

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2025

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Opening

Anne De Medeiros called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Dr. Marie Poulsen, ICC Chair, led this meeting.

Housekeeping Items

Jasmine Suo reviewed housekeeping procedures for participation. Zoom instructions, ASL/Spanish interpreter instructions, and meeting etiquette were reviewed.

Welcome

Dr. Poulsen welcomed everyone to the ICC meeting and expressed gratitude to DDS and Mission Analytics for their support for the meeting. Dr. Poulsen also thanked Doug Erber, ICC Vice-Chair for leading the April 2025 ICC meeting. Dr. Poulsen welcomed new Community Representatives, Jadelphus Fraser, Erica Gliga, Rena Mkhitarian and Emily Omaque.

Dr. Poulsen also welcomed DJ Tomko and thanked him for all his support to the ICC and Community members during his time at DDS. DJ Tomko shared that he is now a Regional Manager for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Roll Call

The roll call of appointed members was conducted by Anne De Medeiros.

Review Agenda

Dr. Poulsen reviewed the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

Michelle Oliver moved to approve the minutes. Doug Erber seconded the motion. ICC appointed members approved the minutes by roll call vote.

Review of ICC Mission, Purpose, and Theme of Meeting

Dr. Poulsen reviewed the mission and vision of the ICC. The theme of this month's meeting is Continuing Forward.

Part C Literacy Article

[Early Start Information Packet](#) by DDS

Dr. Poulsen stated this was a goldmine essential for new parents and new professionals

DDS Updates and Information – Erin Brady, DDS

Ms. Brady provided the following updates:

- Early Start Directives:
 - Effective July 1, 2024: [G-2025-Case Management-001 Remote Planning Team Meetings](#). This directive provides guidance on meetings to create or update an individual program plan (IPP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP). If a regional center has not had an in-person IFSP meeting or visit with the individual in the past 6 months, they must hold an in-person meeting at a time and place that works best for the family. Parents and legal guardians must also be fully informed of their rights about including anyone they would like to have at these meetings.
 - [D-2025-Case Management-007 Access to Client Information](#). This directive is for providers to protect the welfare and privacy of individuals served when third party organizations seek access to records or requesting information regarding clients. Regional centers are legally required to protect the information of all clients who receive services and must obtain legal review before grantees access to client information.
 - [D-2025-Case Management-009 Operational and Service Provision Flexibilities](#). This directive provides guidance to regional centers on how to support individuals and their families when circumstances may result in individuals needing to choose to remain at home. Regional centers must prioritize any request to meet urgent needs with timely updates to an IPP or IFSP and inform individuals that meetings can be conducted remotely using mobile phones, telephones, or computers, if requested by the individual or authorized representative. Regional centers should continue services to an individual if a parent or authorized representative is changed.
- Early Start Videos:
 - ARPA funds were used to develop the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Early Start video. This was a community effort with the Department of Education and Lead-K. The videos were previewed in English and Spanish. The video focuses on families with infants and toddlers who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing and how to access Early Start services. The videos are being finalized and is expected to be completed and posted to the Early Start website in the coming weeks.
 - The ASL version is in progress and is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.
- [Family Outcome Survey](#): DDS is collecting responses for its annual Family Outcome Survey to gather feedback from families on the impact of early intervention services on them and their families. This survey is sent to a randomized group of families who have participated or are participating in Early Start and is an indicator on the Annual Performance Report. DDS is surveying families served in FY24-25. The survey was released July 21, 2025 and will be open until October 31, 2025. Families may access the survey through mail or QR code. DDS is in the process of revamping the survey to get more participation. The survey is available in several languages. DDS will be sending a letter to regional centers, family resource centers,

and other community partners that will be accompanied by a flyer that can be posted on social media and or other avenues.

