, for infants and toddlers with special needs enrolled in Early Head Start, the EHS program can pick up some of the costs for related services.

Janet Wade – Provo Early Intervention Program serves 10 square miles. 100% home visitation program. Working on training developmental specialists to ensure they have a strong foundation and support from the therapists. Provo Early Intervention is creating a parent council to provide a support network for parents.

Paula Pittman – Parent Infant Program for the Deaf is a statewide program serving all children birth to three who are deaf or hard of hearing. In December, PIP Deaf did a Polar express activity. They invited all the children and families, in their program, to sign up for the event. There were over 200 participants. They rode frontrunner to Salt Lake and went to a hotel to meet Santa who spoke with sign language.

This year they are hoping to do a zoo day. Families are encouraged to attend either or both of the following groups Listening and spoken language group and ASL English. PIP Deaf encourages families to use any communication methodology that is effective for them and their families.

Karen Borg – Parent Infant Program for the blind covers the whole state of Utah. USDB and U of U have developed a new course of study that will incorporate an endorsement program for both birth to 3 and birth to 5; one will attach to the USDB license and one will attach to the Baby Watch credential.

Teresa Whiting – Bureau of Child Development is a DOH bureau composed of the following programs: Baby Watch Early Intervention program, Office of Home Visiting, Child Care Licensing, and Early Childhood Utah. On Feb 3, 2015, the bureau is moving their offices from 44 Mario Capecchi Drive to 3760 South Highland drive.

Stephanie Roach – Parent Representative. At 6-weeks of age it was determined that Stephanie's first child had a hearing loss. By the age of 9-weeks, PIP Deaf had received the referral. The diagnosis of Autism at age two, for Stephanie's second child, led to his enrollment in the Baby Watch Early Intervention Program. The impact of early intervention services on Stephanie's family changed their lives, it took away the fear, taught them how to help their children, gave them support, and a place to go for answers.

Debbie Ballard – Jordan Child Development Center is continuing to grow. Some of the fun family activities they have held at the center this year are the Annual Halloween Carnival and Literacy Festivals. The program provides quarterly all-day professional development trainings, weekly Professional Learning Communities as well as making videos of staff and child/family interactions for future trainings.

Esperanza Reyes – The Utah Parent Center is the State's Parent Training and Information Center. It is required under IDEA and serves families and children birth through age 26. The center does phone consultations with parents about any issue or concern the parent has for their child. The Parent Center has a parent-to-parent model, meaning that all Parent Consultants who work at the Parent Center have a child with a disability. There are a wide range of workshops offered for parents such as: “A Child with Special Needs in Your Family”, “Transition from Early Intervention to Special Ed. Preschool”, “Parents as Partners in the IEP Process”, “Section 504”, and “Plan for the Future (Transition to Adult Life and Services)”. The UPC also creates and distributes information materials for families in a variety of formats, including print and video, as well as digitally. Families can find more information by visiting www.utahparentcenter.org.

Michelle White – State Insurance Department regulates the insurance industry and the agents that sell the insurance. The Insurance Department has jurisdiction over the policies written in Utah, which are partially insured or fully insured plans.

Because of the Health Reform (Obamacare), lawmakers created a new rule, R590-266 for essential benefits for non-grandfathered individual policies and small employers' health benefit plans. <https://insurance.utah.gov/legal-resources/rules/documents/R590-266Eff10-25-2012.pdf>

Consumers call for help understanding their insurance policies. Consumers may file a complaint with the Insurance Department if the insurance company does not pay covered claims. When an insurance company denies, reduces or terminates a benefit the consumer can submit a request to the Insurance Department asking for an independent review.

Linda DeGross – Parent Representative. Linda's child was born with Down Syndrome and immediately entered into Early Intervention. Having services and support through early intervention changed their lives. As a result of the assistance early intervention gave Linda, it encouraged her to go back to school to become a special education teacher; she graduates in December.

Ginger West – Parent Representative. Ginger's child was born with Down Syndrome and immediately entered into Early Intervention. Early Intervention has brought Ginger many opportunities including serving on the ICC.

Charlene Frail-McGeever is a projects director with CHIP & Medicaid with primary responsibility for programs related to children. This includes the CHIPRA Quality Grant that establishes medical homes for CHIP & Medicaid children; EPSDT; Targeted Case Management for children 0-4; Schools Based Skills Development; all the Medicaid/CHIP contracts with Children with Special Health Care Needs; and the Fostering Healthy Children program. Char also manages the Medicaid Health Information Technology (HIT) Incentive program. The CHIPRA Grant is winding down and from this grant; the Children with Special Health Care Needs D70 Grant will continue to fund a Utah Children's Care Coordinator Network. Char also mentioned the state is establishing a Quality Improvement Council that will be responsible for developing Utah's Accountable Care Organizations quality outcomes and performance standards. Integration of this effort with Utah Medicaid's Quality Strategy is being reviewed for approval by CMS.

VI. Membership – Nicole Brown and Tiffany Evans, both parents of a child with disabilities, have applied to serve on the ICC. The ICC would like to put forth the name of Tiffany Evans to the Governor for appointment to the ICC as the new parent representative.

The ICC acknowledged Jennifer Adams as the new Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities rep.

Provider Representative – Stephanie Roach is working on reaching out to possible provider reps

Tri-Chair – Debbie Ballard requested that any ICC members, who want to serve on the Tri-Chair, contact her.

Legislator Representative – Susan Ord and the Tri-chair are planning to meet with Dr. Patton, the director of the Health Department to suggest recommendations for the governor’s consideration

VII. Baby Watch Report – *See handout IDEA Part C* In the event of a funding deficit the idea of changing eligibility would only be a short-term solution due to Utah’s continuing population growth.

See handout Federal and State Funds by Fiscal Year The size of a state’s population determines the Federal funds amount.

Cost Study is in final stages of completion. The data is being merged and verified from 3-4 sources One of the purposes of the cost study is to determine the cost of Baby Watch services and the required components in order to make a solid case for additional funding from the legislature.

VIII. AI Summit – Tabled

IX. Next ICC Meeting – March 25, 2015 at the State Lab 4431 S 2700 W., Taylorsville, UT 84119, from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

X. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Debbie Ballard, for the ICC Tri-Chair

Lorna Roberts, ICC State Contact