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Name of Group: Governance, Planning, and Administration:

Responsibility of the Group:

- To design and oversee the implementation of governance, planning and administrative structures that integrate the six system component groups to ensure that the results in the strategic plan are achieved.
- To develop a plan to create an infrastructure for the smooth functioning of the ECI Stakeholders
- To assure that the ECI Stakeholders create and implement a strategic plan, including a periodic report on progress the system has made in implementing the plan

Current Activities:

The final draft of the ECI Structure and Operational Guidelines has been approved by the ECI Co-Chairs and is now on the ECI Website. This represents an important step in a consensus on how we operate and work together. The Guidelines document outlines the fundamental principals and beliefs of Early Childhood Iowa, how it is organized and the roles and responsibilities of each of the component groups.

Development of an online membership form for new and current ECI members

Comparisons of last summer's survey results with those of the first and second Smart Start evaluations to explore trends.

Future Plans:

Work with each component group to help them identify their work and assure keen alignment with one another and the ECI Strategic Plan, especially in its updated form based on the input from stakeholders in December.

Restart conversations with the Department of Human Rights for a one-day cultural competence seminar for all stakeholders.