

FSSAC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Date | time January 24, 2025 | 9:00 – 11:30 AM | *Virtual Meeting*

FSSAC Members

New Co-Chair: Nicole Goeddel (absent)

Karen Underwood, Cara Dunn, Justine Guthrie, Kalli Decker, Jacki Mohler, Susan Wensel, Tara Williamson, Rhea Herman, Steph Perry, Thresa Board, Carrie Etherington, Nicole Hofmeister, Brandi Loch, Deanna Mydland

State Team: Jill Christensen, Shari Northcott, Liz Wood, Josh Kendrick, and Lynn McHann

Special Education Fact:

Part H to Part C: First authorized in 1986, the early intervention program was known as Part H of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It became Part C with the reauthorization of IDEA in 1997 and continues as Part C to the present day.

9:00 – 9:30	Welcome Ground Rules, and Agenda Review Approval of October 25, 2024, minutes (Karen Underwood, Theresa Board) Introductions and Attendance Family Story: From Family Story campaign with Windfall Reports from work groups and next steps with timelines: recruit members for both work groups Workforce - Increase multidisciplinary engagement and collaboration; Need additional members for group. FES Matric Focus group (waiting on onboards of new FES Specialist). Coordination - Improve transitions for children and families exiting Part C services and supports. Workgroup around Late referrals process, has developed and will be meeting	Chair Shari Northcott Shari Northcott and Josh Kendrick
9:30 – 10:00	Annual Performance Report Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indicator #1-#12Indicator #12 is new for FFY 2023	Shari Northcott

10:00– 10:10	Break	
10:10– 11:20	Annual Performance Report: Deep Dive into each indicator and what the FFY 2023 data reflects. Sending to Nicole Goeddel, Chairperson for sign off of APR presentation.	Shari Northcott Liz Wood and Josh Kendrick
11:20-11:25	Next Meeting: April or May 2025 Discussion about an in-person meeting/orientation: Potentially for May (5/16/2025)	Shari Northcott
11:25 – 11:30	Public Comment	
	Parking Lot:	

FSSAC Strategic Plan:

Mission: All families are supported to help their children achieve their highest potential.

Vision: We empower families to help their children succeed by advising and assisting Montana Milestones Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Program.

Ground Rules:

- Watch your airtime.
- No axes to grind.
- Follow FSSAC guidelines.
- Respect for all comments – all voices are heard as we work together.
- Assume positive intent and take responsibility for impact.
- Be here now.
- Listen to learn – active form of participation.