

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting
January 23, 2008
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

★ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Marva Campbell Pruitt. The meeting was chaired by Marva Campbell-Pruitt.

★ Roll Call

Members Present: Lola Lucas, Andi Berryman, Elizabeth Hanselman, Terry Braidwood, Darcy Contri, Randolph Boschulte, Sandra Mott, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Sue Walter, and Margie Harkness from Chicago.

★ Adoption of Agenda: Beth Hanselman asked to move Annual Report up on the agenda since she had to leave early for another meeting. The agenda was accepted with change and was adopted by common consent.

★ Approval of prior meeting minutes

The reading and the approval of the minutes did not get put on the agenda. Sue Walter found at least one mistake; she forgot to insert the ISBE update that she provided. If any other corrections are found let Sue Walter know and she will correct and send back out via e-mail. The minutes were then approved by common consent.

★ Chairpersons' Reports:

Beth Hanselman, ISBE:

ISBE is working on the Annual Performance Report (APR) that is due to the Federal government on February 1st. The APR updates the state's performance on the State Performance Plan indicators outlined in the IDEA. Sue Walter reported that she has put together a segment for the Parents Guide on secondary transition. The new Parents Guide will have linkages for more collaboration in the communication piece with families to know where resources are and how to find them.

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS:

Marva reported that she is working on updating the DHS/DRS produced timeline (yellow) and changing the format. She will be looking at the TOTAL transition wheel and the DSCC transition checklist as she updates the timeline. Marva will send this out to everyone to see what needs to be added.

Marva passed out the DHS/DRS Annual Report which is a calendar and talked about each month showing activities and meetings other agencies will be having. ICC's meeting dates are included in the calendar. The report looks at the number of students that DRS provide services to, the STEP program, non-STEP services and supports they provide. Currently, services are provided to 20,000 students. The challenge is to figure out a way to ask for more dollars.

Questions for Co-Chairs:

A question was asked about the meaning of the acronym SEP. SEP stands for Supported Education Programs.

A question was asked about when the ISBE Parent Guide will be available with the changes. Beth said she just received the draft copy of 8 of the modules. There are 5 additional modules to make the guide complete. Therefore, it will be couple of months before the Parents Guide is ready. Modules have gone out to a parent task force. Transition and General Education Resources will be added to the guide.

Beth also reported that a side by side of the State and Federal regulations is on the ISBE website. <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/comparison.pdf>

★ Old Business

✓ Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2005/2006 has been at the print shop with DHS for a number of months. The Annual Report doesn't have Dr. Adams or Dr. Koch signature on it, which is why it is being held up. Beth will get a copy of Dr. Koch's signature for Marva. Marva will get Dr. Adams signature so that it can be completed and get printed.

The 2006/2007 Annual Report is due in March. A copy of the final draft of the 2005/2006 report will be re-sent to all members. Each agency can use their narrative from the 2005/2006 report and update for 2006/2007. For reporting purposes, the ICC switched to the school year when Chris Koch was still a member. The members present discussed the reporting time period. Beth asked if August 2006 through May 2007 would be considered the reporting time period and if so what about May through August. Beth's concern was for the possibility

of questions in the future from the auditors. After discussion the ICC voted for a reporting period of July 1st through June 31st.

Each year the Annual Report has a major focus. Last year the major focus was housing. Is there a major focus the Council would like to use this year? The data regarding unmet services needed upon high school graduation comes from the ISBE FACTS data system. Critical areas talked about in past meetings include students in the category of ED, transportation, housing, access to post-secondary education and employment.

Margie Harkness mentioned that a sub-group of a state housing task force is looking at supporting housing and putting together estimates of need for Illinois and recommendations on numbers of supported housing units. Marva asked if this group will break that data out by students leaving high school or by young people under the age of 25. Margie doesn't think so, but will get more information at next meeting.

A suggestion was made to include data/reports from the Centers for Independent Living (CIL's) who offer transition services, e.g., youth and parent advocates. Another suggestion is to incorporate the new strategic plan. Sue and Beth suggested making the Transition Conference a centerpiece. The Transition Conference evaluation report would have a lot of information from a broad group of stakeholders about important transition topics. Another suggestion was to briefly report on the strategic plan and its status in moving forward.

The deadline for providing agency updates will be Friday, February 22nd. The Council discussed doing agency updates in a format other than narratives, perhaps in a table format. Sue will work with Beth to develop a template for reporting and will send it and the final draft report of 2005-2006 via e-mail to all Council members. With the February 22nd deadline, we could put together the report, get it out to members for review and still get it out possibly by the end of March. ISBE will do the printing of the 2006 – 2007 Annual Report. ISBE can do a color copy however Beth is not sure about the binding (if it can be done the same as prior year's reports). There was a suggestion and everyone agreed to use the conference image as the cover (the state outline). To avoid confusion, the color of the cover can be changed each year. Sue Walter will mock-up a couple of samples and send to everyone for their review and suggestions.

✓ **Strategic Planning (Discussion of Report & Next Steps):**

Marva reminded Council members that an e-mail went out asking that each member communicate with his/her Director and/or immediate supervisor to obtain buy-in and commitment to this strategic plan before we move forward. Darcy's (DSCC) Director recommended on last page of interagency next steps, #2, instead of inviting the governors office to become members of the ICC, the language be re-worded to reflect working with the governor's staff to establish an advisory relationship to the governor's office. By doing so, the ICC could offer suggestions to the governor to improve transition in the state. Marva asked if they should make the change and everyone was in favor to change point #2 to reflect this language.

Another suggestion from Darcy's assistant director concerned the data piece. She suggested starting to develop data sharing interagency agreement since part of the ICC required activities is to do interagency agreements. The suggestion is to start developing the data sharing interagency agreement, and once we have some data start working on establishing advisory relationship to the governor office.

Marva stated that the ICC should develop an agreement between each member agency outlining what they would be willing to do and commit to in all areas, not just data collection. The members in attendance agreed that it was important that each agency's Director provide the Council with a statement outlining which pieces they agree with and what they can commit to in terms of time and resources.

Marva asked for volunteers to take the results of this discussion and develop a cover letter or some other vehicle to efficiently communicate with the Director's and get their specific commitments. Sandy will initiate this conversation and Sue Walter, Darcy Contri and Lola Lucas will work with her. They will develop a draft to share with the ICC...a draft due by the February 6 ICC/ISAC meeting.

