

HAWAII EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting
June 29, 2016

O‘ahu	State Office Tower, 14 th Floor Conference Room – 235 South Beretania Street, Honolulu Hawaii
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MINUTES

- Members Present:** Michael Fahey, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Keri Kobayashi, LtC Adam Huillet M.D. (designee for Colonel Daniel Roy M.D.), Bernadette Lane, Jason Maga (Co-Chair), Dr. Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo (Chair), Peter Trang, Jill Arizumi, Ashley Anne Diaz, Carrie Pisciotto, Aesha Shapiro, Julie Walsh
- Members Absent:** Dr. Daniel Buehler, Patricia Dong, Dr. Stanton Michels, Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Sabrina “Kehau” Golis, Lisa Lemon, Toby Portner, Danette Wong-Tomiyasu
- Ex-Officio:** Charlene Robles, Dr. Patricia Heu
- Guests:** Sue Brown, Douglas Mersberg, Ann Sasuga, Kerrie Urosevich, Alan Gamble
- Staff:** Clayton Takemoto (recorder)

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I. Call to Order	<p>Moniz-Tadeo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.</p> <p><i>A. Introductions</i></p> <p><i>B. Announcements/Thank you cards</i> No announcements. Thank you card deferred to end of meeting.</p> <p><i>C. Review Agenda</i> Agenda reviewed.</p> <p><i>D. Review & Approve Minutes from March 30, 2016 HEICC Quarterly Meeting</i> Minutes reviewed. No additions or corrections. Moved and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes unanimously approved.</p>	

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<p>II. Community Update</p>	<p><i>A. Parent Sharing of Their Child’s EI Journey – Aesha Shapiro</i></p> <p>Shapiro shared her son Arrow was born at 10 months (1 month late) and his delivery was very difficult. She had planned a home birth with a midwife, but during labor Arrow started going into distress and they ended up in the hospital at Kona. She shared it was a “horrible experience.” When they arrived at the hospital there was no room available and her son let out meconium prior to delivery.</p> <p>Because he was in distress they decided to have a C-section. When he was delivered, he was covered in meconium, and all she saw were tubes shoved down his throat and him being immediately taken away.</p> <p>Later when she got to hold him, she was told he had low tone (hypotonia), undescended testicles and there was a question about his gender. Though she knew he was a boy because they had a blood test taken earlier, the hospital staff didn’t believe her and he was made to undergo blood tests and additional testing. He wasn’t able to breast feed, but she continued to pump.</p> <p>By day 3 the staff wanted to send them to Kapiolani Medical Center on Oahu to put in a feeding tube, but they demanded to leave the hospital. Once home, she contacted the lactation consultants at NEST, and also called every single pediatrician on the island. Because they had not allowed Arrow to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine in the hospital (she did not know what was going on and didn’t want him to have any vaccines yet), all doctors rejected them except for one.</p> <p>When they finally saw the doctor the first thing they were told was that Arrow would never have children. It was heartbreaking and devastating, but the doctor seemed very lackadaisical and had no sense of urgency about her son’s condition. It was the NEST consultant who told her about Early Intervention and advised her to call H-KISS. About a month later, Arrow was being evaluated, and by the next month they were setting up plans with the speech, physical and occupational therapists, educator and toy specialist.</p> <p>When she told the pediatrician about the EI services, he said they could do that in a few months. She fought with him to get the services immediately, and her son began to get better and flourish under EI. She was also receiving public health nursing services to make sure Arrow’s weight was okay.</p> <p>By then she was pumping 8 times/day and producing 50 oz. per day. She had a pump in every room, 1 hospital grade pump and a total of 5 pumps. She was so dedicated to giving her son her own milk and she feels that really helped bring him to where he is today.</p> <p>She received a visit from the state nutritionist, and eventually they met with a neurologist and urologist. At about 4 months old, they received the diagnosis that Arrow had Prader Willi Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder where the person cannot control their hunger and</p>	

