

Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)
Quick Notes
February 6, 2020

Action Items:

- ▶ The MICC accepted data for Indicators 5 and 6 of the Annual Performance Report (APR).

- ▶ The MICC approved an increase in the honorarium rate for parents, effective immediately. The new rate is \$18 per hour with child care costs covered up to \$60 per day, based on actual expenses.

Presentations:

- ▶ Terri Adams and Heidi Loynes from the Michigan Department Health and Human Services (MDHHS) shared information about childhood immunizations and how the MICC members can help support vaccinations to ensure children are protected against 14 potentially life-threatening diseases.

- ▶ An SSIP presentation included results and analysis from the Service Provider Survey and Family Survey.

Current SSIP work includes:

- Creation of a Criteria Checklist, Fidelity Checklists, and Feasibility surveys
- Fidelity Checklists: DECA, eDECA, Social Emotional Developmental Wheels
- Two Manuals: Birth-Five Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process Manual and *Early On* COS Data Manual

The SSIP report is due to OSEP April 1, 2020, and the writing is underway.

To receive copies of the presentations, please contact Cheryl Najm at najmc@michigan.gov.

Information:

- ▶ 'Ask a Parent' is a new standing agenda item. For this meeting, the topic was around transition from *Early On*, and parents shared what worked well for their families as well as what could have gone better.

Some tips for improving transitions include:

- Give families a wide array of transition options;
- Have great communication with families about next steps; and
- Provide continuity of services.

- ▶ Synthia Britton shared the organizational structure of MDHHS, of which there are over 15,000 employees, and provided updates around the priorities in public health which include maternal and infant health, opioids, social determinates of health, and lead.

- ▶ Related to the Fiscal Ad Hoc Committee, work around equity and access continues and has grown to include the *Early On* Foundation, An Ounce of Prevention, Michigan's Children, Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, MICC, Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE), and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). MAASE has taken on this work as an official project and will be presented at the Michigan CEC conference.

Updates:

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Visit

OSEP will perform a monitoring visit of the Part C program April 14-16, 2020. While here they look at our system of payments, child outcomes, and visit a local service area.

Reneé DeMars-Johnson Retirement

Reneé DeMars-Johnson, Director of Early Childhood Development and Family Education/Office of Great Start retired from State Government January 24, 2020, after 24.5 outstanding years with the State of Michigan and MDE. Noel Kilty was selected to serve as Interim Director while a state and national search are underway.

Data Ad Hoc Committee

The Data Ad Hoc Committee, formed at the November 2019 MICC meeting, met on January 29, 2020, for a brief call to acquaint the members with the expectations of the work. The committee is charged with recommending APR targets for the Results Indicators to MDE through 2024. The committee will meet again February 26, 2020, and begin their work.

State Budget, Section 54e funds

In December 2019, a supplemental budget bill (Section 54e) was approved and signed for an allocation (\$350,000) for 2019-2020 only for a pilot program to train at least 60 *Early On* providers in the components of evidence-based, parent-implemented models of intervention for the treatment of autism. This is a one-time only allocation where a program provider must agree to use the funds for training in these components for *Early On* using an evidence-based program to conduct the training.

Specifically, the Parent-Implemented Model of Intervention for the Treatment of Autism project will:

- Train at least 60 *Early On* providers in the components of evidence-based, parent-implemented models of intervention for the treatment of autism;
- Conduct a survey of intermediate school districts in the pilot program described under this section after implementation of the parent-implemented model of intervention pilot program to measure the impact of the program; and
- Promote a “parent-implemented model of intervention” meaning a model in which parents directly utilize individually developmentally appropriate intervention practices with their children to increase the social abilities of children with autism.

The lead agency for this project is MDE, Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education. Requests for bid for both the pilot program and impact evaluation will be released in the coming months.

2020 MICC Meeting Dates:

May 7, 2020

September 3, 2020

November 5, 2020

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