

**The State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)
Quick Notes
February 10, 2006**

Early On Redesign:

Maureen Greer, Redesign Coordinator, shared updates related to the many things that are happening with Redesign.

- **Fiscal Study**

As part of the Fiscal Study; the cost study, revenue study and utilization study need to occur. The studies will determine what money is out there, where the funding streams are, the cost to provide *Early On*, and what services children are receiving. The Fiscal Task Force will meet for the second time February 27th to finalize letters that will be sent to the respective agencies to gather the information needed for the studies.

- **Internal Review**

The State Interagency Team began working on the internal review process, and is looking at how *Early On* functions at the state level as well as across agencies. A meaningful Interagency Agreement will be developed.

- **Results Groups**

The SICC voted to approve the documents from the Results Groups (Components of the *Early On* System and Indicators for the Family and Child Outcomes) after suggestions from the Council's November meeting were incorporated. Documents will be posted on the Redesign website, www.earlyonredesign.com.

- **Eligible Population Task Force**

The Task Force has arrived at a prevalence model, and looked at eligibility determination for *Early On*. Work from the *Early On* System Operations subcommittee was utilized by the Task Force. A subcommittee will meet to look at tools used to determine eligibility. The recommendations will be posted for informal public comment and be presented to the SICC for approval in June.

- **Parent Leadership Meeting**

Representatives from different agencies, who might be able to commit funds to create a broad parent leadership program, were brought together for two meetings. Within MDE, there is interest on behalf of some of the other departments that have requirements for parent participation, and it will be on the agenda for the next Director's meeting. Interagency Directors are also interested. This parent leadership piece is not tied to the Fiscal Study and will include more parents than just those with children in *Early On*.

Action Items:

? The SICC approved a motion to ask Superintendent Mike Flanagan to contact the Governor's office regarding the lack of current SICC appointees.

? The SICC approved a motion from the Parent Involvement Committee to take the lead on and convene a group of stakeholders to recommend a family survey be sent out by Wayne State University. Federal reporting timelines will be considered.

Note: A decision was made after the meeting to have Wayne State University send the NCSEAM survey this year and bring together a group of family stakeholders to determine which survey is sent out next year, to keep in line with federal reporting timelines.

? The SICC approved a motion to send a letter to the Governor and legislature suggesting they expand the 1115 Medicaid waiver to include *Early On*. This waiver would maximize Medicaid benefits for children in *Early On* and would tie into the Fiscal Study.

Presentations:

? Doug Paterson was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service and commitment to the SICCC on behalf of children and families.

? Wayne State University gave a power point presentation containing the findings from Fiscal Year 2004/05, including the *Early On* System Review interviews.

Updates:

? A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be released this spring, out of MDE, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services for a new Parent Grant. The new RFP will address issues learned through the discovery work and IDEA parent needs for Part B and Part C. The anticipated components of the new RFP will be information, support, connection and leadership.

? Mike Foley from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) distributed information and shared that the Great Start Collaborative Grants and Capacity Building Grants were awarded to 14 ISDs. The next steps include meeting with the funded communities and holding media events, conducting community needs assessments, and providing technical assistance to the communities. There is a tremendous focus on involving parents, and Teresa Marvin has been hired as a parent contractor.

? The Ad Hoc Committee on Hearing Loss will be co-chaired by Garrett Wheat and Mary Scoblic. Members will attend a conference and stakeholder meetings through March in the Lansing area, to gain better understanding of hearing, of types of hearing loss, terminology, and possible supports and services for families.

? The Autism Spectrum Disorder work group is looking at ways to identify children with ASD earlier. The workgroup consists of a large number of stakeholders, parents, and experts from the medical field. Information from the workgroup can be located at the website www.cenmi.org/asd. People are encouraged to join the listserv for more information.

? Staff attended the National Part C OSEP Conference. The Part C regulations won't be completed until the Part B regulations are finalized, later this year.

? Ninety people attended the pre-conference session of the Michigan Collaborative Early Childhood Conference, hosted by Kathy Hebbeler, and positive feedback was received. MDE supported seven parents from around the state to attend the pre-conference session.

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