

**Region 6 IEIC Meeting Agenda**  
**WEAC, ISD 347 District Office, 611 5<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Wed, April 26, 2023, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

Present: Jody Ammerman, Hillary Spray, Katie Slagter, Linda Mathiasen, Laurie Terning, Cindy Kvaal, Rhonda Buysse, Billy Lindeman, Connie Fragodt, Julie Schroeder

- I. Welcome, Introductions and Agency Updates – do this simultaneously with introductions
  - i. -Public Health Laurie Terning/ Meeker-seeing people in person for Home Visits doing WIC virtual. Katie Slagter/Renville-WIC virtual, increase in prenatal referrals, fully staffed. Hillary Spray/Countryside 50% in person for WIC will be 100% in June. Starting online version for FAP program. Has NFP and MECSH for Home Visiting. Jody Ammerman/ Kandiyohi referrals steady, WIC in-person and is going well. Position for new director for Health and Human Services posted.
  - ii. -Mental Health-Referrals up and turning into evaluations.
  - iii. Social Services- Referrals are up across the board.
  - iv. -Child Care/Parent Aware- A talking is teaching grant is available for childcare centers, as they did not get interest from home daycares.
    - Grants are available for childcare providers and centers
    - Tina money is available for parents for childcare.
    - Applications for fall scholarships priority will be given to foster care, domestic violence substance abuse, and parents who have been incarcerated.
    - Scholarships are for age 3 and 4, may expand to age 5.
  - v. -Head Start-Numbers are up. End of school year teachers are trying to get through the rest of the year.
    - MACCRAY baby boom referrals are coming. Monte numbers are up, busy with referrals, staff does not work in the summer so busy now with referrals for kids turning 3 in the summer.
  - vi. -Preschool Screening –Julie Schroeder has new teachers starting and will be providing trainings for teachers in the fall focusing on behavior health.
  - vii. -Pact for Families
  - viii. –Other
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from February 22, 2023 meeting. See attached. Do not have minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve by Cindy Kvaal second by Laurie Terning, motion carried unanimously.
- III. Roster: Membership & New Co-Chairs for FY 2024 – see attached
  - a. Continue to invite County Alternatives, Parents and BIPOC Partners. A goal for next meeting is to get parents to join these meetings
- IV. Financial Update – FY 2023 Budget. See attached. Ordered \$6,000 worth of resources for counties to get supplies when they need. We have funds remaining \$7,441.52 to do some advertising or other things we think would of good use for the money. Maybe trainings for part-time providers, trainings on behaviors.
- V. MDE Updates:
  - a. DEIJ work continues – 15-month training series

- b. Help Me Connect Information – see attached. Can add our own information to make it more robust and with more resources for our area. Resources for up to age 8. Shawn Holmes willing to come and present. Linda will reach out and see if she can present at our fall meeting.
- c. Ads – Resources: [Resources Hub for Providers \(helpmegrowmn.org\)](https://helpmegrowmn.org) With carryover money do we want to do some ads?
- d. Help Me Grown Media Release Form – see attached

VI. FY 2023 Work Plan –

- a. Child Find Local Video with Ten17 bid to create 90-second videos on Help Me Grow Social Media Campaign. Goal to increase referrals and parent/partner understanding to improve comfort/accept services.
  - i. Media Release will be used. Litchfield parent of 4yo and will be filmed at Litchfield ECCE classroom. Cindy Kvaal will be on camera along with Litchfield EC specialists.
- b. Parent Education of Milestone ads in Western Peach, Hutchinson Leader/Litchfield Independent Review Advertiser, West Central Tribune Reminder
- c. Materials – Take materials with you for distribution.
  - i. Referral bookmarkers were ordered and printed locally: \$215 on April 3.
    - Motion to purchase 1000 by Connie Fragodt, second by Amber Deters. Motion carried with 17 yays, no neighs voting via email.
- d. CentraCare Presentation – Linda presented her PowerPoint on Help me Grow and referral process. Linda Mathiasen, Jodi Wambeck and Jody Ammerman presenting for CentraCare lunch and learn on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> on Early Childhood resources and referrals. Linda will reach out to Brittany Pfannenstien-Pediatric Community support Program Coordinator for Centracare to see if she is willing to come and present at one of our meetings next year.