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	<p>they have a lot of behavioral issues, including autistic-type behaviors. Although it was shocking and devastating to learn about this, it was also good to finally know what they were dealing with, and they began seeing a geneticist.</p> <p>Through his first birthday, they were receiving EI services and Arrow was thriving. They were told he was doing too well so the provider dropped their services for 6 months. Shapiro was really upset, but she was told it was a funding issue. When services were finally restarted, there were gaps because of staff shortages and other issues.</p> <p>In spite of this, her son is doing very well. He had surgery to bring his testicles into the scrotal sacs. He's doing better than predicted and now, at 2 ½ years old, he is walking and running around. Though his speech is delayed, he has always been alert, happy, and really healthy. She attributes that to EI; she has so much gratitude for their therapists who have high caseloads and have to travel so far on the Big Island. They are the most selfless people who are strapped for time, so they go home and do their paperwork off the clock. Without them she doesn't think they could have done it. She wishes they had lighter caseloads and made more money so they would stay. Two speech therapists and one occupational therapist have left the island. She wants to say thank you because it has been a miracle to have these services and she is really grateful.</p> <p><i>B. Agency Sharing – DHS Childcare Services Program – Jill Arizumi</i></p> <p>Arizumi shared an overview of DHS. Main divisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MedQuest 2) Benefit, Employment & Support Services 3) Social Services (Child Protective Services) 4) Vocational Rehab <p>Under Benefit, Employment & Support Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) b) Employment Training Program/Work Participation Programs/First to Work c) SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Food Stamps d) Child Care Subsidy & Licensing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Care Connection – see handout Handle the \$21M/year subsidy program monies from federal government; 7179 families served in FY 2015; 12,323 children; additional 7500 served through DHS/DOE A+ contract 2. Preschool Open Door (POD) – see handout Administered by PATCH (People Attentive to Children), state funded; 1265 families served in state fiscal year (SFY) 2015; 1287 children served; \$7.6M child care subsidies in SFY 2015; next year increased to \$10M; \$11.6M 	

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	<p>including child care subsidies and administrative services.</p> <p>3. Child Care Licensing for group child care, preschool, group child care homes, before/after school, summer programs, infant/toddler centers; Family Child Care Homes for registered homes taking care of 3-6 children</p> <p>Shared about the CCDBG (Child Care and Developmental Block Grant) – the President signed authorization requirements for states nationwide; concentrating on improving the health and safety of children in child care, making the program more family-friendly, ensuring parents and the public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them, and improving the overall quality of early learning and afterschool programs.</p> <p><i>C. Update on Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB) – Mike Fahey</i></p> <p>Fahey reported that the bill to change the Early Learning Advisory Board to a commission did not go through. He shared that the governor had the legislature introduce this bill to create a body that would oversee the Director of Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL). ELAB’s solution is to develop a governance subcommittee which will look at ways to change or adapt ELAB so that it can meet what the governor wants while keeping its purpose as an advisor to the EOEL.</p> <p>ELAB has organized three work groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GOVERNANCE: Investigate the possible governance models for the Office on Early Learning (OEL) and prepare a white paper with a recommendation for ELAB review/approval; identify support needs of OEL and relationship to Action Strategy. 2. ORGANIZATION: Map out succession planning needs for members, including leadership; coordinate efforts to advocate for early childhood initiatives of ELAB with Legislators and monitor legislation, including designing testimony for ELAB review/approval. 3. CHARTER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT SUSTAINABILITY: The grant has a four-year lifespan for federal funding and a sustainability plan is needed. Key questions to be addressed include: What needs to be sustained (e.g., where will program sit)? What resources are needed to sustain it? What funding sources should be pursued to provide sustainability? <p>Fahey mentioned the reason for having Arizumi report today is because, as a group, we have to understand what is happening within the early childhood big picture. Our children who have disabilities should have access to all services that any child should have. DHS is the only agency at this time that provides quality measures for early child care providers. Right</p>	

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<p>III. Council Business</p>	<p>now we can only create standards and work on quality within the DOE preschools (20 plus 4 charter preschools). The Executive Office of Early Learning has organized a strategic planning group to develop a 10-year plan to ensure that our children are safe, healthy, ready to learn and economically okay.</p> <p>Discussion around charter and DOE preschools currently not serving special education students. This might be a place for this committee to focus on how to get students with special needs into these programs.</p> <p><i>A. Update on Recommendations for HEICC Reappointments and Vacancies</i></p> <p>Takemoto reported that currently, 21 out of 25 council positions have been filled. In June, there will be 5 vacancies since Mike Fahey's term will be ending.</p> <p>The 5 vacancies include Leolinda Parlin's position. She was asked if she would continue and she declined. Takemoto is waiting to receive any recommendations she may have.</p> <p>Personnel Preparation position: Mary Jo Noonan's application has been received by Boards & Commissions; waiting for the governor to sign.</p> <p>DHS Medicaid position: Dr. Toma's application has not yet been received by Boards & Commissions. Takemoto emailed Dr. Toma and is waiting for a response.</p> <p>Other Members of Interest selected by the governor: Keri Urosevich; she said will work on completing her application.</p> <p>Moniz-Tadeo sent an invitation letter to Lauren Moriguchi but has not received a response yet. Moniz-Tadeo followed up with a voice message.</p> <p>Takemoto reports there is one more position to fill which can be a parent, EI provider, or Other Members of Interest appointed by the governor.</p> <p>Takemoto received feedback from Senator Chun Oakland who said she will need to be replaced since she is leaving the legislature. She sent an email and copied in the senate president who will appoint a new senate representative.</p>	

