

**Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)  
Quick Notes  
February 14, 2019**

**Action Items:**

►The MICC voted 17-1 to accept the recommendation from the Fiscal Ad Hoc Committee, Single Tier Workgroup. The recommendation includes:

- 1. Accept and endorse recommendations outlined, based on the MICC charge.**
- 2. Request MDE implement the recommendations of the workgroup, through MARSE rule change, aligning the current MDE 0-3 eligibility guidance and the recommendations of this group, in coordination with this group.**
  - a. In the interim, modify the MDE 0-3 ECDD and OHI eligibility guidance to the recommendation of this workgroup, thus creating a single tier system.**
  - b. In the interim, allow *Early On*<sup>®</sup> Part C staff on the SE-4096, per annual updates.**
  - c. In the interim, allow proration of FTE at any level in the pupil accounting manual to allow services to be offered to meet the family need.**
- 3. Advocate for increased funding in *Early On* (54d) and create policy efficiency via the Single Tier simultaneously.**

**Presentations:**

►The Single Tier Workgroup presented findings and recommendations around eligibility, personnel, services, and funding.

Eligibility- The recommendation is to change the definition of eligibility from a 20 percent delay to a 25 percent delay. If changed, 2-3 percent of children currently eligible may not be eligible. The use of informed clinical opinion would still be considered as well as connecting families to available resources and other preventative programs. The mechanism for change is the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) rules (R340.1711 and R340.1744) (Early Childhood Developmental Delay (ECDD), Other Health Impairment (OHI)).

Personnel- There is a discrepancy in staff available to serve children eligible for Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) versus Part C Only. Children eligible for MMSE have access to more highly qualified personnel. The recommendation is that one group of staff provide services to all eligible children and families. The mechanism for change is to revise the *Early On* Personnel Standards.

Services- The recommendation is that there would be no minimum or maximum number of services provided to a family, but rather services would be determined based on the child's needs identified in the IFSP. By changing this, it would align with the federal law. The mechanism for change is the MARSE rule (R340.1862).

Funding- The approximate funding for children eligible for Part C Only is \$705. No single system can fund *Early On* alone. The recommendation is for an incremental state investment over five years, bringing next year's request up to \$20 million. The mechanism for change is increased state investment in State School Aid Act Section 54d funds and MARSE rule (R340.1862).

► The SSIP report is due to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on April 1, 2019. The writing is underway, and the presentation was emailed to members. To receive copies of the presentation, please contact Cheryl Najm at [najmc@michigan.gov](mailto:najmc@michigan.gov).

**Updates:**

**MICC Appointment**

Jen Forsthoff, parent representative from Genesee County, was appointed to the MICC in December. She will serve the remainder of Lauren Heilman's four-year term expiring October 31, 2019.

**New State Part C Coordinator**

Noel Kelly began her duties as the new State Part C Coordinator on Monday, December 17. She was most recently the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Early Literacy-Family Engagement Consultant, and at one point was MDE's Part B, Section 619 Coordinator. She has varied experiences in the field and will be able to use those experiences as she leads *Early On* into its future.

**Preschool Development Grant B-5**

MDE received a \$5 million-plus competitive federal grant to help improve care, programs, and services for preschoolers statewide.

Michigan is one of 45 states with awards through the \$250 million Preschool Development competitive federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Education Department. The grant is for states to improve their early childhood offerings by building on existing federal, state, and local early childhood education investments. The grants focus on three major activities: maximizing parental choice, improving transitions within early care and learning programs and with elementary schools, and improving overall quality of early childhood education programs.

**Annual Performance Report Indicators 5 and 6**

Since the November 8, 2018 MICC meeting, MDE received guidance from OSEP regarding which data source to use for Indicators 5 and 6. This advice is a change from what was shared at the MICC meeting. The following data were submitted in Grads360 to OSEP.

► **Indicator 5:** Percent of infants and toddlers birth to one year with IFSPs compared to national data.

**Results Indicator Target: 1.26%**

FFY 2015- 1.13%                      Target- 1.24%

FFY 2016- 1.30%                      Target- 1.25%

FFY 2017- 1.38%                      Target- 1.26%

The national average is 1.25%. Michigan's data are .13 percentage points above the national average.

\*Sources: U.S. Department of Education, *EDFacts* Metadata and Process System (*EMAPS*): "IDEA Part C Child Count and Settings Survey," 2017. Data extracted as of July 11, 2018. U.S. Bureau of the Census. "2017 State Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin." Data accessed July 2018 from <http://www.census.gov/popest>.

► **Indicator 6:** Percent of infants and toddlers birth to three years with IFSPs compared to national data.

**Results Indicator Target: 2.9%**

FFY 2015- 2.60% Target- 2.7%

FFY 2016- 2.86% Target- 2.8%

FFY 2017- 3.08% Target- 2.9%

The national average is 3.26%. Michigan's data are .18 percentage points below the national average.

\*Sources: U.S. Department of Education, *EDFacts* Metadata and Process System (*EMAPS*): "IDEA Part C Child Count and Settings Survey," 2017. Data extracted as of July 11, 2018. U.S. Bureau of the Census. "2017 State Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin." Data accessed July 2018 from <http://www.census.gov/popest>.

**Information:**

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will be honoring a parent leader at the 2019 *Early On* Conference, November 13-14, 2019 in Traverse City, Michigan. This is the third time the PIC will be organizing this award for their friend and colleague, Celena Barnes, who passed away unexpectedly in 2014. Celena was an MICC parent alternate, a tireless advocate for her daughter and all children in Michigan with special needs, a committed leader, teacher, mentor, and an inspiration to other families.

The information and nomination packets will be distributed in March and Melissa Epstein encouraged MICC members to nominate a parent for this special award.

**2019 MICC Meeting Dates:**

May 2, 2019	9:30-12:30	MDE, State Board Room, Lansing, MI
September 5, 2019	9:30-12:30	MDE, State Board Room, Lansing, MI
November 7, 2019	9:30-12:30	MDE, State Board Room, Lansing, MI

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