The Council decided to table re-visiting the work groups that had been discussed until we have commitment from each represented agency and an implementation plan that we can move forward with.

★ **Agency Reports**

Sue Walter, ISBE

Sue Walter is working to update the Transition pieces on the ISBE website. She is also beginning work on revising some of the TOTAL modules to fit an on-line course framework. Infinitec is a possible partner in this. She is currently working with Loyola University Chicago to re-vamp TOTAL Module 5 on Implementation of Transition Best Practices to devise a self-assessment tool to be used in conjunction with activities of the State Performance Plan.

Lola Lucas, IDES:

Lola reported that the State Board of Ed is going to be providing ACT Test preparation to all schools for free which was the main thing they were promoting through CIS Plus. They are working on retooling and switching the emphasis to SAT and PSAT preparation, along with promoting GED preparation.

Andi Berryman, ICCB:

P20 to become law July 1st which is transition coordination between State Board and Community College Board and Board of Higher Ed. Chris Koch is on the committee board. Andi reported that they are going to try to get the student Success Grant back again which was a grant that would help at risk students. After one year, the governor pulled that money. Also working on the Clear Connections Project to establish what services students need to remain in college.

Terry Braidwood, DHS/DDD:

Terry reported that the agency is anticipating increasing the head count in the DHS/DDD central office from 80 people to 101. One of the new bureaus will be called Bureau of Transitional Services which will have 7 people who are all QMRP's (Qualified Mental Retardation Professionals). Their specific duty will be transitioning people in from state institutions into community based settings. Another new bureau, the Bureau of Quality Management, will have 16 staff who are all QMRP's. This bureau will be surveying for quality issues and providing training. Another big change at DDD is that January is the last month that the PAS agencies will be sending in application packets for the Medicaid waiver programs. In the new process, candidates for the waiver programs will be chosen from the PUN data system at the central office. Families will be notified and the PAS agency will work with them to fill out paperwork etc.

Darcy Contri, DSCC:

DSCC is looking at the potential to apply for a grant to implement community based service integration. They will be looking at applying for this grant in a future submittal. Darcy stated that DSCC will want to bring this to the ICC table

and ask how we can collaborate with DSCC on the grant. An important piece in their application will be transition.

Randy Boschulte, DCEO:

DCEO is in the process of revising the application process for people and entities who want to become providers or contractors to certify that have accessible facilities. Currently they write on the application if they have accessible facilities.

Sandy Mott, HFS:

Sandy reported that the Health Benefits for Worker's with Disabilities (Medicaid Buy-In Program) expansion legislation was passed and will hopefully become effective in April or early May. This will increase the number of people who can participate in the program. Also, in the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, transition will be a major part of their strategic plan. They plan to have a questionnaire on transition services. A Benefits Planning sub-committee has been formed and will work in conjunction with HFS.

Margie Harness, ICDD:

ICDD has a new investment opportunity out now. It went to pos-secondary education institutions to develop or expand on efforts to provide inclusive college experiences for people with cognitive disabilities. Proposals due on February 26th.

★ New Business

The ICC will meet jointly with ISAC on Wednesday, February 06, 2008 at 10:30 am. WE need to develop an agenda about what should be discussed at this meeting. We are going to share the strategic plan at the meeting. We will request input from ISAC about their priorities.

★ Announcements

None

★ Adjournment

The January 23 meeting was adjourned by Marva. The next ICC meeting will be a joint meeting with ISAC on Wednesday, February 6th.

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting

March 26, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

★ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Marva Campbell Pruitt. The meeting was chaired by Marva Campbell-Pruitt.

★ Roll Call

Members Present: Lola Lucas, Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Darcy Contri, Sandra Mott, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Sue Walter, Alan Dietrich, Melanie Fleenor and Margie Harkness from Chicago.

Guests Present: Deb Fornoff, ISAC representative

★ **Adoption of Agenda:** After the addition of two items, name badges and Information Technology Act, the agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

★ Approval of prior meeting minutes

The November, 2007 and January, 2008 ICC meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

★ Chairpersons' Reports:

Sue Walter, ISBE:

Sue Walter reported that she has updated the ICC webpage on ISBE's website. Newly updated and/or included items are the 2008 meeting schedule, the minutes from prior meetings back to 2004, and annual reports from 2003 on. The date and location of the 2008 transition conference is also posted here.

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS:

Marva commented that she is not reporting on her agency in the Chairperson's report but on behalf of the ICC and its members. She also commented that it was nice to see good representation from the member agencies.

★ Old Business

✓ Annual Report

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why it is being held up. Beth will get a copy of Dr. Koch's signature for Marva. Marva will get Dr. Adams signature so that it can be completed and get printed.

The 2006/2007 Annual Report was due in March. As of the March meeting all ICC member agencies had provided their reports except DHS/DRS and DHS/DMH. Marva and Alan said they would provide their agencies reports very soon.

✓ **Strategic Planning (Discussion of Report & Next Steps):**

Sandy Mott presented the draft executive summary and cover letter – developed by a sub-committee of Darcy Contri, Lola Lucas, Sue Walter and Sandy - to the ICC. The sub-committee thought it was important to present a document to agency Directors that would be positive and concise so rather than forward the strategic planning document, the sub-committee developed the executive summary and cover letter. The cover letter give the Director's an opportunity to sign-off and indicate the agencies commitment to the ICC. The vision is to improve participation of all state agencies represented in the statute. Sue Walter moved and Alan Dietrich seconded to approve the executive summary and cover letter. After a couple of cosmetic changes, signatures of Dr. Koch and Dr. Adams will be obtained so that the document can move forward. The motion passed unanimously.

✓ **Revisit Workgroups**

☒ **Public Education**

Andi Berryman reported that this workgroup had not met in a while. She also reported the following:

- A new survey is being conducted by the Board of Higher Education (BHE) Disability Workgroup. This is an obligation on the part of the workgroup and the BHE.
 - The survey tool is in draft now. Ocheng Jany will bring a copy of the draft for the ICC to review and perhaps provide input. Darcy suggested that as we look at the draft we think about our interest in knowing about entrance requirements and disparities across the state.
 - Darcy also suggested that we use the data that had been prepared by Tess Rhoades (DSCC) for the higher education event we tried to conduct last year (but had to cancel/postpone). Sue Walter has the PowerPoint developed by Tess and will forward to everyone. Other ICC members commented "why go back to the old survey data when this new one is probably more comprehensive and up-to-date."

