

HMG IEIC Region 8 Meeting Minutes

Virtual-Microsoft Teams

2/28/23

1:00-2:15 PM

Members Present: Sarah Mok, Sarah Kruse, Ryann Beukema, Jennifer Zollner, Tiffany Teske, Emily Hoffman, Nikki Van't Hof, Kelly Konechne, Jessica Froderman, Hollie Pater, Lisa Peterson

Members Introductions and Sharing: Shari shared that Nobles County will again be doing a drive through goodie bag instead of a Children's Fair this spring. We may be able to put a HMG brochure and FAP bookmark in the bag. Jessica shared that in Adrian she has been giving HMG materials and bags at preschool screenings, with need for more.

Minutes Approval:

The meeting minutes of 11-29-22 were read with no corrections made. A motion made by Shari and seconded by Ryann to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

State Updates:

December Meeting of the Minds (MOM) 2022 – A survey was sent to all the IEIC's to give input on the current Help Me Grow materials and which one should be continued or discontinued. Discussion revolved around what each region uses for materials. Also there was discussion on possible new materials to offer. No decisions have yet been made.

January Meeting of the Minds (MOM) 2023 – We discussed how IEIC's in MN have evolved over the years. In 1986 when Interagency Committees were formed, there were 90 county committees. A federal audit in 2010 led to the IEIC's being set up as 12 Regional committees in 2011 with Education as the lead agency. When going to regional committees some of the local connections were lost. However, now committees are able to focus more specifically on Child Find. The questions were asked whether it is time to look at another change in IEIC's and if so, how.

February MOM 2023 – A new agency is being proposed by the Walz administration called Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF). This would affect 0-2 year olds and the agencies that serve this age group. For more information please see the following websites: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/PartCFAQ/> and <https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/childrens-cabinet/One-Minnesota-Budget-DCYF.pdf> If you have any questions, feedback, or comments you may send them to: mde.dcyf@state.mn.us

Operating Procedures Update: With more clarity on the subject from Tonia at the Service Cooperative (our fiscal host), we discussed how we wanted to proceed with parent reimbursement to attend committee meetings. We will need to itemize the additional reimbursements. The group discussed keeping the stipend at \$100 per meeting, adding mileage at the going rate, and adding \$50 reimbursement for child care during a meeting, if childcare was needed by parents in order to attend the meeting. This will be added to the operating procedures, along with a few other changes and sent by email to be voted on by the committee.

Child Care Trainings update: The trainings will be held in Windom and Pipestone on two separate days – March 28 & 29 and April 11 & 12 from 6:30-8:30. Linda, the trainer has made a flyer to be used at the Kids First Conference. This will be sent to committee members in a separate email to send out to interested people.

International Festival: The Festival will be held July 14 & 15 in Worthington. The breast feeding tent that we had discussed using at an earlier meeting is being used by another group in Nobles county. We did however discuss collaborating with them by setting up a table next to it. We discussed having pamphlets, however decided since they do not want possible paper litter on the grounds we would stick with banners. We have one in English and Spanish. Shari suggested a banner in Karen would be nice to include. Lisa will check with other regions to see if there is one to borrow. We also discussed having bubbles with the Help Me Grow logo and QR code on it for the older children who come with parents to the tent. The idea of having balls and scooters was also suggested. We discussed the possibility of having our members be at the booth and providing a stipend to do so. Lisa will check into this.

Kids First Conference: This state-wide conference for child care providers will be taking place on Friday and Saturday of this week. We have the booth secured with HMG materials, FAP Bookmarks, and the Child Care training Flyers for the booth. Because it would be too disruptive to participants to set up for only part of the time the booth will be set up for the entire conference. Kids First Brochure link is: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/247396876/>

Current Budget: Of the \$31,778.86 budget, \$22, 392.62 remains. Money spent since last meeting include facilitator's salary and postage for mailing flyers to medical centers. There was no discussion about the budget.

Referral Tracking: There were 21 of the 31 possible schools from our region reporting. Referrals have almost doubled since the last reporting in November. There was also a big jump in the completed evaluations since November with a larger number of eligible students, especially in the 0-2 range compared to last year at this time. The numbers of referrals from the HMG website is about the same as last year. Highest number of referrals came from clinics, followed by families, and early childhood programs (preschools, screenings, and Head Start).

Community Education Brochures and Digital Sites: In addition to asking ECSE teachers to check in with their ECFE/Learning Readiness colleagues to partner with us in advertising Help Me Grow, we are also asking them to contact Community Education directors to also help with this.

Equity Training Opportunity through the State: There was an opportunity for Regional IEIC's to join in a statewide equity audit and training by Dr .Rosemarie Allen. Our region had two interested members, however we were only allowed one to participate. It came down to who would be able to be at all the meetings. Therefore, Karen DeBoer will be the Region 8 representative.

Help Me Grow Materials Order: Several members inquired about additional materials. Lisa will send out the order form. Members are encouraged to share this with other partners who may also be in need of materials.

Black History Month: In honor of Black History month we watched a short video by Kid President about the life of Martin Luther King Jr as told through the eyes of a child. To watch this video go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xXZhXTFWnE>

Members are encouraged to think ahead for our next meeting to brainstorm ideas we could do for our plan 2023-2024, which will be due in June.

Members are also encouraged to consider being a chairperson for next year. ☺

Next Meeting Dates for 2022-2023:

Tuesday, April 25 at 1:00 Pizza Ranch Slayton / Virtual

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Peterson, Facilitator