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	<p><i>B. Executive Committee Members – Recommendations/Open Nomination</i></p> <p>Maga extended an open invitation to any committee member interested in joining the executive committee (EC). The EC meets once a quarter just prior to the quarterly meeting to go over the agenda and action items to be addressed. Meetings are held on Oahu; travel expenses are paid for neighbor island members. Teleconferencing is possible but that would require the meeting site on the other island to be open to the public. If interested, sign up today or email/call us separately. Nominations are also welcome.</p> <p><i>C. HEICC Priorities and Subcommittee Discussion – Confirm Decision and Plan</i></p> <p>Moniz-Tadeo shared what is happening with the work group updates. At the last quarterly council meeting on March 30, 2016 the council requested to establish work groups to gather information around some of our priorities. The priorities were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Availability and access to ensure the state is meeting federal requirements 2. Gathering data to create a salary grid to show current salaries or labor rates for various disciplines 3. Comparison grid to look at those same salaries across different locations on the mainland with similar cost of living indexes such as San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York City 4. Gather data regarding outcomes which appear to be getting worse; eg. Corrective action plans for purchase of service providers that have been increasing <p>When the executive committee met on May 17, 2016, it was decided that, instead of creating council work groups or subcommittees (which would require us to follow the Sunshine Law by posting these meetings and having them open to the public), the committee would incorporate the priorities from the council with the SSIP since they are already have established work groups not subject to the Sunshine Law addressing these priorities.</p> <p>The Revised Crosswalk HEICC Priorities and Early Intervention Initiatives/Actions handout was distributed showing the council’s priorities and how they align with the Early Intervention SSIP Initiatives/Actions. Also listed were the four SSIP work groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Development and Technical Assistance: SSIP focus is social/emotional development, but what we put in place now on a smaller scale will be applicable to our entire system; focus on competencies and professional development of workforce. 2. Staffing: co-chaired by Robles and Mae Braceres, EI contract person. Doug Mersberg is a contributing member. This work group looks at staffing and how it can be increased. Not yet looking at gaps. Moniz-Tadeo addressed Rep. Bert Kobayashi and said this is an area 	

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<p>IV. Early Intervention Section Update – EIS Update Handout distributed</p>	<p>where the council would welcome his support to help them find out what the legislators need so that the council can look at salaries or how to advocate for equal salaries across DOE and DOH since there (currently) are discrepancies.</p> <p>3. Tele-Health: using technology in the field. Takemoto is co-chair and Keri Kobayashi participates.</p> <p>4. Monitoring and Accountability: using data to improve our programs. Member Carrie Pisciotto, co-led by Kathy Kubo.</p> <p>Moniz-Tadeo asked those who are passionate about these priorities to sign up for the SSIP work groups and participate to ensure that the council’s priorities are being addressed. In addition to the SSIP summaries that Robles will share at the quarterly meetings, council work group members will be encouraged to contribute additional information that they feel the council should hear.</p> <p>Robles passed out the work group membership list (refer to handout) and identified current HEICC members and supporters already participating. Takemoto added that even though there are a lot of people listed, most of them are participating by email, so in-person participation is small. More participants are welcomed, and members can attend in-person, via email or conference call. The meetings usually last a couple of hours.</p> <p>D. Legislative Update – Charlene Robles</p> <p>Robles shared that there are no significant changes in legislative items. The governor will be signing SB 2476 at a ceremony tomorrow. This bill addresses the deaf, blind, and language access for our 0-5 year old children. It will require putting together a work group to review what is being done around the services, and coordinating with DOE and EOEL.</p> <p>A. Part C Update</p> <p>Robles reported that the DOH/DOE MOU (memorandum of understanding) for children transitioning from EI into DOE is in the DOE superintendent’s office awaiting signature. It is significantly overdue but she hopes to get it completed by July 1st. The Office of Special Education (OSEP) is giving EIS until the end of July to have this completed.</p> <p>B. Budget</p> <p>Robles reported that there are no budgetary concerns or deficits at this time.</p>	