- In a discussion about the transition specialist certification standards and new programs at colleges, Ocheng said that a program that is 18 hours or more needs to have approval by the BHE...less than 18 hours is a decision of the institution.
- Andi will pull the ICC Public Education workgroup back together and review the possibility of replicating the higher education event that we attempted over a year ago.
- Members of the workgroup include Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott, Deb Fornoff (ISAC) and Sue Walter.

☒ Outreach

This committee currently does not have a chair. The Council discussed the value of combining with the Legislative and Policy Committee. Darcy agreed to chair the committee. The Council discussed the importance of having a Governor's office liaison. Margie Harkness will talk to Sheila Romano about ICDD's possible assistance in connecting to the Governor's office and getting a liaison. Sue Walter will inquire with Beth Hanselman to get information about the Governor's office education liaison. The Council also referenced Jack Lavin (IDCEO) as an important connection to the Governor's office. It was suggested we talk to Lisa Jones and Randy Boschulte about contacting the agencies legislative person.

A recommendation was made for the annual report in regard to this outreach. We could state what we attempted to do and that we will continue to pursue and work on.

☒ Training and Technical Assistance

Marva is the chair of this subcommittee. She announced that the Statewide Transition Conference for 2008 will be held in Peoria at the Civic Center on October 27 – 29. All ICC members were invited to participate on the planning committee. Teleconference meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The call in number is 888- 301-0489 with pass code 8507649#. A recommendation was made to have a conference session for university personnel in addition to the college fair. Marva will also contact the Iowa/Illinois AHEAD organization.

☒ Data Collection and Sharing

This committee does not currently have a chair person. Darcy will contact Tere Garate (CPS) to get a report on data points (from an earlier committee on data collection). Sue Walter will ask Scott Beever about getting reports from the FACTS data system: 1) Can districts get a report? 2) How can we share information with the TPC's.

☒ Public Relations and Marketing

Lola Lucas is the chair and Darcy, Sandy and Sue are participants. Darcy will proceed with research on Youth Councils.

✓ **Name Badges**

Melanie Fleenor will speak to Beth about the possibility of ICC members getting ID's. ICC members feel this would make the ICC more productive, i.e., members not having to wait at the guard desk to be escorted upstairs for meetings.

★ **Agency Reports (Agencies not listed had nothing new to report at this time)**

Sue Walter, ISBE

Sue Walter has facilitated the addition of a Secondary Transition page on ISBE website. The TOTAL modules have been re-packaged to create a higher level of user-friendliness. She is still working on a plan to revise some of the TOTAL modules to fit an on-line course framework. A Transition Practices Self Assessment, based on the taxonomy by Dr. Paula Kohler, is in development with Loyola University Chicago. This is a re-vamp TOTAL Module 5 on Implementation of Transition Best Practices and will be used in conjunction with activities of the State Performance Plan.

Lola Lucas, IDES:

Lola reported that IDES has a new brochure available and downloadable from their website for families and students. The subject of the brochure is summer work.

Darcy Contri, DSCC:

DSCC has moved and has a new address and phone numbers.

3135 Old Jacksonville Road

Springfield, IL 62704-6488

Telephone: 217-558-2350

TTY: 217-785-4728

FAX: 217-558-0773

Sandy Mott, HFS:

Sandy reported that the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant is full speed ahead. A survey has just been approved to go out to youth and families in transition. The survey is available online through Survey Monkey and also through regular mail. The survey process will end on June 1 and results will be completed sometime this summer. Focus groups are also being held around the state. ICC members should let Sandy know of any southern or northwestern events where they might be able to reach students and families.

Margie Harness, ICDD:

The ICDD Blueprint for Systems Redesign is available now. The full report and summary can be accessed online at www.state.il.us/agency/icdd. This is a great report with a lot of good data. Margie announced that the third Speak Up Speak Out Conference will be held at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in Springfield November 5 – 7.

Other reports:**Illinois Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities (ISAC)**

Deb Fornoff reported that the Legislative Committee of ISAC is hosting a Legislative Breakfast in the capitol rotunda on April 23rd. Families and students are involved.

★ New Business

A new report was brought to the attention of Council members: Analysis of Case Managers Support of Youth with Disabilities: Transitioning from School to Work by Marriott Foundation Bridges Program. A recommendation was made to e-mail Council members the executive summary to review and to have this item on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

★ Announcements

Margie Harkness, ICDD: A rural customized employment CFP has been funded starting on May 1.

Ocheng Jany, IBHE: The Public Act on Information Technology Accessibility is new and lists public universities in the legislative language. Ocheng will forward the link.

Marva Campbell Pruitt, DHS/DRS: Marva noted new language in the School Code about presenting programs on disability awareness (a new requirement for local districts).

★ Adjournment

The March 26th meeting was adjourned by Marva at 3:35 p.m. The next ICC meeting will be Wednesday, May 21st, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting

May 21, 2008

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

★ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Marva Campbell Pruitt. The meeting was chaired by Marva Campbell-Pruitt.

★ Roll Call

Members Present: Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Sandra Mott, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Sue Walter, Alan Dietrich, Terry Braidwood, Randy Boschulte, Melanie Fleenor and Margie Harkness from Chicago.

Guests Present: Deb Fornoff, ISAC representative;

Brandy Hayes, the new Transition Coordinator for Department of Human Services introduced herself to the ICC.

★ **Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

★ Approval of prior meeting minutes

With corrections from ICDD, the March 2008 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

★ Chairpersons' Reports:

Sue Walter, ISBE:

Sue Walter reported that the ISBE website now has a Secondary Transition webpage. Currently the updated TOTAL modules and tools and resources for SPP Indicators 13 and 14 are up. This webpage is a work in progress. Development of The Transition Practices Self Assessment is progressing on schedule. This self-assessment tool will be used by school districts and cooperatives to set priorities and develop improvement plans for secondary transition. Sue is working with Beth to get the Strategic Planning/Agency Director's Letter signed by Chris Koch. Sue and Melanie are both working on the 2008 transition conference. Sue is chairing the registration committee and has been working with CCC to set up the registration materials and website. Accessibility is top priority this year with assistance from the Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP).