- [Assistive Technology Infographic](#): The Transitions and Partnerships section has released an infographic with information on assistive technology. The infographic is available in eleven different languages which can be found under the “Communication Services” drop-down menu under each age group on the [Transitions and Partnerships webpage](#).
- Annual Performance Report (APR). DDS submitted its Annual Performance Report (APR) to the Office of Special Education Programs in January 2025 and received its designation of needs intervention for the second year in a row. This is not a reflection of the work that is occurring in the field. DDS has made strides in improving its systems despite challenges in California and is addressing long-standing systemic issues related to monitoring of local education agencies. DDS has also increased the completeness of its child outcomes data by 10% (over 6,000 children). Regional centers and local educational agencies (LEAs) are also performing well. The lowest compliance score this year was 86%. DDS will continue to improve its compliance indicators and technical reporting on child outcome reporting.

Ellen Paddock asked via chat how the Early Start directive requiring in-person IFSP meetings within the past 6 months connects with the directive providing flexibility for families afraid of separation or detention, as they seem to contradict each other.

- Erin Brady responded that there was statute change effective July 1, 2024 that requires regional centers to engage with families in-person every six months. Anne De Medeiros responded that the six-month requirement is addressed in the Operational and Service Provision Flexibilities document.

Michelle Oliver asked for clarification on whether in-person early intervention directive services would meet the Remote Planning Team Meeting directive requirements or if the service coordinator must hold the in-person IFSP meeting.

- Erin Brady responded that the service coordinator must hold the in-person IFSP meeting every six months.

Marty Omoto asked via chat if DDS has experienced any initial impact from the major changes within the federal US Department of Education and reductions in the federal workforce.

- Erin Brady responded that DDS is in the process of absorbing those changes and DDS’s state contact with the US Department of Education is no longer available as of February 9, 2025. The Office of Special Education Program has remained intact, so the current changes have not affected the Special Education Program staff, but changes may occur with the recent Supreme Court decisions regarding the restructuring of the federal workforce. DDS received its Part C grant award effective July 1, 2025, so that remains unchanged for the year.

Breakout Room Discussions: Continuing Forward

Anne De Medeiros and Jasmine Suo provided instructions for breakout room discussions focused on the future of ICC meetings and potential areas for improvement. Facilitated discussions included the use of Mentimeter, an interactive tool which displayed questions for participants to answer anonymously using their computers or mobile devices. Discussion questions focused on the content of the ICC meetings, including who participants would like to hear from and topics most important to

discuss during meetings. Additional questions were posed regarding the actions ICC appointed members and committees should engage in during ICC meetings and the issues ICC members should be actively involved in.

- Breakout rooms began at 9:45am. Breakout rooms ended at 11:00am.

****BREAK****

Summary of Breakout Room Discussions

Ryan Digman provided a recap of discussion for breakout group #3:

- The group would like to hear about new initiatives and new collaborations and partnerships with other agencies. They would also like to hear more from the children's hospitals.
- The group would like to hear more about DDS directives and updates in service provisions, such as the Life Outcome Improvement System (LOIS) project and California Department of Education (CDE) updates.
- The group would like to learn from other agencies and learn more about updates with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants and connect ICC work with larger state initiatives.
- The group would like to hear more success stories and how to address barriers as a system.
- The group would also like to hear about how federal actions are impacting the state
- The group would like to present ICC work to lower-level committees to find solutions to commonly discussed issues.

Jane Lee provided a recap of discussions for breakout group #2:

- The group would like to hear from DDS, the school districts, parents, and the Governor's Office on topics such as legislation and families and their experiences.
- The group would like to hear about the Early Start process, streamlining Early Start, and standardizing IFSPs. There were some discussions on learning more about provisional eligibility.
- The group would like to learn about how families can navigate the Early Start process in general and early intervention services.
- Providers want to hear about resources available for families and hear family testimonies. The group also wants to hear about where Early Start graduates are now.
- The group wants to see the ICC members informing at the meetings of what is happening at Federal and State levels.
- The group would like more opportunities for interagency engagement and collaboration.
- The group would like to see ICC members more involved with diversity within ICC membership, developing workforce in early intervention, and consistency across regional centers with vendor identification.

