

Region 6 IEIC Meeting Minutes
WEAC, Rehearsal Hall, 611 5th St, Willmar
Wed, Sept 28, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CDT)

2021-2022: Co-chairs (Kandiyohi & Lac qui Parle): Jody Ammerman, Karie Miller, Jodi Wambeke, Darla Swedzinski
Present: Billy Lindeman, Connie Fragodt, Marge Knudson, Jody Ammerman, Karie Miller, Jodi Wambeke, Amy Stock, Sue Thomes, Laurie Terning, Megan Olmscheid, Krista Swenson, Julie Schroeder, Erin Hoffman, Tina Saue, Tiffani Juarez, Katie Slagter, Hillary Spray, Jenny Trager, Linda Mathiasen

- I. Organization updates were combined with introductions. WIC telehealth continues through January 2023, flu clinic numbers are down. More kindergarteners entering without preschool screening; early childhood special education referrals are up significantly with more qualifying; increase reports of difficult behavior in preschools. Kids First Conference is set for in-person at new venue, Jackpot Junction, on March 3-4, seeking trainers and topics. Child Care Aware /UCAP has implemented Wayfinder Navigator positions to recruit and retain providers and assist with start-up resources. LSS hosts teen parent group, outreach, housing and out of care placements. Early Learning Scholarships has new brochures and maintains a waiting list. BBE has fully implemented Second Step for birth-3 through grade 3.
- II. Agenda and minutes from April 27, 2022, were motioned for approval by Jody Ammerman, second by Sue Thomes. Motion passed.
- III. Roster updates were shared. The Committee is still seeking parent participants. A \$100 stipend plus mileage reimbursement is available. Send suggestions and contact information to Linda Mathiasen.
- IV. FY2023 Budget reflects \$4,681.24 in carryover funds for a total of \$27,288.91. We secured Help Me Grow materials through SWWC for a savings of \$6,696 in fiscal year 2022. Unallocated funds \$7,769.40 to help implement this year's work plan.
- V. MDE Updates
 - a. Meeting of the Minds with Cat Tamminga is held monthly virtually; co-chairs are invited.
 - b. Virtual learning opportunities include [Project SCOPE](#): Supporting Children of the Opioid Epidemic and free webinars from [Early Childhood Investigation](#).
 - c. Updated Resource Form for Region 11 created HMG materials, updated pricing. Link: [Region 11 Metro ECSU website](#).
 - d. Help Me Grow MN youtube videos available for broad sharing on local social media and websites.

Parent Name	Home Culture	Subtitle Language	YouTube Link
Sai	Hmong	Hmong	https://youtu.be/67ZxflUstfl
Sai	Hmong	English	https://youtu.be/scuJ003GnTI
Marco	Spanish	Spanish	https://youtu.be/0k5v_T5-HB8
Marco	Spanish	English	https://youtu.be/AirNWoKR-Ss
Amina	Somali	Somali	https://youtu.be/l0qsDFQwrjA
Amina	Somali	English	https://youtu.be/A37z4PoBE9c
Melissa	English	English	https://youtu.be/QHvQDRGEjNw
Highlight	English	English	https://youtu.be/KVSBP-QnIC0

- VI. 2023 Work Plan was shared along with currently scheduled child find and public awareness activities. Share opportunities and requests with Linda Mathiasen.

Scheduled opportunities:

- a. September 29: Upper Sioux presentation on Early Childhood Development/Autism interest.
- b. October Opportunity: Fire Station in Willmar on Tuesday, October 11, 5-7 p.m. IEIC is partnering with Public Health

- c. Linda has arranged training opportunities through DEVELOP/Milestones of St. Cloud focusing on Young Children with Special Needs/Documentation & Observation. IEIC permission to distribute HMG materials. (These sessions were cancelled due to low attendance).

Targeted opportunities:

- a. Help Me Grow materials were distributed to IEIC members for their use and distribution. Additional material requests can be sent to [Linda Mathiasen](#).
- b. Outreach to clinics through Public Health. Community wellness contacts shared at CentraCare and Lakeland CentraCare. Determine if materials can be inserted in Talking with Teaching bags at local hospitals.
- c. Distribute Help Me Grow information to diverse populations, such as CLUES and Community Integration Center. Connect with large employers, such as Jennie-O, Riverview Dairy.
- d. Distribute to school districts not represented on IEIC, ECFC classes, Head Start family advocates, emergency shelters/food shelves including Hope for the City, congregations
- e. Host training on behaviors for parents, childcare/early childhood staff. Linda Mathiasen is a Develop trainer for Children and Challenging Behaviors curriculum through Center for Inclusive Behaviors. Lynn Herrick is another training resource. Connect with county licensors.
- f. Work with ten17 to create 90-second videos on Help Me Grow Social Media Campaign. Linda Mathiasen to seek a quote for November 30's meeting.

VII. **Assignment: (All)** Send contact updates and e-newsletter items to Linda Mathiasen.

VIII. Motion to adjourn by Connie Fragodt, seconded by Laurie Terning.

IX. Upcoming meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2023: **November 30, February 22, April 26.**