COMPLETED/SCHEDULED:

- e. September 28: Distribution of referral materials to IEC members
- f. September 29: Upper Sioux presentation on Early Childhood Development/Autism interest.
- g. October 11: Fire Station in Willmar. IEC is partnering with Public Health.
- h. November 22: Benson Clinic & Hospital – switching to CentraCare in 2023
- i. November 28: CentraCare early childhood connections
- j. November 28: Lutheran Social Services – teen parent presentation
- k. November IEC newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/1cb53d26bcbb/free-training-relationships-routines-rest-5915029>
- l. December 19: Kandiyohi County early childhood outreach
- j. Kid’s First Conference March 3-4: Partnering with Region 8. Requesting materials from MDE as participants are from various regions.
- k. (6E) March 23 & April 6: Develop approved training Young Children with Developmental Delays (two sessions 2 hours each) in Spicer.
- l. April 13: CentraCare Child Find training to Providers
- m. May 3: CentraCare Child Find training to Providers
- n. May 8: The Learning Funhouse, Bird Island, staff training on Center for Inclusive Childcare, Temperaments
- o. May 17: Supportive Hands Family Nurse Partnership
- p. June 12: The Learning Funhouse, Bird Island, open house training on Center for Inclusive Childcare, Function of Behaviors, with parents and staff
- q. Touch Points with Centers: (6W) Working to schedule center-specific trainings: Prairie Playhouse, Puddle Jumpers, Kids Inc, Learning Funhouse, Litchfield and Hutchinson centers.
- r. E-newsletter

VII. Proposed FY 2024 TARGETS Work Plan

- a. **New Request to host Super Saturday in Appleton/Benson/Madison**
  - a. Subcommittee held with Milestones, Prairie Five and Kari Dorry. Propose a Saturday in August. Seek funding for food from SWIF. Budget ranges based on trainers. Six hours is preferred length.

- b. Presentations to SWWC, Early Childhood Teachers, Paras, HeadStart, UCAP, Prairie Five. Sue Thomas is connecting Linda for these presentations.
- c. Vendor Expo at Kid's First Conference, other local conferences and expos, such as Willmar Fire Station
- d. Partnering with Kandiyohi County Early Childhood Outreach/WPS Schools for outreach to Jennie-O, MinnWest, Riverdale Dairy, Bethesda, onsite outreach events.
- e. Linda to do a presentation to Countryside Public Health
- f. 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. Emergency shelters/food shelves including Hope for the City, Mothers of Preschoolers, congregations
  - e. Childcare Centers and Family Providers

VII. 2024 Work Plan - Decision on continuing Committee Facilitator Model in FY2024

- a. Establishing Work Plan Goals for FY 2024 – see above.
  - i. Discussion:
    - Role of co-chairs –Next on list is Meeker and McLeod. Linda will write up and send out duties of co-chairs and what the role of the IEIC is.
    - Identifying Outreach Facilitator activities, scope of work and FY2023 contract
    - Motion to have SWWC to enter contract for scope of work, hours, rate, etc. Went over the contract for Linda. Motion to have Linda Mathiasen continue as Region 6 IEIC coordinator and facilitator and continue her scope of work, for 209 hours and to increased her hourly rate from \$90.00 to \$92.00 for a total of \$19,228.00. Motion made by Rhonda Buysse, second by Cindy Kvaal. 13 yays, no neighs, motion carried.

VIII. Other: Motion for up to \$2,000 for materials, room rental, and materials for Super Saturday made by Billy Lindeman second by Connie Fragodt. Motion carried.

IX. Set FY 2024 Calendar, fourth Wednesday of the month: September, November, February, April, 9 a.m. – Noon. Reserve location. Need to meet 4 times a year dates are as follows for fiscal year 2024: September 20<sup>th</sup> 2023, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, February 21st 2024, April 17, 2024.

Submitted by Jody Ammerman