

HAWAII EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting
August 28, 2019

O‘ahu	1010 Richards Street, Honolulu, 96813, Conference Room 111A&B
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MINUTES

- Members Present:** Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo (Chair), Kerrie Urosevich (Vice-Chair), Ku‘ulei Arceo, Daintry Bartoldus, Bonyen Colunga, Patricia Dong (Designee), Kehau Golis, Adam Huillet, A. Ige (Designee), Brianna Levy, Nagisa Kimura, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Douglas Mersberg, Lauren Moriguchi, Leah Muccio, Sandra Pak, Sharon Thomas
- Members Absent:** Senator Jarett Keohokalole, Bernadette Lane, Dayna Luka, Amy Tamashiro, Danette Wong Tomiyasu
- Ex-Officio:** Charlene Robles, Patricia Heu
- Guest:** Sarah Hardin, Christine Jackson, Luke Kusumoto
- Staff:** Aya Aoki

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order	Chair, Dr. Moniz-Tadeo, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. <i>a. Introductions</i> <i>b. Review Agenda</i> Agenda reviewed. No additions or comments. <i>c. Review Minutes from May 29, 2019 Quarterly Meeting</i> Minutes were reviewed and approved.	
2. Early Intervention Section Update	<i>a. Part C Update – Charlene Robles</i> <i>[Refer to Early Intervention Section Update handout]</i> Part C application is approved. The grant remains the same level from the prior year at \$2,301,492.	

b. Budget

Resubmitting budget request to move three positions that are currently allocated to Part C Grant to General Funds, to allow EIS to submit Medicaid and Tricare reimbursement claims.

Representative Kobayashi asked a question on the EIS schedule on requesting a further increase in the state budget. He suggested that EIS should be prepared to request an increase every 2-3 years, and discussed that HEICC can advise EIS on how to prepare and strategize. Representative shared that typically around September, the overall Department budget request goes to the Department of Budget and Finance. He further explained that there are three to four levels of budget approval tables: budget approved by the Governor, budget approved by the Department of Budget and Finance, budget approved by the Director of Department, and the Division budget request to the Department Head. The higher the level of tables the better, so the increased budget included in the Governor's budget is ideal. Robles appreciated his guidance on this matter. Pak agreed that HEICC would be in a better position to negotiate with the Division and Department, as EIS as a program level needs to compete with all other programs with various needs.

c. Positions

Robles explained the reason for a higher total number of positions for POS contract programs is when EIS distributed the additional \$2.7 million, along with the increased rates, EIS also increased the numbers of hours based on the original request submitted by the POS programs, to ensure the services are available for children.

She shared that in Quarter 1, the POS vacancy rate was about 24%, Quarter 2 at 18%, Quarter 3 at 19%, and Quarter 4 with increased service hours, about 20%.

d. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

Robles provided workgroup updates.

- Professional Development: Piloting observation tool in delivering Primary Service Provider and Coaching model.
- Fiscal/Staffing: Developing recruitment opportunity resource list.
- Fiscal/Tele-practice: Piloting a mainland tele-practice service to address staff shortages.
- Data for Program Improvement: Finalizing a tool for providers to assess Child Outcomes Summary process.

e. Initiatives and Activities

Web-based EI data system contract has been executed and the contractor Harris is currently visiting EIS.

f. Program Measures Dashboard with Complaint Summary

[Refer to HEICC Program Measures at A Glance Dashboard handout]

Referral (Measure 1-4) data has been constant. There is a decrease in timely MDE and IFSP (Measure 5-6), with the most common program late reasons being Vacancy and Schedule Full, the latter of which could also be related to vacancies. Eligibility category (Measure 7) has not changed. There has been an increasing trend over years in ‘Unable to Contact’ the families after eligibility is determined (Measure 8). The average number of children with IFSP per quarter and Children Exiting from EI services data have increased (Measure 9-10).

Huillet commented that the trend of eligible children increase may be good, while he wonders if pediatricians and other health providers are missing potentially EI eligible children through screening.

Moriguchi shared the conversation with school principals that in the past, schools received estimated numbers of children graduating from EI and entering the DOE program, but that information is no longer available, making it difficult to plan their classrooms. Robles explained that EI programs used to produce estimated number lists, while the regulation requires EI to provide Transition Notices to both home-school and DOE State office, which is considered more accurate information. She offered that EIS is open for discussion with DOE if there is a need to revisit the current transition notice process.

g. General

Easterseals Hawaii has been awarded the Central Oahu contract.

