

WYOMING QUARTERLY EARLY INTERVENTION COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010  
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**Members present** Jana Reade, Sandi O'Dell, Sarah Nicholas, Kim Bock, Sara Mofield, Bob Tranas, Rose Frye, Susan Wiley, Mike Massie, and Laurie Westlake. By Phone: Christine Bullinger, Lori Morrow, Darlena Schlachter, James Bush, and Charla Ricciardi.

Also in attendance, Chris Newman, Christine DeMers, Carol Maliszewski.

**Call to order:** Chairperson Susan Wiley called the meeting to order at 9:14AM. A quorum of the Council was present.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Nancy Pajak from EDHI

**Review of the October 22, 2009 Minutes:** Laurie Westlake moved and Bob Tranas seconded to approve the minutes of the Council's meeting on October 22, 2009 with one corrections; passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

**New applications for Parent Membership to the Council**

Three applications were received from parents/grandparents. Two of the applications did not list the ages of their child with a disability. It was suggested that the secretary find out the ages of the children and email a summary out to all members of the Council and take a vote via email. There was a concern noted about whether or not a parent could be employed by an agency involved in providing early intervention services. This issue will be researched and included in the email sent to Council members.

**Part C APR**

Christine DeMers gave an overview of the Part C APR due to OSEP on February 1, 2010. Part C received "needs assistance" last year. There was some discussion about communicating with parents and listening to their concerns and being sensitive to the families needs. Not always being concerned with meeting timelines but with services and meeting the needs of families.

**Nancy Pajak – EDHI (Wyoming Early Hearing Detections and Intervention Program**

Nancy gave an overview of the EDHI program to the Council. EDHI was in Casper conducting a specialty clinic with audiologist from the University of Wyoming, staff from WDE, EDHI and other support staff. They will be back in Casper February 18 and 19, 2010. Nancy reported that there are 21 birthing hospitals in Wyoming. There is a lack of people with skills and equipment to evaluate/diagnose very young children with hearing loss. All Child Development Centers do hearing screenings. Nancy says, the ears are the key board and the brain is the hard drive. There is no find key in our brain. The EDHI website is [www.wyomingehdi.org](http://www.wyomingehdi.org).

## **Part B APR**

Carol Maliszewski gave an overview of the Part B APR due to OSEP in February 1, 2010. Last year Part B received “meets requirements”. OSEP notified states that we will need to start reporting on the number of children who exited because of parental revoke of consent.

## **Special Quest**

Sara Mofield and Laurie Westlake presented information on Special Quest. The vision of Special Quest is for “state and local communities, including Early Head Start and Head Start programs and their community partners, collaborate to provide high-quality, inclusive services for young children with disabilities and their families.” Special Quest was just for the infant and toddler programs and now has a program for preschool inclusion. Two programs in Wyoming are working the Special Quest. The Wind River Reservation is using the program for community awareness and Region 10, Wyoming Child and Family is using the program as part of their CDA training. The Special Quest website is [www.specialquest.org](http://www.specialquest.org). A video clip from the program was viewed.

## **Setting Priorities**

Susan Wiley lead a discussion on the EIC setting priorities for the coming year. There was discussion about working with other community programs. Public commentary was a concern expressed by Jana Reade. Can we do a better job at getting the agenda out to the community? Right now only it is posted on the WDH website. Ideas discussed were sending flyer out by the local CDC when the EIC meeting is in their community. Invite local ICC groups to the EIC meeting when in their area. Invite all local ICC groups to every meeting. Add a standing agenda item, public comment. Once a year put out a press release about the EIC and the purpose of the Council. Make connections with the Wyoming Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities (WAPSD), maybe once a year meet for a half day with the WAPSD. Connect with the Governor’s Early Childhood Development Council (ECDC).

## **Review of By-laws**

Bob Tranas, Sara Mofield, Christine DeMers, Susan Wiley and Laurie Westlake will review the by-lays and report to the Council at the next meeting.

## **Agenda for next meeting**

Add public comment agenda item. Give specific time (at the beginning after call for additions to the agenda). Invite local ICC. Coordinate with CDC director. Find EIC vision statement. Review of by-laws. Contact Patty Burns concerning the replacement for Mr. Wilder.

**Next meetings** – April 22, 2010 Wednesday, in Torrington. July 15, 2010 in Gillette. October 14, 2010 in Jackson.

## **Adjournment**

Sandi O’Dell moved and Jana Reade seconded adjournment. Motion passed unanimously.