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS:

Marva provided an ISAC report instead of a DHS report. Marva commented on the process of school districts withdrawing from special education cooperatives. School districts wanting to withdraw present their case to ISAC. Marva has asked about the ongoing provision of transition services and some districts have not considered this issue. Marva also reported on the preliminary report from the RSA (Rehabilitation Services Administration) audits. RSA is somewhat

pleased with DRS service provision but commented that non-STEP (Secondary Transition Experience Program) students do not produce notable outcomes and discussed the value of DRS services extending to non-STEP students.

★ Old Business

✓ Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2005/2006 has been at the print shop with DHS for a number of months. Printing is held up because the report went to the printer without Dr. Koch and Dr. Adams signature. Because of the lateness, members discussed the idea of posting the report as a PDF on the ICC webpage. Marva stated that since the printer has already made the cover she would like the copies to be printed.

The 2006/2007 Annual Report was due in March. All of the ICC agencies have submitted their reports to Sue Walter. Compilation of the individual agency reports and design of the annual report has not yet begun.

✓ Strategic Planning (Discussion of Report & Next Steps):

Sue Walter will work through Beth Hanselman to obtain Chris Koch signature. The documents will then be passed along to Marva for Carol Adam's signature.

The strategic plan/agency director's letter will then be sent out to each agency director.

✓ Marriott Foundation Bridges Program

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

✓ Adult and Children's' DD Waiver Update

Terry Braidwood updated the Council via the following points:

- A fiscal intermediary has been selected for all children and adult waiver programs where the family hires/fires staff. This fiscal agency is ACCESS from Pennsylvania. ACCESS process payroll, etc.
- A 4/16/08 memo from Lila Teninty describes a new selection process via PUNS (Prioritization of Unmet Needs) database. This process involves a point system that has a total of 40 points per month (points equate to dollars spent). Details about the selection process and the point system can be found on the DHS/DDD website. .
- DHS/DDD expects to serve ~780 new children and adults in FY09. This number is based solely on attrition.
- The PUNS database has 19,000 plus individuals with over 13,000 active (currently seeking services). DDD has already begun serving some of the 13,000. Note: The priority population and crisis criteria won't change
- Outreach is continuing to the Asian (limited English skills) and Hispanic (underrepresented) populations. Three PAS agencies in the Chicago area are currently working with non-DD but human service organizations (health agencies, churches, etc.)

will be spreading the word about PUNS (a meeting will occur in late July). PUNS information will be translated into ten languages.

- DDD is seeking ongoing input regarding PUNS and the selection process and will revise as good ideas surface.
- End of January, 2008: 1,000 "old" packets (not using PUNS selection criteria) are being reviewed. 80% of the 1,000 will be approved the end of June as priority population cases. Funding will come from the hospital tax and \$3 million from the dedicated fund from FFP.
- By the end of the fiscal year, ~700 children will be receiving waiver services.
- Adult and children's support waiver will be amended in three ways (this is almost ready to submit to HFS:
 - Children's and Adult – numbers served
 - Children's and Adult – no high school diploma required
 - Children's only – relatives with no legal responsibility, i.e., guardian, can serve as caregivers
- An outside consultant is being used (via the IL Council on Developmental Disabilities) to develop PUNS reports.
- For questions regarding PUNS, individuals should contact their DD Network Facilitator. (Use the office locator function on the DHS website.)

✓ **New Procedures for Selection of Individuals for Services through PUNS**

Terry Braidwood provided the following information to find detailed information about this topic:

Web link: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29749>

Go to the following documents:

- Service Requests and Authorizations (pdf)
- Community Emergency Criteria – Adults (pdf)
- Community Emergency Criteria – Children (pdf)
- Puns Reports

✓ **Workgroups**

Public Education (*Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott, Deb Fornoff (ISAC) and Sue Walter*)

Andi Berryman reported that this workgroup had not met in a while. She will work with Ocheng to pull the group back together after the summer.

Data Collection and Sharing (*no chair to date*)

Marva would like to call a meeting between ISBE, a couple of TPC representatives and Marva to decide what kind of data they want to report. Marva would like to send a note to the TPC's asking for volunteer to meet and decide what they want. What kind of data can we get? Sue will talk to Scott Beever about the possibilities.

☒ **Public Relations and Marketing** (Lola Lucas, Chair with Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott and Sue Walter)

The role of this work group is "branding"...getting information out to the field about the ICC. Lola will be meeting with Darcy, Sandy and Sue to look at activities.

☒ **Outreach** (*Darcy Contri*)

The role of this work group is to develop policy change and connect with the Governor's office via a liaison. Margie Harkness will talk to Sheila Romano about the possibility of ICDD's assistance in connecting to the Governor's Office and getting a liaison. The work of this committee will be deferred until January, 2009.

☒ **Training and Technical Assistance** (*Marva Campbell-Pruitt*)

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Margie Harness, ICDD:

Margie announced that the Save the Date is out for the third Speak Up Speak Out Conference will be held at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in Springfield November 5 – 7. This conference will focus on local access, developing partnerships and grassroots advocacy.

Andi Berryman, ICCB:

Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), Student Tracking Progress:

- The Board of Higher Education will improve and expand higher education shared enrollment and graduation file (a higher education student unit record data base). This file would be Integrated with ISBE's student information system and IDES's workforce data. This integration will allow following of educational progress of students through primary, secondary, and post secondary levels as well as workforce.
- Promote web accessibility for students with disabilities. This does not impact private universities and possibly not community colleges (community colleges argue that they do not get enough state dollars to comply).
 - <http://www.contentquality.com/> The HiSoftware Cynthia Says portal is a web content accessibility validation solution. It is designed to identify errors in your content related to Section 508 standards and/or the WCAG guidelines. Free resource!
- Conduct brief surveys:
 - Gather feedback on capacities of colleges to gather and report data on students with disabilities (existing practices).
 - Develop a web-based survey to assess current practices and trends with regard to text conversion and enrollment services/ accommodations for students with

psychological disabilities. Hopefully, this information could be beneficial to the ICC's goals.