Anne De Medeiros provided a recap of discussions for the main room breakout group:

- The group would like to have more opportunities for parent and caregiving coaching and training those in the field to teach adult learners and advocate for Early Start. The group also discussed opportunities for training Early Intervention providers and disseminating information for ICC members to members who cannot attend.
- The group discussed including more discussion about a range of disabilities, as well as culturally responsive practices, cultural equity, and creating welcoming environments.
- The group also discussed strategies to help connect providers and families through the ICC or other conference meetings and provide in-person connections.
- The group would like to see uplifting culturally affirming services.
- The group talked about the potential for training for early intervention providers.
- The group also discussed the dissemination of information from the ICC meeting to those who cannot attend.

Anne De Medeiros received an inquiry about the Early Partner Symposium. The symposium will be paused for this fiscal year, but the in-person Symposium will resume in 2026.

Yvette Baptiste stated that there are many people in the ICC who are passionate about early intervention but may be reaching outside of their role. She noted that there should be some agreement on the ICC's role and what to expect if the ICC makes recommendations to DDS.

Robin Millar asked how DDS used the responses collected from the April ICC Mentimeter discussion.

- Anne De Medeiros responded that DDS has analyzed the information and will bring the recommendations to Dr. Marie Poulsen, the ICC Chair, to support the decisions the ICC members would like to make and what recommendations they would like to make to the format of the ICC meetings.

Voices from the Field

- ***Infant Development Association of California (IDA) – Robin Millar***
Ms. Millar brought a few items to the attention of the Council:
 - [Action to Part C is needed.](#) Ms. Millar recommends contacting your local congressional representatives to advocate for no cuts to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and maintain university centers for excellence in developmental disabilities.
 - Ms. Miller provided more information on July 21st appropriations bill. This bill will determine funding levels for key federal programs, including IDEA. The full Appropriations Committee will hear the [Labor, Health, and Human Services Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee's](#) recommendations on July 24th ahead of the August congressional recess. Congress must finalize the appropriations bill by September 30th or it will go into a continuing resolution.
 - Tony Anderson, Associate Director of Arca, released an [explanation](#) of the federal changes associated with the July 4th signing of the Big Beautiful Bill. Additional information can be found in the [Los Angeles Times article.](#)

- Arc of California invites members to complete its [2025 Community Impact Survey](#). This brief anonymous survey takes 7-10 minutes to complete and is open to the entire disability community.
 - Ms. Millar provided rate reform updates. There are service providers who did not sign the Service Acknowledgment Form (SAF)and are non-compliant and subject to termination of their vendorship under California Code of Regulations Title 17. There are also existing service providers in the rate reform that did not meet the May 30th deadline and will not earn the Quality Incentive Program (QIP) portion of the rate.
 - [Infant Development Association of California \(IDA\)](#) is collaborating with the [California Policy Center](#) to collect data on the staffing challenges facing early interventions. Members have until August 15, 2025 to complete [this survey](#) to provide information about the early intervention workforce.
 - IDA is hosting [multiple upcoming events](#), including events on neuromotor conditioning affecting sleep, trauma informed practices in infant and early childhood work, and supporting infants who are transitioning from nasal gastric tubes. Courtney Palm of Pediatric Training Institute will be providing training in sleep disorder certification in Sacramento.
 - IDA is a 501(c) entity, and we encourage you to become a member. IDA's mission is providing education, leadership, and advocacy for our little from birth to 3 years old.
- **California Disability Community Action Network – Marty Omoto**
Mr. Omoto brought a few items to the attention of the Council:
 - Mr. Omoto provided updates on the Senate Rules Committee hearing in Sacramento for the confirmation of two individuals; Kim Rutledge was confirmed as the Director of the Department of Rehab and Pete Cervinka was confirmed as the Director of the Department of Developmental Services. Both were confirmed by the Senate Rules Committee and a final Senate confirmation vote will be held in August.
 - Both chambers of the California legislature held final floor sessions on July 17th and will be adjourning for the annual month-long summer recess. The legislative session will resume on August 18th and will hold appropriations committee hearings in both houses. The legislature will adjourn the final month of the yearly session on September 12th.
 - Mr. Omoto provided updates regarding an update from Pete Cervinka, Director of DDS. Mr. Cervinka promised that there will be two meetings a year for updates to the Master Plan for Developmental Services Stakeholder Committee. There will be an in-person meeting on August 6, 2025. The next one after that is scheduled for December 2025.
 - The Budget Committee heard three budget related bills: one bill to make technical changes to the main budget that was passed on June 27th, another bill regarding public social services, specifically with child welfare services under the California Department of Social Services and the tiered rate structure for foster care, and another bill regarding training for mandated reporters under the child welfare system. All bills will be a part of the total budget package that the legislature approved on June 27th.

