

Early On[®] Michigan
**MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

September 12, 2008

Dear Budget Ad Hoc Committee Members,

The purpose of this report is to bring Budget Ad Hoc Committee members up to date on the follow-up steps and recommendations from the June 24, 2008 meeting. The September 26th agenda is full, and in order to get to the discussion of the funding formula (Part B of the charge), please review this report so you are familiar with what has transpired since our last meeting. In addition, all materials for this committee can be located on the following website: www.earlyonredesign.com. Click on *Budget Ad Hoc Committee*.

To address the first part of the charge, "To look at the *Early On* budget in detail and recommend and prioritize how to allocate the federal funds," members were provided background information regarding one reason the Budget Ad Hoc Committee was formed, which was to recommend funding options for parent support through fiscal year 2009. No consensus was reached as to where the additional funds could come from, although several suggestions were made. This issue was discussed at the Parent Involvement Committee and a recommendation was made to look closely at the Governor's Executive Order and determine if parents could be paid out of the same funding stream as non-state employees requesting compensation for attending MICC meetings. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) determined that due to personnel positions not being filled, there is additional money that could be used to support parents once the funds at The Arc Michigan are exhausted. Therefore, the parent support budget is in place for fiscal year 2009, using funds from the Administrative line for MDE.

Several recommendations were made at the June 24th meeting, and next steps to these recommendations are as follows:

1. Sheri will contact the Medicaid group that is currently meeting regarding billing issues discussed.
This work will be done by a Fund Expansion Committee, soon to be developed.
2. Vanessa will gather data from MEGS about the amount spent on administrative salaries versus direct services.
This document will be distributed and discussed at the September 26th Budget meeting.

3. Sheri will look into obtaining data from Medicaid about the number of children 0-3 served per county.
This work will be done by a Fund Expansion Committee, soon to be developed.
4. At some point, work with the appropriations committee to get more money.
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5. Barb will get the Fiscal Study report for members for next meeting.
The Fiscal Study is located on the website: www.earlyonredesign.com. Click on Budget Ad Hoc Committee.
6. Barb will invite the MICC Early Childhood Investment Corporation representative, Marissa Zamudio, to be part of the Budget Committee.
Marissa Zamudio has accepted the invitation to be part of this Committee.
7. Vanessa and Lindy will talk with Jacque Thompson about the \$300,000 decrease in funds to see if there are additional funds in Special Education to help *Early On*.
This was proposed, but is not possible.

We look forward your presence and to a productive meeting on September 26, 2008. Please feel free to contact Barb Schinderle at schinderleb@michigan.gov or (517) 241-2591 if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,



Mark J. Larson, Ph.D., Chairperson
Budget Ad Hoc Committee