

Early Intervention Planning Council
July 11, 2007
Minutes

Members present:

Rhonda Allen
John Brandon
Patricia Jones
John Kennedy
Brant Ping
Judge Marilyn Moores

Members not present:

Marilyn Pfisterer
Christina Ball
Lonnell Conley
Doris Clark
Kent Burrow

Staff present:

Eric Wright
Laura Littlepage
John Neal

Rhonda Allen: The meeting convened at 8:05. Any changes to the minutes? The minutes are approved.

Eric Wright: Let me introduce John Neal again who has an update on the fiscal analysis.

John Neal: This is the type of detail that will be provided to understand funding sources. We want to obtain a consistent categorization across the agencies. Thank you, Rhonda, for taking the time to meet with me. This is a draft and will be reviewed by Rick Rumble. This is a summary compilation and there will be specific breakdowns so at a glance you can get a cross comparison.

Eric Wright: Part of the problem is that different agencies call these sources different things so we are trying to be consistent.

John Neal: For the funding sources we are including the ones that were specifically mentioned in the ordinance creating EIPC. Does this make sense to you? Is there enough detail on the local side?

John Brandon: Define bond proceeds.

John Neal: That is the loan and that is atypical to DFC but we need to keep it because it is such a large amount.

Eric Wright: Our goal is to have at least 5 years of data so there will be trend data. How much detail does the group want and need? We want to reduce the level of information to be able to compare across organizations.

Rhonda Allen: Does the bond proceed include interest?

John Neal: Yes.

Eric Wright: It sounds like we may need some footnotes.

Rhonda Allen: We get Social Security Block Grant and we don't get Title XX.

Eric Wright: One question, are there specific major sources of funding that you want to highlight?

John Neal: It is probable that some will emerge.

Rhonda Allen: How are we notating reimbursements that come back to us?

John Neal: I will be checking with Rick Rumble.

Rhonda Allen: Maybe we should break out reimbursements from straight flow dollars.

John Neal: I am going to try to be consistent across the agencies so we may have to include a footnote.

Eric Wright: When we explain it to the Council, it is critical to include it as a line item. It also should be included in the "cliff notes" about the reimbursement.

John Brandon: Are there mental health and addictions dollars that flow in?

Rhonda Allen: To add more difficulty to this, the other fund--that property tax fund--is the children's psychiatric residential treatment fund (PRTF), it is in a separate budget. There is a Family and Children budget and a children's psychiatric treatment fund budget. The property tax budget should have two sub items.

Brant Ping: That is a county funded match for psychiatric residential treatment fund. It started 2004.

Eric Wright: Judge Moores do you have any thoughts on this? Is the level of detail sufficient?

Judge Moores: Yes, because I think what funds come from where is important. You have to know where the money comes from to understand what is being funded and from where. We don't have control over PRTF and it was a well kept secret for a while. If we had money left over it went to DOC for debt of juvenile incarcerations.

Eric Wright: We need a footnote to explain that.

John Brandon: It may be that the cliff notes are more important than the category.

Eric Wright: Keep in mind that they wanted trends. We are also going to try to determine how many kids are eligible and if some are not being treated.

Rhonda Allen: How would you do that for Title IV-E?

Eric Wright: Some children may be eligible but not receiving any services. Some would argue that we are under accessing federal dollars so where is it that we could increase it.

Judge Moores: Like CHAFFEE dollars? See what is the coverage rate.

Eric Wright: That is the overall plan.

Judge Moores: Will we look at grant funding dollars that we are eligible for and not applying for?

Eric Wright: That is tougher since those guidelines change from year to year. If the MCCOY funding comes through then that development person could help coordinate and have development for all children's services. Our hope is that this development unit over time would be self sustaining because if they bring in more money they will fund themselves.

Judge Moores: It would be helpful because it is a specific area and we end up with competing child agencies for the same grant.

Eric Wright: That was part of the impetus behind the MCCOY proposal. I am supposed to be meeting with the Council to discuss this.