- The budget package also included the establishment of two major state agencies – the California Housing and Homelessness Agency and the California Business Consumer Services Agency. The California Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency will dissolve once both agencies take effect on July 1st, 2026. Mr. Omoto noted that the ICC should be concerned about how the new agencies will address the prevention of homelessness for families eligible for Early Start and service providers.
 - DDS is rolling out a new system that will be developed over the coming years. [LOIS stands for Life Outcome Improvement System](#). Mr. Omoto encouraged ICC members to provide input on how the system should be developed and recommended having a focus group to provide input on the LOIS system more directly.
 - Many Early Start families are being impacted by immigration enforcement through ICE. Mr. Omoto recommends the ICC give recommendations to the state on how to provide relief to Early Start families, specifically to families and our workforce.
- **Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA) – Yvette Baptiste**
Dr. Baptiste shared the following items:
 - [The Family Resource Centers Network of California \(FRCNCA\)](#) is a membership organization that came about the inception of Part C Early Start Program in California and their purpose is to build a system of parent-to-parent support in disability services in California. There are 47 members statewide serving individuals across the lifespan and across other health and human services programs. [FRCNCA Brochure](#)
 - Dr. Baptiste provided updates on the [Community Navigator Program \(CNP\)](#), established in 2021. The CNP is available statewide to support all individuals and their families to access regional centers and/or generic services. FRCNCA established at least one Navigator in each lead agency in each catchment area, which now has a total of 92 community navigators and 380 partnerships. FRCNCA is tracking the barriers to access for both regional centers and generic services; participants in the study identified 6,000 barriers they have individually experienced, but only 850 barriers when working with Navigators. FRCNCA has served over 7,000 individuals and families over the last three years. [FRCNCA CNP Brochure](#)
 - FRCNCA has also been seeing the effects of immigration enforcement, as families are more reluctant to engage in services and even refusing services. FRCNCA is doing what they can to support families in need of generic services considering the recent immigration enforcement events.
 - The Family Outcome Survey is being launched soon, and FRCNCA discussed the survey at its bi-monthly Directors Forum. FRCNCA brainstormed ways to support the survey during the meeting and ensure that the response rate is higher this year.

****LUNCH BREAK****

Review of Public Input Guidelines, Followed by Public Input

Anne De Medeiros reviewed public input guidelines.

Lisa Schoyer shared via chat a request from a former regional center staff that streamlining is needed to reduce the paperwork regional centers need to do for the State.

Yvette Baptiste shared that the public input session made her sad, as there were no parents other than staff at ELAFRC at the meeting and perhaps [the lack of comments] spoke volumes on its own.

Hannah Mickelson added via chat that the summer ICC meeting date may be tough for families who are tending to their children who are not in school now.

Thao Tran added via chat that most parents must work during the day and cannot attend the ICC meetings until they get off work. The parents in the Integrated Community Collaborative are quite involved with as many as 200 parents in the virtual room and perhaps ICC leadership should consider having the meetings from 12 pm to 7 pm to allow some parents to attend and share their input.

ICC Council Reports

Department of Education – Christi Krause

Ms. Krause provided updates for both the Special Education Division (SED) and the Early Education Division (EED).