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC):

- Doing more outreach to parents and students concerning financial aid and other services for attending college.
- KnowHow2Go Project—Encourage low income, first generation students of families to prepare and attend college.
 - Ten pilot teams have been formed and looking to create 10 more—these Vertical Teams include educational professionals from the same community/school system who will work together to develop complementary programs to promote higher education. The target age group is middle school through high school and postsecondary education.
- Students with disabilities can be included within this project.
- Andi will contact the representatives to answer a Call for Presentations for the Transition Conference.
- A resource through ISAC, **Illinois Mentor**, can complement the KnowHow2Go Project or be used by individuals. Through Illinois Mentor, students can create their personal portfolio beginning with eighth grade through high school. Portfolio will be a means to track test scores, classes, explore careers and colleges. Also, online admission applications can be completed as well as transfer transcripts. All of these services are free. .

<http://collegezone.com/>

Andi stated that she has been in touch with Dr. Sheila Romano about the possibility of linkage of ICDD and ICCB to the statewide P20 initiative. The P20 involves ISBE, BHE, and ICCB with a focus on transition. The purpose is to look at resources, develop a vision, and explore educational and employment opportunities for students with developmental disabilities. Contacts from ICCB Adult Education, Carl Perkins, and Workforce areas would also be included. Sheila is in the process of discussing this linkage with the directors of each agency. If this idea is accepted as a possibility, then a round table discussion will be planned. All of this is in the beginning stages so an update will be given at the next meeting.

Ocheng Jany, IBHE:

Ocheng report on the IBHE initiative (IBHE strategic plan) to work with DCEO, ISBE, IBHE and ICCB on collaborating to invest in producing workers we need with the right education. Community meetings will be held around the state to get input from all stakeholders. By next year, documentation will outline need and market. Ocheng also reported that he has presented information about the ICC to the Disability Advisory Committee and the web accessibility group to familiarize them with the work and purpose of the ICC.

Alan Dietrich, DHS/DDD:

Alan shared information about a mental health code conference to be held at the Signature Inn in Springfield. He will send conference information to ICC members via e-mail.

★ New Business

☒ Survey on Employment Barriers for People with Disabilities

Sandra Mott reported on this survey for the Medicaid infrastructure grant. She reported that great feedback on the survey has been received from parents, consumers and providers but only 17 employers have responded. Tidbits from the survey include:

- Almost all parents responded that "yes" their son/daughters disability would make it difficult or impossible to get and/or keep a job.

Once all data has been collected (drop dead due date is June 15) and tabulated, a strategic plan will be developed and sent out for public comment (due by mid September). Sandra would like to report to the Council once the data has been tabulated.

Sandra also reported that focus groups are continuing and she is talking to parents and consumers at conferences. Providers of services recruit people to come to the focus groups. The HBWD (Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities) amount has increased but they are still working to get the rule approved.

This topic (Employment Barriers for People with Disabilities) should be kept on the agenda for future meetings.

★ Announcements

Ocheng Jany, IBHE: A campus security taskforce (result of NIU campus shooting) is working a campus security plan. A report has been submitted to the Governor as is posted on the IBHE website.

★ Adjournment

The May 21, 2008 meeting was adjourned by Marva at 3:35 p.m. The next ICC meeting will be Wednesday, July 23rd, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting
July 23, 2008
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

★ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35p.m. by Marva Campbell Pruitt. The meeting was chaired by Marva Campbell-Pruitt.

★ Roll Call

Members Present:

In Springfield: Darcy Contri, Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Randy Boschulte, Lola Lucas, Melanie Fleenor, Terry Braidwood, and Deb Fornoff.

In Chicago: Marva Campbell-Pruitt and Margie Harkness.

By telephone: Alan Dietrich, Bill Sinwell, Brandy Hayes, and Denise Blalock.

★ Guests Present

Sam Ganci from DCEO

★ Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent after adding Ocheng's IL Board of Higher Education data to New Business.

★ Approval of prior meeting minutes

The May 2008 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent with the following corrections:

1. On page 1, under Guests Present, Deb Fornoff is an ISAC representative, not an ICAC representative.
2. On page 3, under the third bullet, the 1's need to be deleted after Children's and Adult.
3. On page 3, under Public Relations and Marketing, Lola Lucas needs to be listed as the chair of this committee.
4. On page 4, after Andi Berryman's name, the agency should be ICCB, not ICBB.

Ocheng made a motion for approval of the minutes with corrections and this was seconded by Lola.

Ocheng also requested that today's meeting minutes reflect the fantastic job Sue Walter did in compiling the minutes for the last IICC meeting. Great job, well done, Sue!

★Public Participation

None

★ Chairpersons' Reports:

Sue Walter, ISBE:

The Strategic Planning/Agency Director's letter has been signed by Chris Koch and mailed to Marva today in order for her to obtain Carol Adam's signature. After her signature is obtained, Marva's secretary will make copies for each IICC member and will also mail out to each agency director. It was strongly recommended that each IICC member contact their own agency director to discuss/gather support for this letter. Darcy noted that the new interim director for her agency is Gerri Clark.

Sue has all the state agency reports but has not had the opportunity to compile the information into a standard format. Deb Fornoff and Melanie Fleenor volunteered to assist Sue in this process. If additional help is needed, Marva indicated that she will be happy to help.

A couple of members have reported corrections for the IICC webpage. All IICC agencies will review the website and send any corrections, additions, deletions, new resources, etc to Sue by Friday, Aug. 1, 2008. Also, please notify Sue after you have reviewed the webpage even if there are no corrections. The IICC webpage address is www.isbe.net/iicc/default.htm. IICC members stated that the website looks very nice and is "user friendly."

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS:

Marva reported on a new partnership with Johnson and Johnson. This is a supported employee family project. See Marva for further details.

★Old Business

✓Education and Training

Darcy Contri gave the group an update on the upcoming Transition Conference scheduled for October 27 – 29, 2008 at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, IL. She indicated that the registration booklet will go to the printer at the end of this week. She additionally stated that this year there will be 70 breakout presentations. Also, there are well-known national speakers who will be presenting at this year's conference i.e. Cathy Snow, Brett Eastburn, and Dr. Patrick Schwartz. Registration will be available online beginning August 1 at www.cccmeetings.com/transition.pdf.

Darcy passed out “Save the Date” postcards to the group to disseminate to their respective agencies.

IICC will send a letter to ISAC to ensure that alternative and charter schools have access to the transition conference information.

