

**Region 6 IEC Meeting Minutes**  
**WEAC, ISD 347 District Office, 611 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Willmar, MN**  
**Wed, Nov 30, 2022**

2022-2023 Co-chairs (Kandiyohi & Lac qui Parle Counties): Jody Ammerman, Karie Miller, Jodi Wambeke, Darla Swedzinski, Lac qui Parle, Lac qui Parle Alternate

The meeting began with introductions and agency updates. The agenda and minutes from September 28, 2022 were approved as presented. The budget for fiscal year 2023 includes a carryover for a total of \_\_\_\_\_.

MDE Updates were reminders for December 1 annual headcount for students receiving special education services in school districts. This defines annual funding to support Part C efforts. An overview of the summary of findings conducted by child protection and its process for auto-referral to HMG.

FY 2023 Work Plan discussion included working with Ten17 Media to create 90-second video for Help Me Grow Social Media Campaign for local distribution. Cindy Kvaal will be leading the development as key early childhood special educator. Goals for the public awareness is to refer to early intervention instead of early childhood special education, getting more parents comfortable to seeking and understanding interventions. Some discussion was held regarding districts with waiting lists for evaluations.

A list of Work Plan activities completed and scheduled and target audiences for this fiscal year was reviewed:

- a. September 28: Distribution of referral materials to IEC members
- b. September 29: Upper Sioux presentation on Early Childhood Development/Autism interest.
- c. October 11: Fire Station in Willmar. IEC is partnering with Public Health.
- d. November 22: Benson Clinic & Hospital – switching to CentraCare in 2023
- e. November 28: CentraCare early childhood connections
- f. November 28: Lutheran Social Services – teen parent presentation
- g. November IEC newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/1cb53d26bcbb/free-training-relationships-routines-rest-5915029>
- h. December 19: Kandiyohi County early childhood outreach
- j. Kid's First Conference: Partnering with Region 8. Others? (Linda is unavailable)

**FY 2023 TARGETS:**

- a. Presentations and Materials:
  - a. Public Health, County groups
  - b. CentraCare, local clinics/hospitals systems
  - c. Diverse populations: CLUES, Community Integration Center, Tribal Nations-Lower Sioux
  - d. Large employers: Jennie-O, Riverview Dairy, others?
  - e. Emergency shelters/food shelves including Hope for the City, congregations
  - f. Childcare Centers and Family Providers

Discussion on the best ways to distribute to school districts not represented on IEC, ECFC classes, Head Start family advocates, congregations, other local "go-to" resources/identification within each county. There is opportunity for at large training events. Suggestions for speakers and topics should be submitted to Linda Mathiasen. She is able to provide training that is Develop approved for child care professionals in (4) DHS courses and (7) Center for Inclusive Childcare.

**Develop-Approved Courses:** Observation and Documentation: Planning for Individual Needs, Young Children with Developmental Delays, Observation and Documentation: Using Program Information for Decision-Making, Children's Behavior: The Importance of the Practitioner's Role, Prevention: It's All about Environment, Inside the Child: Social and Emotional Development, Observation: Finding the Function of Behavior, Tools for the Toolbox: Strategies to Meet Challenging Behaviors, ADHD: Seeing the Disability Behind the Behavior, Autism: Including Children with Social, Communication and Behavioral Needs

The courses need to be at least two hours for Develop learning credit. Interest in presenting this material to school district staff during in-service is an option and seen as a benefit to early childhood staff that are not working in special education. Training participation numbers have been low per Milestones in St. Cloud. Other training partners are UCAP, Child Care Aware. A list of possible training locations will be generated. A goal would be to tag on events already happening such as parent bingo events, school outreach to employers, MOPS (Bunde church), MOMS and congregation outreach.

Purchasing of additional materials: A motion to buy 800 screening bookmarks was made by Kari Dorry, seconded by Julie Schroeder. Motion carried.

Next meeting is February 22 at 9 a.m. – noon. The meeting will be virtual. A Teams link will be sent.

*FY 2023 dates: February 22 and April 26*