

**Cluster G Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
July 10, 2020**

- 1) Introductions (if needed)**
- 2) Advocacy Efforts with Policy Makers**
- 3) Announcement/Close**

**CENTRAL INDIANA FIRST STEPS
LOCAL PLANNING & COORDINATING COUNCIL
Cluster G Executive Committee
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Present: Debbi Davis-SPOE, Jason Berty-CTC, Jill Sanders-Accord, Katherine Hargreaves-ESC, Victoria Ballard-Indpls Healthy Start, Angela Touseull-LPCC, Stacy Williams-LPCC, Katarina Groves-LPCC

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome/Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No introductions were needed. 	
Advocacy Efforts with Policy Makers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacy shared that she attended a mixer with legislators hosted by the Minority Health Coalition. She was able to make a couple connections. • DJ’s story is now posted on the local cluster site. He was going to be the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting before it had to be cancelled. • Sarah Muir’s daughter has also submitted her success story. Stacy is waiting on some baby pictures of her to complete the piece. • Stacy asked the group how we should proceed in our advocacy efforts going forward? • Katherine felt it would be good to stress that we have been here all along during the shutdown serving Indiana’s children. • Jason noted that he was very encouraged by the remarks made by Rep. Clere at the last ICC meeting. He felt that everyone needed to press on with the momentum that has been established. • Katherine wondered if it was possible to get legislators to follow us on social media. It would be nice to do a Facebook live event with DJ. Hear Indiana had done an event with great success and even raised a lot of money. • Debbi noted that since face to face meetings are difficult right now, maybe using the Zoom platform could be an alternative. Holding quarterly informational meetings for instance, or a virtual meet and greet. • Jason remarked that any permanent changes to service delivery for First Steps providers will need to be made by the legislative branch. He noted that working with Indiana’s Professional Licensing Agency is a little tricky and many of the Provider Associations are working on this issue. • Katherine noted that it would be beneficial to advocate for permanent remote service delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff will begin to work on implementing some of the strategies discussed in the meeting. • Inquiries will be made both with the ARC and state staff around advocacy efforts.

	<p>with the insurance industry. BCBS and Medicaid in the state of Tennessee has approved virtual therapy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason felt that Hannah Carlock with the ARC may be able to assist us in this area and save us some steps. • Angela felt that it would be good to continue to gather success stories from families and particularly the success of virtual therapy. • Katarina noted that David Sterne with VIPS would probably have some families who could attest to the benefits of virtual therapy. • Katherine noted that it would be good to have a virtual visit data point in the new EI Hub so that the council can track numbers etc. • Angela asked whether anyone follows legislators on social media. Debbi stated that we need to put more focus on social media in general. • Stacy felt it would be wise to include state staff as they may know something we do not. • Debbi wondered if INARF is involved in the discussion around virtual visits? Katherine felt that they are aware of the need, but their big focus right now is with adult services. • Stacy thanked everyone for their input and felt that some things could start to be pulled together. • A vote was taken on the last meeting's minutes. They were approved. 	
<p>Announcements/Close</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria shared that their services are being held remotely. They are still doing the Safe Sleep class with families and they can get a pack and play. • No further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: October 2, 2020 @ 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Katarina Groves