

Name of Group: Governance, Planning, & Administration

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 actions:

- ◆ Completed an analysis comparing three past ECI surveys. (The summary of the findings are attached to this update).
- ◆ We are working on a one-day cultural competency training for the fall, to be conducted in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Human Rights.
- ◆ We have recommended (and received approval by the co-chairs) to have each component group provide a report, which will assure us that they are following the operation guidelines. We created a form for this purpose that also includes a space for each component group to report on their activities as they relate to the ECCS Plan and the ECI Strategic Plan. The Governance component group has completed its form. These are efforts to improve communication and to strengthen the role of the co-chairs as a coordinating body.
- ◆ We have developed a process of updating the ECI Strategic Plan. *Strategies* will be updated annually, *goals* (including measures and result indicators) every two-three years, and the *vision and result areas* every five years. We are recommending a July workday to update our strategies based on feedback provided at the ECI meeting in December, Congress in November and the health symposium in October.

- ◆ In conversation with Results Accountability group, we are working on a reporting “shell” that will allow us to aggregate the accomplishments of all stakeholders as they support our Strategic Plan.