Eric Wright: The other item on the agenda is a process that we had put on hold and are going to come back to full force. Our hope is this fall to conduct a comprehensive survey of all youth serving agencies and filling this instrument out. The goal is to have a database to start from but not just the 211 list, but much more comprehensive. One thing not on here is referral patterns in the system. Central players versus marginal players. One question I have is what would you want to know about each of the agencies?

John Kennedy: Would this be shared with 211? Location would be great. Services within ZIP codes.

Judge Moores: The results should be GIS based.

Eric Wright: We want to know where is there high need and low capacity? Geographic as well as service level and evidence based practices. We are going to pass this by 211 and United Way. We want this to be useful to be to the larger community.

Judge Moores: Gather as much detailed information on the first swipe through since they are going to be there. We would be happy to send a cover letter from me and Rhonda Allen.

Brant Ping: You have percents and not dollars.

Eric Wright: Originally we were going to try to do this by an e-mail survey so we were trying to keep it simple. I can send you an example of a previous survey.

Brant Ping: The deeper you drill down into agencies, the more you will have to “twist arms” to get data.

Eric Wright: If we had MIS systems we could do some of this without asking them. Are there cross referrals?

Brant Ping: We have always been very careful about referrals because we want some control.

Eric Wright: That is the difference between brokered vs. team case management. The team process adds value to the process and reduces cost.

Judge Moores: Not everything will be something funded from DCS. Community partners can do things to help kids because it is part of their mission.

Eric Wright: That coordination is part of what we would like MCCOY to do. In the past we have focused on the ones getting funding not all of them.

Judge Moores: It’s been tried. This will be the first really comprehensive mapping of who, what, how, how much, and who they serve. We have not had that.

John Brandon: There are various pieces out there. Central Indiana Community Network which is trying to become a centralized case management system for human service agencies.

Eric Wright: The concept of the EIPC is very interesting and important in the long run. Having all of you at the same table has been profitable and bring major players together there is more possibility of system level oversight. In the long term, what is the proper role of the EIPC?

Judge Moores: We owe a great debt to Jean Milharcic who was instrumental in keeping EIPC during last session. The depth and breadth of the representation makes it unique

and far more valuable in being responsive to the citizens and the kids because you get all the sectors and disciplines.

Rhonda Allen: The focus of this group is so different from the other councils. Marion County is so large that the regional council doesn't have time to look at early intervention so I see us needing both in Marion County.

Judge Moores: They are apples and oranges and I am glad that is how they got decided.

Eric Wright: I will find the old instrument and send it to you to think about with a list of research questions and we will start meeting with 211 and United Way and foundations to see what kinds of questions arise and touch base with city-county council folks. Our goal would be to field this in September and October. Our aim would be to have something compiled by the end of the year. We will continue on the fiscal analysis.

Judge Moores: How will we determine who gets this? We need to include volunteers that help kids with literacy or other issues. Get all those folks into the group.

Eric Wright: We can get the students started on snowball sampling. Ask the agencies if they know anyone else who does this. Parent support, reading, tutoring, and support groups for autism, medically fragile kids, and other special needs.

Judge Moores: There is a need for a list of those.

Eric Wright: We will get the list started and make sure to include neighborhood alliances. We can talk to IMPD.

Judge Moores: NACS will know this. This is going to be awesome.

Eric Wright: There are two other small agenda items. August 8th is our next meeting. Second, food, should we keep it? Group votes yes.

Rhonda Allen: Is there any other business before we adjourn?

Judge Moores: Could you give me a synopsis of this article in English? Has anyone else studied the effect of foster care on the outcomes of children?

Eric Wright: There are a few but it is really difficult because of incomplete data sets. It is time intensive to track down kids 5 years out and find out if they are in jail or at MIT.

Rhonda Allen: One final announcement. Taren Duncan will be my recommendation to take over my former role. Any other business? We are adjourned at 9:20am.