

Help Me Grow IEIC MEETING MINUTES Region 8  
Go To Meeting  
(Virtual)  
12-2-20  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Members Present: Janelle Mickelson, Jessica Read, Karen DeBoer, Channing VanOverbeke, Anna Hesse, Emily Hoffmann, Laurie Denning, Jessica Froderman, Karli Schilling, Jane Feller, Nikki Van't Hof, Toni Baartman, Sue Reisch, Amber Bruns, Hollie Pater, Kelly Konechne, Lisa Peterson

Introductions: Welcome to new members Laurie Denning and Sue Reisch. A special welcome to SMSU student teacher, Karli Schilling. Members introduced themselves and their agencies with their updates.

Minutes Approval: The meeting minutes of 9/16/20 were read with no corrections made. A motion was made by Channing VanOverbeke and seconded by Toni Baartman to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Budget Report: It was discussed with no questions. Monies spent since July 1, 2020 is \$4,673.07. Our current balance is \$17,316.82.

State Updates:

\*A written update from the September and October state meetings was sent to Region 8 members on 10-29-20. There were no questions about this update.

\*MDE will be teleworking through this school year, meaning that all meetings will be held virtually until then.

\*Part C Coordinator, Cat Tamminga has been deployed part time to the Covid 19 State Education Committee to focus on safe learning spaces for our early childhood programs and on testing resources. She reports that it is going well.

\*The ICC (Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council) is doing a review of the state IEIC statute for equity wording in the statute.

\*MDE may have a way for the IEIC's to access referral information by County. Cat is working to clarify this for the Regional IEIC's.

\*Help Me Connect has had some unforeseen delays in transitioning information to the statewide system. They are building up the trainings for that now to be done as soon as the transition is complete.

\*State IEIC Retreat that is normally held in person in November has been changed to a virtual format with 4 - 2 hour sessions to be spread out January through April. Dates and times have not yet been determined. Lisa will send out the information as soon as it is available. All IEIC members are welcome to attend.

\*Cat has sent several forwards on work group opportunities, job postings, etc. along with a forward on Marty Smith, former Part C coordinator and HMG marketing specialist, who now has cancer and is in need of encouraging words. Those forwards will be sent to our Region 8 members to share out with others.

\*The next monthly State IEIC meeting will be December 21 and the next ICC meeting will be Dec. 16.

Old Business:

Google Docs Referral Tracker: The numbers from July 1, 2020 to present were shared. There were 16/30 school reporting 69 combined referrals for B-2 and 3-5. The biggest number of referrals came from families, hospitals/clinics, and preschool screenings. We also were looking at where referral sources learned about HMG. The most outstanding were hospitals/clinics and preschool screenings. Lisa will send out the info to members.

Operating Procedures: Changes were made to reflect the change in state statute in July of 2020. The document was sent to members. Hollie made a motion to adopt the changes to Region 8 document. Channing seconded the motion. Motion was carried. The updated document will be sent to Tonia at the Service Cooperative to post online.

New Business:

Review of our current Work Plan: Trainings for childcare providers to replace the ones cancelled last spring are not yet available at this time. Using the medical database compiled on google, Lisa has contacted several larger clinics in our Region by phone and email as part of our outreach effort. This was done in late October and early November with some success. However, with Covid numbers overwhelming these facilities at this time, it was felt by our members to limit this outreach at this time and wait until spring or when things have calmed down a bit.

Current HMG Materials: Materials were sent to Marshal Schools and Southwest Health and Human Services since our last meeting. There are a number of materials still available. Several members requested materials for their agencies. Material requests will be taken in the next week with more materials needing to be ordered through Region 11. A motion was made by Jessica Read and seconded by Jane Feller to order more materials as needed. Each county representative should reach out to Lisa regarding what materials you would like for your county or agency before Dec 11.

Members to represent diverse groups in our region: We are looking to be able to gain perspectives from the many cultural groups that comprise Southwestern Minnesota. Sue Reisch, PHN in Luverne has agreed to give us perspective as a Native American. She is Lakota from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, who has now moved back to Minnesota. Thank you, Sue! Please let Lisa know if you have any leads on or ideas of other groups (Latino, Karen, Somali, Hmong, etc.) that we could reach out to. We also continue to look for additional parent representatives.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be virtual on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00.

Next Steps: The updated operating procedures will be sent to Tonia at Service Cooperative. The recent emails from Cat Tamminga will be forwarded to members. Materials requested by members will be ordered and distributed. Remember requests can be made until December 11. We hold off contacting clinics and hospitals on outreach for now. We continue to look for more diverse representation on our committee.

State information will be sent periodically by email to members to help expedite our virtual meeting time, unless there are questions or discussions that needs to be done at the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion was made by Janelle and seconded by Channing to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried.

Notes written by Hollie Pater

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Peterson, Facilitator