Marva suggested an interagency training session similar to the one that was held back in 2003. The goal of this session would be to ensure that information is not being siloed, but is moving up and down. Alan made a motion for this interagency training to occur and it was seconded by Lola. Discussion occurred with the following points:

- ❖ Ocheng recommended the training session every 2 – 3 years, not just when there is a need.
- ❖ Darcy pointed out that this would also be beneficial but additional public relation/communication marketing needs to be accomplished first.

All present IICC members were in favor to develop this training. The subcommittee responsible in planning this training is Marva, Andi, Alan, Deb and Randy as a silent partner. The very tentative date for this training was suggested to occur in fiscal year 2009.

Deb stated that she is a parent of a child with a disability, who is going through transition, and finds this type of information is crucial to families.

✓ **Workgroups**

☒ **Public Education** (*Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott, Deb Fornoff, and Sue Walter*)

Marva brought 2 documents: Transitions Post Secondary Planning Guide and Transition: A College Guide for a Student with Special Needs. She stated that both of these documents will greatly assist the students who are considering going to college. Marva recommended that IICC review these documents thoroughly and consider making them IICC’s. A report will be given to the larger group on these documents at the next IICC meeting with the hopes of having them ready for the Transition Conference.

☒ **Public Relations and Marketing** (*Lola Lucas, Darcy Contri, and Sue Walter*)

It was reported that this group has not heard back from Deb Einhorn about the upcoming Transition Conference.

☒ **Outreach** (*Darcy Contri*)

Darcy announced that her agency has applied for a \$300,000 grant with the Resource Administrative Services which will coordinate community based service systems for special needs students and youth with health care needs. If awarded the

money, it will be spent on the development of a clearinghouse which will house transition information, hiring staff to market the clearinghouse, development of curriculum and identifying liaisons. The application for this grant is due in November.

★ Agency Reports (Agencies not listed had nothing new to report at this time)

Margie Harness, ICDD:

Margie announced that the third Speak Up, Speak Out Conference will be held at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in Springfield November 5 – 7. This conference will focus on local access, developing partnerships and grassroots advocacy. For further information, the web address is www.managingtheheartofliving.org.

Andi Berryman, ICBB:

Andi reported that the Student Success Grant was unfortunately cut out of the budget. Additionally, she has continued pushing the P20 initiative. The P20 involves ISBE, BHE, and ICCB with a focus on transition. The purpose is to look at resources, develop a vision, and explore educational and employment opportunities for students with developmental disabilities. It was suppose to have been signed on July 1st. Andi has also met with Sheila where collaboration on the state plan as well as getting the community colleges on board was addressed.

Ocheng Jany, IBHE:

Ocheng referenced 2 documents: IBHE FY2006 and FY2007 Grants to Support Initiatives to Serve Students with Disabilities in Higher Education and tables 19 and 20 which were Unduplicated Headcounts of Students with Disabilities Self-Reporting at Illinois Public Institutions of Higher Education for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006. Ocheng indicated that he would send both of these documents electronically to IICC members. The first document summarized 5 grants totaling \$302,250 for FY2006 and 6 grants totaling \$459,522 for students with disabilities.

The grants are as follows:

2006

Developing Disability Access Metrics for Postsecondary Education
Providing Training to Meet the Needs of Multicultural Visually Impaired Students
Transition and Inclusion Camp for Students with Disabilities
Preparing Teachers of the Deaf Through Partnership
Adaptive Computer Technology and Accessible Web Site Design

2007

Illinois Functional Web Accessibility Consortium
Transition to Employment for Graduates with Disabilities
Adapted Technology: Supporting Students Through Accessible Print Media
Developing Disability Access Metrics for Postsecondary Education
Providing Training to Meet the Needs of Multicultural Visually Impaired Students
Transition and Inclusion Camp for Students with Disabilities

The second document is a data collection sheet from various public universities. The data did not include the information from private colleges, who failed to respond. The goal is to collect this data for 5 to 10 years to see and analyze trends. Unfortunately, the loss of funding has impacted this initiative.

Alan Dietrich, DHS/DDD:

Alan informed the group about the Transition Services Work Group subcommittees writing draft copies of a white paper and survey on transition services provided by DMH funded providers.

He also spoke about the Cliff to Slope Transition Conference that was held on Friday, July 18th in Evanston, IL and sponsored by Thresholds. He stated that this conference encouraged providers and agencies to look outside the box for the 18-21 year old age group.

He began to speak about the 2008 National Policy Academy on Developing Systems of Care for Youth and Young Adults with Mental Health Needs Who Are Transitioning to Adulthood and Their Families, and then deferred to Adjoja's expertise. She explained that DMH is applying for this initiative. A small work group met in Chicago on July 8th to work on a letter of application for this grant. If Illinois is awarded the grant, the work will be comprised in three sections: (1) pre-work with a TA advisor on state initiatives (2) attendance at the academy in Washington, DC on Dec. 8 – 11, 2008, a 6 member interagency delegation will work with national experts on transition services and intensive policy development (3) post work with a TA advisor who will work to help implement policy initiatives. Illinois' policy had been to develop transition across agency groups that will oversee transition where all agencies will have the same avenues for all youth to follow. Currently, Illinois has many initiatives, but they are not all coordinated. The selected states will be chosen Aug. 29, 2008.

House Resolution 1117 has been passed as a resolution which hopes to bring uniformity to state agencies due to the fact that all agencies have their own aging out number. Marva indicated that she will send out further information on this resolution to IICC members. It was also mentioned that IICC may wish to make a public statement about this resolution. It was recommended that the Public Relations and Marketing Committee headed by Lola Lucas pursue this task.

Bill Sinwell and Randy Boschulte, DCEO

Bill told the group that a grant will be awarded to 20 students with disabilities to work as an intern in a high technological setting. For further information on this, please refer to the website www.disabilityworks.org

Randy stated that there has not been any word from his agency on the \$6000 funding request for the upcoming transition conference yet. He also informed the group that he has been reassigned to other job responsibilities and will not be an active member with the ICC. He requested continued participation, though, as a silent partner.

Lola Lucas, IDES:

Lola reported that 1 million copies of a new brochure, *Learn More Earn More*, are available at <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us/lmem/lmem.htm>. This is a tri-fold/fold out poster brochure that promotes post-secondary education. Marva requested 900 copies of this brochure to put in the bags that will be handed out at the upcoming transition conference.