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	<p>C. Vacant Positions</p> <p>Reviewed handout. Includes total number of positions, vacancies, and related notes. Also listed are vacant DOH external positions that can be found on our website. Positions which are currently covered by subcontractors and outside agencies are summarized.</p> <p>D. SSIP Update</p> <p>Robles reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrations sites: EIS will be bringing in some trainers to work on implementation, provide input and help build its system. 2. EIS is part of a cohort with Early Childhood Personnel Center which is contracted by OSEP to develop an integrated professional development workforce plan. The focus is to integrate with DOE’s preschool program, look at their professional development system and EIS’s, and find ways to leverage and support each other. 3. Jill Arizumi shared about DHS and they have asked EIS to be part of their peer learning group which will focus on the quality of child care for infants and toddlers. 4. The EIS Admin office is getting ready to move to the downtown office, maybe during the first quarter of 2017. <p>E. Initiatives and Activities</p> <p>Robles reported that Waimanalo Blooms was awarded the contract to work on EIS’s database assessment. The plan is for them to map out what EIS needs, write up the documents needed for the RFP, and help EIS build legislative documents which can be used for funding.</p> <p>F. Program Measures Dashboard with Complaint Summary</p> <p>Robles distributed HEICC Program Measures at a Glance Dashboard report. She reported that there are no significant changes; according to the calculations, EIS is on target at 87-90% for 2016 compared to last year’s data.</p> <p>The last page summarized complaints received for the quarter. The January to March quarter categorized as non-IDEA complaint was not related to federal compliance issue. It could have been a parent not satisfied with a service provider or something along that line. There was one complaint and it was settled without going through due processing.</p>	

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	<p>Alan Gamble had a question regarding page 4, showing 68 under “withdrawal by parent/guardian” and wondered if there is any follow-up as to the reasons for withdrawal. Carrie Pisciotto stated that there is a system in place where the staff has to contact the family by making at least 3 calls on 3 different days and times. If unable to contact them, a final follow-up letter is sent asking the family to call with any questions or concerns. In some instances, there is a face-to-face conversation and the care coordinator will offer a 3-month follow-up.</p> <p>Discussion about “decline referral data” and providing the referral source with information about referral status. Takemoto shared that there is a place on the bottom of the referral form where parents can sign to give consent on the status of the referral. Not all of the referrals have the signed parent consent so we cannot let the referral source know if the parents declined service nor give them any information.</p> <p>Kerrie Urosevich brought up a question about Measure #4, page 2 and whether H-KISS doesn’t exist anymore and that we need to make sure the programs know that H-KISS’ name was changed to EI Referral Line. Robles stated that a mail-out was sent to the pediatricians and preschools with the new brochure, and that EIS is working with its IT department to update its database so that forms will show the new name.</p> <p>Mike Fahey stated that there is a lot of discussion happening between the professionals in these meetings, but that the council needs to create a more parent-friendly board. The context of things need to be explained. One orientation is done at the beginning of the year but new members come on throughout the year, so things like Part C or Part B need to be explained. Wanted to remind everyone to explain acronyms, as well as provide context on what a subject has to do with the council’s task. Moniz-Tadeo and Maga have a note to present another orientation for those new to the council.</p> <p>A question was raised, “Is there a process for capturing information on the children EIS may be missing?” Per Robles, EIS is working with the P-20 group which is helping with data sharing across agencies and is working on MOUs. Fahey clarified that P-20 stands for Provision of Early Childhood to 20 is a project at UH. There is a data consortium that includes Center on the Family, P-20, and Hawaii Children’s Action Network who are looking at all the data and trying to figure out how they can create a system that shares the data between all the agencies and projects that meet the requirements of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) and FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act).</p> <p>Peter Trang shared that, as a parent, he is confused that there are so many state agencies</p>	<p>Moniz-Tadeo and Maga to present another orientation for newer council members.</p>

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<p>V. Public Comment</p> <p>VI. Announcements</p> <p>VII. Future Meetings</p> <p>VIII. Adjourn</p>	<p>which families assume will communicate and share data, but which is not the case, and it is frustrating. Discussion followed about the lapse of services, duplication, reopening of cases.</p> <p>Gamble asked, with advent of autism law (Luke’s Law), is there any plan for EIS to tap into Medicaid dollars? Per Charlene, EIS has had some preliminary discussions with MedQuest division and plans to look into it further.</p> <p>Maga acknowledged and thanked Alan Gamble, who is retiring, for all his years of service on the council. Haaheo Mansfield, another long time council member was also acknowledged and a card was passed around for people to sign.</p> <p>August 31 and November 31, 2016. This room has been reserved for these meetings.</p> <p>Moniz-Tadeo adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.</p>	