

Minutes: ECI Governance Committee

Date, time, and place

Date: December 8, 2009
Time: 1PM – 2:30PM
Via Conference Call

Attendees

Tom Rendon, Robin Robinson, Lori SchraderBachar, Shanell Wagler, Analisa Pearson, Gretchen Hageman

Key Agenda Points

- Review of ECI Diversity Advisory Committee agenda
 - Update on Lean Event
 - Update on ECAC
 - Parent Council Development Next Steps
 - Other Issues
 - Review our work plan: What should be added? What are the next steps for completed tasks? What can we do to assure or encourage ongoing participation of ECI Council members?
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ECI Diversity Advisory Committee Agenda

The group reviewed the agenda and had no additional comments or suggestions.

Lean Event Update

The group heard from Shanell an update on the Lean Event follow-up activities for reorganizing Empowerment. The highlights included: Governor will likely submit a bill proposing structural changes along the lines of the recommendations of the structure committee but there may be changes. The decision of where in state government the new ECI Center (former Empowerment office) is still to be determined.

ECAC grant update

Gretchen reported on recent developments with applying for the Early Childhood Advisory. A small planning group has been meeting and has developed goals and a budget. The goals were presented at the September ECI meeting. Since Maryland, Kansas and Pennsylvania have submitted their grants we may be using their applications for some ideas on content and format. Gretchen then reviewed the main areas of the grant and the current thinking on how the budget will address those areas. The NGA will be providing TA.

ECAC Grant	Budget activities
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Needs assessment (program and services and workforce)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire an outside contractor to conduct needs assessment
Data collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with DE, using unique identifiers
professional development system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding to look at all the professions in workforce study continued implementation of PD plan
enhancing programs to serve children (evidence-based practice; state and local collaboration; connect with LEAN work)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-based practice • family support standards and certification • diversity committee • parent council

The ECAC grant is for \$705,000 and requires \$1.67 million. It would be good to get it done before session starts. Gretchen hopes that the application will be submitted in February.

Parent Council Development Next Steps

The funding for this is part of the anticipated ECAC money. While we await funding, we felt we could start by beginning a planning group and helping to organize groups that work with families.

Tom will send out a copy of his list of groups and contacts that we began working with when we first started this three years ago.

Michelle is recommending that Governance committee members look at the following information:

- http://www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=926:parentsaspresenters&catid=536:parent-information&Itemid=1602
- <http://www.ctfalliance.org/>

Other Issues

Book group

Tom asked members if they had registered for the *Learning as a Way of Leading* online discussion group. Most had but had not posted comments. Some are just beginning to start reading it. The first in person discussion will be on Dec. 1r (the next will be on Jan. 11). To access the online discussion go to: www.kpokorny.com/register.php.

Work plan

The group did not have much time to discuss the work plan but it did discuss the issue of what can we do to assure or encourage ongoing participation of ECI Council members. Here is a sequence of ways to address that came out of the discussion:

1. Invite to the Council meeting

2. Follow-up with them.
 3. Connect them with relevant component groups
 4. Gather feedback at a specific time period
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Next Steps

- Tom will send parent group list for review
 - Agenda in January will discuss the work plan and efforts to increase leadership support at a local level.
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Next meeting

January 19, 2010, Lucas Building, Room 142, 8:30AM-10:00AM