Terry Braidwood, DHS (Division of DD):

Terry informed the group that \$21 million dollars was cut in the community budget. The Quality Management Bureau hired 20 people who will do monitoring and provide TA. The Children's Waiver Program will analyze the quality of the adult program. This program has just recently begun processing claims.

Deb Fornoff, ISAC

Deb shared with the group highlights of the successful legislative breakfast that was held on Wed., May 14th in the rotunda.

★ New Business

Ocheng presented his documents under Agency Reports.

★ Announcements

Marva pointed out that Beth Hanselman has been unable to attend many ICC meetings due to ISBE Board meetings that are held at the same time. Marva suggested that ICC consider changing the last two, 2008 meeting dates and revise the 2009 dates. Marva sent out an email with the following information:

- ❖ The morning of September 23 to replace Sept. 17th (9:30 - 11:30)
- ❖ The afternoons of November 6 or 13 to replace the November meeting
- ❖ Tentative 2009 Meeting Dates:
 - Jan 29
 - Feb 10 - Joint ICC/ISAC (Tuesday)
 - March 25
 - May 27
 - July 22
 - Sept 23
 - Nov 17 (Tuesday)

Please provide feedback to Marva on these new dates as soon as possible. These new meeting dates will be voted on at the September 23rd meeting.

Marva also requested that if any represented agency would like to share any promotional items at the Transition Conference, please let her know so these can be put in the conference bags. At this time, it is uncertain as to where to send these promotional items.

Sue Walter will be the alternate to sit on the Higher Board of Education Disability committee due to Beth Hanselman's scheduling conflicts.

Lola led a round of applause for the years of service that Randy has provided to the IICC. Everyone agreed and gave Randy his well deserved kudos!

★ Adjournment

The July 23, 2008 meeting was motioned to adjourn by Margie and seconded by Alan at 3:30 p.m. The next ICC meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 from 9:30 – 11:30AM.

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting
September 23, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

★ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Marva Campbell Pruitt. The meeting was co-chaired by Beth Hanselman and Marva Campbell-Pruitt.

★ Roll Call

Members Present: Beth Hanselman, Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Sandra Mott, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Sue Walter, Alan Dietrich, Terry Braidwood, Bill Sinwell, Melanie Fleenor, Margie Harkness.

Guests Present: Deb Fornoff, ISAC representative;

★ Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

★ Approval of prior meeting minutes

Corrections were given to Melanie and incorporated into the July minutes. The minutes were approved with these corrections.

★ Chairpersons' Reports:

Beth Hanselman, ISBE:

Beth reported on the progress of implementing HR 1117. HR 1117's charge is to look at the mandates of the different state agencies in regard to children leaving the child-based and/or secondary education system and moving into the adult service system, i.e., when do youth "age-out". HR 1117 also requires the development of a table or chart of services provided. In short: What services are provided? → When is "age-out"? → What are the mandates? ISBE is taking the lead on this. Beth still needs representatives from DCFS and DHS.

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS:

DHS/DRS will be changing criteria for eligibility. SSI recipients will NOT be put on a "fast-track". The order of selection will be adhered to but will be undergoing some fine-tuning in regard to "ability to work."

DHS/DMH will give a focus group presentation to the ICC and also at the TPC regionals.

★ Old Business

✓ Annual Report

Sue Walter has compiled the state agency reports using the grid the agencies replied to. Melanie and Deb Fornoff will review and capture more information into reader-friendly dot-points and will also put DHS/DDD's narrative into the grid format. Because of planning for the Transition Conference, more progress will likely not be made until November.

✓ **Strategic Planning (Discussion of Report & Next Steps):**

The Strategic Planning/Agency Director's letter was signed by both Chris Koch and Carol Adams. DHS then made copies and mailed to all agency directors.

✓ **Workgroups**

☒ **Public Education** (*Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott, Deb Fornoff (ISAC) and Sue Walter*)

This committee met on September 22nd. Committee members decided to adopt two issues from the vision in the ICC strategic plan as the focus. In the future this will drive planning.

DAC Survey – The Disability Advisory Committee is working on a survey tool to look at the issue of disparity between eligibility requirements at institutions of higher education. The ICC approved the suggestion that this committee (Public Education) work with the DAC on this. Sandra Mott will be joining the Public Education Committee. Marva would like to add a future agenda item to have a presentation on the DAC.

☒ **Data Collection and Sharing** (*no chair to date*)

☒ **Public Relations and Marketing** (Lola Lucas, Chair with Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott and Sue Walter)

Lola and Darcy were able to meet. Darcy gave Lola an 11 page informational document/guide that the ICC had approved some time ago. Lola has sent it to her agency's graphic art department to try out some design ideas.

☒ **Outreach** (*Darcy Contri*)

☒ **Training and Technical Assistance** (*Marva Campbell-Pruitt*)

The conference planning is on schedule for the 2008 Statewide Transition Conference. The conference will be held at the Peoria Civic Center in Peoria, October 27 – 29. The ICC will be doing a panel presentation at the conference. ICC members are encouraged to attend the conference in its entirety.

Marva asked that ICC members add March 26th to their calendar as an agency training day. A subcommittee is needed to plan this day.

★ **2009 Proposed Meeting Dates**

The proposed meeting dates for 2009 were approved as suggested and should be posted on the ICC webpage.

January 29 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

February 10 – Joint ICC/ISAC meeting

March 25 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

March 26 – ICC state agency training day

May 27 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

July 22 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

September 23 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

November 17 – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

★ Agency Reports (Agencies not listed had nothing new to report at this time)

Margie Harness, ICDD:

The third Speak Up Speak Out Conference will be held at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center in Springfield November 5 – 7. This conference will focus on local access, developing partnerships and grassroots advocacy.

A new call for investment is out...In-Roads to Employment.

Andi Berryman, ICCB:

Andi mentioned the Forum for Excellence at the Springfield Hilton. She will report on this conference at the next meeting.

Ocheng Jany, IBHE:

Ocheng reported on the IBHE initiative (IBHE Public Agenda or Strategic Plan) to work with DCEO, ISBE, DHFS, disabilityworks, and ICCB on collaborating to invest in producing workers we need with the right education. The ICC strategic plan is being looked at to see what might be incorporated into the initiative, e.g., barriers to employment.

Sandra Mott, HFS:

Sandra reported the strategic plan for Medicaid Infrastructure grant has been approved by the Workforce Investment Board. She is working to develop materials for parents and students re: career development. As proposed in the strategic plan, the grant will also offer \$ to Transition Planning Committee through an interagency agreement with DHS/DRS. There is \$10,000 to use until January 1 and \$20,000 for next year.

