

IEIC MEETING

Slayton Pizza Ranch/Virtual

9/27/2022

1:00-3:30 PM

Members Present: Sara Carlson, Sarah Kruse, Channing VanOverbeke, Anna Hesse, Emily Hoffman, Larisa Smith, Val Wagner, Shari Dean, Nikki Van't Hof, Ryann Beukema, Jennifer Zollner, Cody Rofshus, Hollie Pater, Sarah Mok, Kelly Konechne, Lisa Peterson

Agenda Approval: A motion was made by Channing and seconded by Shari to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Members Introductions: Members introduced themselves telling how they are using Help Me Grow materials. No specific past or present EC events in the area were mentioned. Welcome to new members Val Wagner, Larisa Smith, Ryann Beukema, and Sarah Mok!

Minutes Approval:

The meeting minutes of 4/26/22 were read with no corrections made. A motion made by Hollie and seconded by Nikki to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

There was a Work Plan meeting held May 10, 2022 with Kelly Konechne, Shari Dean, Jessica Froderman, Hollie Pater, and Lisa Peterson to discuss what should be included in the 2022-2023 Work Plan.

State Updates:

June 2022 – No State IEIC meeting was held. Instead Regional IEIC members were invited to the State ICC meeting to recap each Region's highlights and activities for 2021-2022.

July 2022 – No State meeting.

August 2022 - New State Follow Along Program (FAP) coordinator, Michele Kvikstad spoke about ideas to improve the system. She is wanting to visit each Regional IEIC meeting to find out the stories about FAP and what is unique to each region. She is tentatively scheduled to speak at Region 8 meeting on November 29.

September 2022 – No State IEIC meeting. We were invited to attend ICC September meeting. MDE Jon VanOeveren EC data and fiscal specialist spoke about the data revolving around early childhood. Of note is that data revolves around the information available through Help Me Grow but not look at local referral information. Discussion was held on how ICC can support us in accessing this information through school districts without involving ECSE teachers directly and also how to get data from other agencies as well that help inform us about Help Me Grow.

Region 8 Participation in Cultural events: The committee discussed possible participation in the World Fest in Marshall (spring 2023) and International Fest in Worthington (July 2023). Several ideas were presented and discussed. We will continue discussion next meeting.

Referral Tracking: We discussed the numbers from 2021-2022 in our Region. With approximately the same number of schools reporting from last year, Region 8 experienced a jump in referrals made to the schools. The state also reports a jump in referrals from the Help Me Grow website, but we are still down on referrals compared to 2018-2019 numbers.

Intro to IEIC: We did a brief intro on the purpose and make up of MN Interagency Early Intervention Committees.

Review of 2022-2023 Work Plan/Budget:

Highlights of the work plan include details on the work of the facilitator, how we will do outreach of Help Me Grow, focus on inclusive and equitable advocacy for all groups and communities in Region 8, and focus on parent involvement in the IEIC. Outreach activities included in the plan are advertising in community education brochures, advertising in news print and digital formats, getting on school websites, offering training to childcare providers, distributing HMG materials and information to Region 8 agencies, reaching the medical community, and distributing to food shelves in Region 8. Discussion focused on the budget of the current plan, with updates to the allocation and carryover amounts. When the plan was completed in June an estimation of some the funds had to be done. We now know the actual numbers – there is an extra \$569.04 for carryover, the actual allocation for Region 8 is \$56.99 more than what was in the original plan, and the indirect costs were not as much as was estimated for an extra \$643.75. So there is a bit more in funds for flexibility if needed. To see the actual work plan please check with Lisa or it can be accessed through the SWWC Service Cooperative website.

Operating Procedures:

The Committee began to update our committee's procedures. The last update was in December of 2020. Lisa will send out the 2020 procedures to look at before our next meeting. We will complete viewing and vote on any changes at our next meeting.

Current Budget:

The current federal budget allocation is \$21,209.82 . The carryover amount for this year is \$10,569.04 The total budget for 2022-2023 is \$31,778.86. So far \$2153.75 has been spent at time of our meeting. The remaining funds for the year are \$29,625.11.

Child Care Training:

The committee discussed several issues pertaining to the child care training we hope to have. The topic is Young Children with Developmental Delays. Lisa will check with the speaker about the issues raised and report back to the committee.

Help Me Grow Materials:

The first order for materials with Region 8 was placed in August. Materials were distributed to Nobles Public Health, Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership, SWHHS Public Health, SMOC Early Learning Scholarship program, Brandon SD Medical Clinic, and ECSE teacher. The next order will be done in January of 2023.

Meeting Dates for 2022-2023:

The remaining 3 meetings for Region 8 were decided to be the last Tuesdays of the meeting months. It will remain at the same time and location for now, keeping a hybrid component. The meeting dates will be:

Tuesday, November 28 at 1:00 Pizza Ranch Slayton

Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 Pizza Ranch Slayton

Tuesday, April 25 at 1:00 Slayton Pizza Ranch

Sample of Digital Family Stories:

We viewed a portion of one of the Family Stories recorded for Region 11 Help Me Grow that can be used by any of the regions around the state. The videos are posted on the Help Me Grow website showing how families of various cultures and languages became involved with Help Me Grow and what it was like for the family. Anyone can access the stories. Region 11 is looking for creative ways that regions are using these stories.

Next Steps:

*Send out Google tracking form to ECSE teachers in the Region

*Make contacts/share materials with medical facilities in region about Help Me Grow

*Continue working on childcare training details

*Check on Lower Sioux connections for possible Help Me Grow partner

The next IEIC meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov 29 at 1:00 at the Slayton Pizza Ranch with Michele Kvikstad from the State Follow Along Program presenting.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Peterson, Facilitator