Parent member support to include rental car option, in addition to Uber and taxi. Pak shared that in their council, some neighbor island members join via video-conferencing. According to the AG office, video-conferencing qualifies for a quorum, but not tele-conferencing.

	<p>Robles shared a powerpoint explaining the relationship among EI, State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), HEICC and Demo Sites, and how priorities are identified. She shared that the Executive Committee is planning to meet later in September to further discuss HEICC roles and priorities to support EIS.</p>	
<p>3. Council Business</p>	<p>a. <i>Legislative Update</i> No legislative update.</p> <p>b. <i>Early Learning Board- Lauren Moriguchi</i> Act 276/Senate bill 78 passed. This is related to the administrative authority for publicly funded pre-K. It clarified the authority of Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL) over the state public pre-K schools, including some transfers of existing DOE pre-K classrooms to EOEL with the exception of SPED pre-K and Title I pre-K. It also supported additional funding for 10 new pre-K classrooms as well as sustaining 18 charter school classrooms. It also funded additional staff at EOEL including a communication specialist and a workforce specialist, and to support the additional pre-K classrooms, an institutional analyst, education specialist, secretary, and office assistant.</p> <p>Moriguchi emphasized that EOEL, DOE and other partners are working together to ensure the delivery of a quality public and private early childhood education system, by developing the necessary workforce.</p> <p>Early Learning Board (ELB) has developed a process of convening different workgroups and sub-groups: governance, finance/capacity/resource, systems mapping and relationship building. Urosevich shared that the systems mapping and relationship building sub-group is working in collaboration with Hawaii Leadership Forum, which has a mapping specialist, and is going to conduct an outreach to map all services working for young children as well as gaps by island. The plan is to have a draft mapping ready by Feb-Apr next year for consultation with HEICC and other stakeholders. She also shared the updates on the Keiki Central development.</p> <p>ELB voted priorities for the coming year – increasing access and utilization of high-quality early childhood development program, promoting continuity of early childhood development program, promoting collaboration between public and private sector in early childhood development program from pre-natal to kindergarten, and expanding the role of EOEL in facilitating the development of early childhood system building.</p>	

*c. **Federal Policy Update** - Kerrie Urosevich
[Refer to What's Coming Down the Pike A Policy, Funding, and Futures Discussion slide shared at the 2019 OSEP Leadership Conference]*

Urosevich shared some highlights of the presentation above from the recent national conference.

- Education accounts for just 2% of all Federal spending.
- Education investment is well below 2011 level in inflation-adjusted terms
- IDEA Part C funding has been flat between FFY2018 and FFY2019 at \$470 million.
- House passed FFY2020 IDEA Part C funding increase by \$21 million to \$491 million
- Part C and Preschool 619 programs serve over 1.16 million children, about double the number served in 1991.
- 'Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act' was introduced. The purpose of the bill is to restore the Part C and Part B funding levels with inflation considered since the 1990's and proposes a significant increase in funding level over the next five fiscal years to make this correction.
- 'Child Care for Working Families Act' reintroduced in March 2019, supporting child care and development assistance, high school pre-school, head start expanded duration, Part C and Preschool 619, and maternal/infant/early childhood home visiting program.

Urosevich commented that if HEICC decides to support these federal level bills, the Executive Committee can further discuss the next steps. She asked a question on how the Part C grant to each state is determined. Robles shared that it is formula-driven and each state has a different mechanism of funding at the state level as well as differences in the lead agency for Part C.

*d. **HEICC Priorities** – Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo
[Refer to HEICC Priorities handout]*

Urosevich encouraged HEICC members to participate and contribute through the SSIP workgroups. Aoki concurred and shared that workgroups typically meet monthly and participation via zoom or email contributions are welcome.

	<p><i>e. HEICC/Exec Committee Appointment and Vacancies</i></p> <p>Aoki welcomed two new council members, Daintry Bartoldus and Brianna Levy. She shared that the council continues to search for more parents to join the council (three parent vacancies). She shared that there are a number of interested parents, and council members are assisting them by talking with them and answering any questions, though none has been able to file an application.</p>	All council members to explore recruitment of potential parents who may be interested in becoming HEICC members.
5. Public Comment	No public comment.	
6. Announcements	Urosevich shared that Early Childhood Action Strategy will hold its All Network Meeting on October 9 from 8:30am to 3:30pm at Ko’olau Ballrooms in Kaneohe.	
7. Future Meeting	<p><i>[Refer to 2019 HEICC Meeting Schedule handout]</i></p> <p>The next Quarterly Meeting will be on November 20, 2019, 9am – 12pm.</p>	
8. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.	