DSCC, Darcy Contri:

DSCC will be conducting an internal workgroup on October 15 to look their transition services and how to build capacity. Representatives from all regional offices will be involved.

Terry Braidwood, DHS/DDD:

Three waiver amendments have been approved by the Federal government.

- people employed as DSP's for individuals with disabilities are not required to have a high school diploma or GED
- family (other than the legal guardian) can be paid to provide services for the individual

Terry also reported that IL will be going from 9 to 8 state operated DD facilities when Howe Developmental Center closes on 7/1/09.

Lola Lucas, IDES:

IDES has launched a new version of CIS (Career Information System). There are 10 new careers included and there are new features in the portfolio option. Lola will provide 900 brochures for the Transition Conference.

Bill Sinwell, DCEO:

Bill reported that DCEO is supporting a new 2 year pilot program together with disabilityworks and Chicago Public Schools. Students with disabilities who are interested in IT (information technology) careers are connected to internships at Chicago firms. A Project Coordinator has been hired and is working with MOPD, CPS and disabilityworks.

Deb Fornoff, ISAC:

Deb reported that goals for the transition subcommittee of ISAC are to be established at the October meeting. Membership to this subcommittee is planned to be expanded to include other transition stakeholders and/or agencies beginning at the January meeting.

★ New Business

☒ Panel Presentation at the Transition Conference

Marva asked that each agency send her information to include as "dot point" for a slide show.

★ Announcements

None

★ Adjournment

The September 23, 2008 meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. The next ICC meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting
November 13, 2008
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

★ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Marva Campbell Pruitt. The meeting was chaired by Marva Campbell-Pruitt and Beth Hanselman joined.

★ Roll Call

Members Present:

Ocheng Jany, Alan Dietrich, Margie Harkness, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Beth Hanselman, Sue Walter, Adjoa Denise Blalock, Pat Curtis

★ Guests Present

Deb Fornoff – ISAC representative

★ Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

★ Approval of prior meeting minutes

The September, 2008 minutes were approved with changes from Beth, Margie, Terry, Ocheng and Marva.

★ Public Participation

None

★ Chairpersons' Reports:

Beth Hanselman, ISBE:

- Beth reported that ISBE is very busy working on their budget, legislative proposals, APR data and the Federal report due February 2, 2009, and RtI provisions for technical assistance and services.
- Beth is leading the task force on special education brought about by HR 24. She reported that legislators had not yet filled all of their appointments. This task force will be looking at funding of special education. She explained that changing funding streams are very complex and unforeseen consequences can ripple into

other areas for districts and cooperatives. Beth reported that IAASE is also putting together a legislative proposal regarding funding changes.

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, DHS/DRS:

Marva stated that she is concerned about the lack of agency representatives in attendance today. She asked Council members if energy is fading. Ocheng Jany felt that we shouldn't read too much into today's attendance. He stressed that people should try to let someone know if they cannot make it, if at all possible, and stress to the entire membership of the ICC that we need a quorum to conduct business.

★Old Business

✓Annual Report

2005 – 2006 – The 2005 – 2006 ICC Annual Report still needs Dr. Koch's signature. Sue will try to facilitate this.

2006 – 2007 – Sue provided an update on the status of the 2006 – 2007 ICC Annual Report. A couple of data sources need to be updated (e.g., PUN data) and an agency report still needs to be obtained from DMH.

Marva suggested that both the 2005 – 2006 and 2006 – 2007 reports be sent together for signatures in the hope of facilitating the process expediently.

Marva will move forward to begin collecting 2007 – 2008 TPC data.

✓Strategic Planning/Agency Director's Response

Only two directors have submitted their responses, ICDD and DMH. Marva asked everyone to check with their directors and try to facilitate this process. Marva and Beth will check to see if any responses have come in and were possibly sent to a different location. In hindsight, the letter to directors did not actually indicate where to return the response to.

✓HR 1117

HR1117 establishes a Cross-Agency Coordination Task Force on Developmental Disabilities. The task force's charge is to examine the disparate ages at which young adult with developmental disabilities and mental illness "age out" of programs and services provided by DCFS, DHS and ISBE. The task force is required to submit a report of its findings and include recommendations of ways to improve transition services to individuals who have a developmental disability or mental illness.

Beth has been working on the commitments to pull together the 9 required members.

Marva volunteered to assist. Beth will call Marva.

✓Workgroups

☒ Post Secondary/Public Education (*Andi Berryman, Ocheng Jany, Darcy Contri, Sandy Mott, Deb Fornoff, and Sue Walter*)

☒ Public Relations and Marketing (*Lola Lucas, Darcy Contri, and Sue Walter*)

☒ Education and Training

ICC members who participated in the development and/or implementation of the 2008 Statewide Transition Conference shared comments about the conference. Over 800 individuals were in attendance. The exhibit hall at the Peoria Conference Center was full with a wide variety of exhibits.

★ Agency Reports (Agencies not listed had nothing new to report at this time)

Note: The Statewide Transition Conference was held October 27 – 29 in Peoria.

Many of the ICC members had critical roles at the conference and have focused their work for the past several months primarily on the success of the conference.

Therefore, agency reports were briefer at the November meeting.

DHS/DRS

Adjoa Denise Blalock updated the Council on the work of the Mental Health Transition Workgroup. A white paper on the issues of transitioning youth who have mental health/illness disabilities is being finalized. Also, a draft report on the analysis of a survey of transition services provided by DMH funded providers is being finalized.

IDHFS

Pat Curtis reported that the Strategic Plan for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant is final and available on HFS' website. The Strategic Plan specifically addresses transition issues for youth with disabilities.

★ New Business

✓ disabilityworks & IL DCEO Innovation Award

Ocheng Jany, IBHE, talked about the Innovation Award presented by disabilityworks each year to an agency or person(s) who empower people with disabilities. He will e-mail and electronic copy of the details and criteria for the award.

★ Announcements

An announcement was made about a consent decree affecting people with disabilities who reside in ICFDD's.

★ Adjournment

The November 18, 2008 meeting was motioned to adjourn by Sue Walter and seconded by Margie at 2:50 p.m. The next ICC meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 from 9:30 – 11:30AM.