

## HMG IEIC Region 8 Meeting Minutes

### Virtual-Microsoft Teams

11/29/22

1:00-3:00PM

Members Present: Sarah Mok, Sarah Kruse, Ryann Beukema, Kristin Deacon, Channing VanOverbeke, Sheryl Price, Jennifer Zollner, Anna Hesse, Tiffany Teske, Michelle Kvikstad, Nicole Chanthalack, Barb Austin, Hollie Pater, Lisa Peterson

Agenda Approval: A motion was made by Kristin and seconded by Channing to approve the agenda. A change to the agenda is to add “Other Projects” to # 11. Motion with added change is carried.

Members Introductions and Sharing: Members signed in through the roster. Nicole shared that she is stepping down from SMOC Head Start. She introduced Barb Austin as her replacement. We wish Nicole well in her new endeavors! Sheryl Price is a new IEIC member from UCAP Head Start as Mental Health & Disabilities Coordinator. Welcome to Sheryl and Barb! Tiffany Teske shared that Marshall ECFE sponsored a very successful Turkey Bingo in November.

### Minutes Approval:

The meeting minutes of 9-27-22 were read with no corrections made. A motion made by Hollie and seconded by Tiffany to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

### State Updates:

*October Meeting of the Minds (MOM) 2022* – The Follow Along Program (FAP) was discussed. Hollie, Nikki, and Shari were also on this call. Discussion revolved around how FAP can support the IEIC’s and how the IEIC’s can support FAP. We discussed how local contacts were somewhat lost when IEIC’s changed from County to Regional committees. The FAP contacts in SW MN are Chris Tauer, Bridget Bass, Cody Rofshus, Jessica Petersen, Kara Miller, Shari Dean. Michele will give more information on FAP later this meeting.

*November 2022* – CAPTA review of previous surveys was held virtually in November. Collaboration and communication between the agencies was found to be key for positive outcomes for families and agencies. The survey showed that it is good for both ECSE teachers and Social Workers to know each other’s requirements. Many statistics were given such as, Nationally 4% of the CAPTA referrals were identified as children with disabilities, while in Minnesota it is 10% of the CAPTA referrals are identified. In trying to effect change to the system, some short term, mid term, and long term goals were identified. A short term goal planned is to make changes to the Release of Information forms for parents and agencies. They are also making adaptations of the bookmark. A work group is being formed and they are looking for volunteers to serve on the work groups. They hope to finalize these short term goals for summer of 2023. Please let Lisa or Cat Tamminga know if you would be willing to serve on a work group.

*November MOM 2022* - This was a brainstorming session that covered a variety of subjects. One of the subjects was about IEIC’s making sure our memberships are representing across counties/agencies/populations. We also discussed tribal membership and the question was asked

if, as a sovereign nation, Tribes should have their own IEIC. We also discussed how IEIC's changed when we went regional rather than by county. The question was asked, are there any counties in MN that continue to meet as a local interagency group?

Operating Procedures Update: We continue to work on updating our committee's policies. We discussed several of the items to update with no conclusive agreement. Lisa will research with other IEIC's, Cat, and Tonia with the service co-op on how co-chairs should be determined and on the division of parent reimbursement as one lump stipend or divided by the stipend, mileage, and childcare reimbursement. Once Lisa gets more clarification she will present the operating procedures to the group by email.

Medical Contacts project: Lisa and Tonia from the service Co-operative worked together to send mailings to the 60+ Hospital/Clinic contacts in the Region this past week. The medical contacts were pulled from the document on google which was put together a few years ago. A letter addressed to the administrators/nurse managers about Help Me Grow, a sheet on when to make referrals, the HMG brochures in English and Spanish, and referral cards in English and Spanish were included in the mailings. Michele suggested that an IFAP bookmark could also be included in future mailings.

ChildCare Trainings update: Several questions were asked about the trainings at the last meeting. Karen DeBoer of ChildCare Aware suggested the dates March 21/22 and April 11/12 would work well for providers in the region. Lisa is waiting for confirmation on the dates and answers to the questions from the trainer. We are still looking at Windom and Pipestone for trainings but until we have specific dates, it is hard to secure a location. When Lisa has more information she will email the committee.

International Festival: This topic was tabled for next meeting.

Current Budget: Of the \$31,778.86 budget \$26,304.03 remains. No questions about the budget were asked.

Referral Tracking: We did a brief comparison of this year's trackings to last year at this same time. This year we had 14 schools reporting last year as compared to 18 of the 31 this same time this year. This year we had a decrease of 13 referrals in 0-2 age range and a decrease of 18 referrals in the 3-5 age range reported from this same time. Total referrals from the HMG website is down by 30 from last year. This year, in the 0-2 ages 71 of the 85 referrals came from the HMG website. In the 3-5 age range 44 of the 90 referrals came from the HMG website. Keeping in mind not all the schools reported their referral source, from the information that was reported, it looks like a significant decrease in referrals by preschool programs and social services. There was somewhat less referrals from Head Start. Other referral sources numbers seem to be about the same as last year. A copy of the referral tracking will be sent with the minutes.

Kids First Conference: This state-wide conference for child care providers is sponsored by SWIF and will be taking place in person again at Jackpot Junction on March 3-4, 2023. In the past, Region 6 and Region 8 shared duties at the Help Me Grow booth. This year Linda from Region 6 will not be available. The committee left it up to Lisa as to how much time will be spent at the booth. Lisa will check with Linda on obtaining materials to give away at the booth. Barb Austin shared the digital link to the Kids First brochure.

Kids First Brochure link is: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/247396876/>

Food Shelf Project: We will offer materials for committee members to take to their food shelves locally at the February meeting. Suggested materials to give to the food shelves are HMG Brochures and children's books. Lisa will send out an email to determine the amount that each county representative would like to order to distribute to their local food shelves.

School Websites: Advertising on the schools' websites is one of the projects on the current work plan. The ECSE teachers in our Region's schools were contacted to check with their ECFE partners to see if Help Me Grow could be listed on their websites as a resource for parents. One teacher did contact Lisa for additional information.

Community Education Brochures: Advertising has been done in Worthington (combined Fall/Winter), Windom (Fall and Winter), Redwood Falls (Fall and Winter), Luverne (Fall and Winter). These are paper brochures and online advertising. Advertising was also done in the Pipestone Star Health and Wellness flyer sent to Pipestone area residents. If any committee member has an additional resource to advertise in, please let Lisa know.

Michele Kvikstad on FAP: Michele explained the Follow Along Program to the committee. This program is through Public Health and is meant to complement other early childhood programs. The program is open to all families. It uses the Ages & Stages screening tool to help track development. In SW MN this program is for children Birth up to 3. Some families sign up to track their child's development, while other families are looking for appropriate activities at each stage of development. At the state level FAP is working together with several other early childhood state agencies. Kristin Deacon from SWHHS, shared that one of the challenges in her agency is that when the parents send the paper copy to the office in another language they can score the numbers, but there is not a translator to explain what the parents have written.

Native American Day: was last Friday. In honor of this day and in the spirit of trying to understand the native culture and how trauma in the past can continue to haunt their culture we watched a short video clip on ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act). A link to this video (and others) will be included in the email. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYMG13pKq4Y>

Next Meeting Dates for 2022-2023:

**Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 Pizza Ranch Slayton / Virtual**

Tuesday, April 25 at 1:00 Pizza Ranch Slayton / Virtual

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Peterson, Facilitator