

## **Name of Group: Governance Planning & Administration**

**Date: September 12, 2006**

### **Responsibility of Group:**

The Governance component group addresses issues related to the governance, planning, and administration of Iowa's Early Care, Health, and Education System. This group is responsible for designing and overseeing the implementation of governance, planning, and administrative structures that integrate the six system components to ensure that the results in the Strategic Plan are achieved.

### **Activities include:**

- Serving as the point of accountability to assure that the Guiding Principles adopted by the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders permeate the products and processes used by all of the Components of the Early Care, Health, and Education System
- Securing professional development opportunities (such as cultural competence and results based accountability, etc.) for the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders as system development work continues
- Promoting effective collaborative leadership among the identified system components
- Ensuring that strong partnerships at the local level are formed and supported

### **Recent activities:**

- Most of the component groups have provided a report that assures that they are following the operation guidelines. We will be looking at the reports to assess their alignment with the ECCS Plan and the larger ECI Strategic Plan.
- We are working on a one-day cultural competency training to be conducted in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Human Rights.
- We agreed to move forward to develop a method to solicit and engage parents in ECI and broad early childhood activities. We are having discussions with ASK Resources to develop a plan to move forward.
- The co-chairs have accepted our process for updating the ECI strategic plan. Future ECI meetings will involve discussions and input to shape activities that address our five result areas.