

FSSAC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Family Support Services Advisory Council

Date | time Friday, April 12, 2024, 9:00 – 11:30 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Laura McKee

Type of Meeting: FSSAC and Part C News

Note Taker: Liz Wood

In Attendance

New Co-Chair: Nicole Goeddel (absent)

Exiting Co-Chairs: Laura McKee, Abigail Harris

Representatives: Karen Underwood, Karen Thornton, Laura Christiaens, Susan Wensel, Lucy Beltz, Mark Douglass

Carrie Etherington, Laura Hanson-Robins, Sandy Peaslee, Stephanie Perry, Nicole Hofmeister, Jackie Mohler, Greg Malone, Barb Schell, Cara Dunn

Part C Team: Sandy Cade, Shari Northcott, Liz Wood, and Josh Kendrick

Guest Presenters: DaSy TA Naomi Younggren, Moriah Kelso (Family Story, Family Outreach)

Approval of January 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved by Karen Thornton and Karen Underwood

Introductions, Ground Rules, and Agenda Review

Review of Ground Rules by Laura McKee

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.

FAMILY STORY Presentation

FSSAC Work Groups

Reports from work groups and next steps with timelines:

- 1) Workforce - Increase multidisciplinary engagement and collaboration, No update at this time.
- 2) Coordination - Improve transitions for children and families exiting Part C services and supports. Group met in February and reviewed other states, and discussion on transition.

Family Outcome Survey: Point in Time

Slide presentation for Montana and Nationally from our TA Partner

PART C UPDATES

Part C Coordinator Updates

Part C Grant Application July 1 – June 30, 2025 Components: Submission Statements, Statement, Staes's Policies, Description of Use of Funds and Amounts.

RFP for Part C

Clarification Period for FFY 2022 Annual Performance Report, April 9 -23, 2024

Differentiated Monitoring Updates. Programmatic and Fiscal. Revision of Policy and Procedures submitted and closed. Implementation of these is still open.

DMS Update

FSSAC/ICC

New two-year term for FSSAC councilmembers started 4/1/2024.

Shari is working with Lieutenant Governor's Office for approval of council positions.

*Anyone who has not applied yet, and needs assistance please reach out to Shari Northcott.

Nomination of council co-chair for April 2024-April 2026

Thank you to Laura and Abby for their commitment to Part C and the FSSAC.

FSSAC Agenda Development for July 2024

Next meeting date: July 19, 2024, 9a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Parking Lot – Co-Chair