Updates for Special Education Division:

- Embedded instruction for early learning California has a new name - [Cal Bloom Early Learning EveryDay](#). This grant supports special and general education teachers providing instruction in inclusive preschool classrooms by connecting the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) assessment to curriculum and planned instructional teaching practices.
- CALECSE will be holding their 3rd annual symposium, [Reaching New Heights on October 7-8, 2025 in San Diego](#).
- The California Early Childhood Special Education Network released its [June Summer Inclusion newsletter](#). It has also released other [inclusive early education resources](#) as well.
- CDE has been enhancing support for transition to Part B through the Partnerships for [Effective Practices in Transition and Inclusion \(PEPTI\)](#), a cross-departmental partnership.
- For questions regarding the Transition from Early Start: A Guide for Parents please contact: ECSU@cde.ca.gov
- CDE is in the final phase of creating a parent-friendly resource to assist parents with transitioning from Part C to Part B, to be released this fall. Parent-friendly videos will accompany this guide.

Updates for the Early Education Division:

- [The Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program](#) (IEEP) grantees are currently gathering information for its first programmatic reports which will be collected by the IEEP evaluator, the San Diego County Office of Education. CDE is looking forward to learning about the progress of the IEEP grant awardees. For additional questions about IEEP, please contact: IEEEP@cde.ca.gov.

- The 2025 budget significantly reduced funding for state-level IEEP projects, particularly job-embedded professional learning and development. CDE is examining short and long-term options to support those essential activities.

California Department of Education, Homeless Education – Heidi Brahms

Ms. Brahms was not present during this section of the meeting.

Department of Developmental Services – Erin Brady

DDS provided updates during the DDS Updates section earlier in the meeting.

Head Start – Michelle Dove

Ms. Dove was not present during this section of the meeting, however the following update was provided via email:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reinterpretation of Head Start Eligibility – On July 10, 2025, HHS reclassified Head Start as a “federal public benefit” under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) which reversed guidance in place since 1998. This change limits eligibility to U.S citizens and individuals who meet the definition of “qualified immigrants.” Undocumented children and some lawfully present immigrants are now excluded from enrollment, which will have a significant impact on immigrant communities. Nonprofit providers, including many Head Start grantees, are not required to verify immigration status but HHS has not yet issued implementation guidance. Children who are currently enrolled in Head Start will remain eligible through the end of the program year, per the Head Start Act. Head Start California is preparing formal comments for the Federal Register. A 30-day public comment period will follow publication, though the policy is already in effect.
- FY 2025 Federal Budget Proposal and Funding Status – The initial President’s budget from April 2025 proposed eliminating all federal funding for Head Start. A national advocacy campaign generated over 300,000 letters and 50,000 petition signatures. The ICC, including Doug Erber, played a key role in advocacy efforts. In May 2025, the revised budget restored full funding, allocating \$12.27 billion for FY 2025. This amount is flat funding, which is effectively a cut due to inflation. Programs are making difficult decisions to maintain services under rising costs. Over 83,000 children are served in California and continued federal support is essential to prevent service disruptions.
- Office of Head Start Policy Guidance: Parental Choice – The Office of Head Start issued [Memorandum IM-25-04](#) on April 29, 2025, which emphasizes the importance of supporting family choice in early education. Programs are encouraged to strengthen partnerships with school districts, community agencies, and local systems. They are also encouraged to offer culturally responsive and developmentally appropriate options that reflect family needs and preferences.
- Office of Head Start Nutrition Guidance – The Office of Head Start issued a [Nutrition Information Memorandum](#) with updated guidance on nutrition practices to support healthy

development in early childhood settings. This guidance includes recommendations to promote access to nutrition meals and snacks that are aligned with USDA guidelines, encourage family-style dining and culturally appropriate food practices, strengthen partnerships with local food programs and nutrition services, and support staff training on nutrition education and food safety.

Department of Health Care Services – Pamela Riley

Ms. Riley was not present during this section of the meeting.

Department of Social Services – Karen Chang

Ms. Chang highlighted Child Care and Development division's programs:

- The Child Care and Development division recently updated its [California Making Access Possible](#) website, and it includes resources around inclusion and belonging.
- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is hosting a three-part webinar series scheduled on the [Beginning Together](#) program. They are also hosting a webinar on dual language learners between 0 to transitional kindergarten and preventing suspension and expulsion of early learning and care.
 - For more information on the inclusion webinars, please contact Heather McClellan-Brandusa at heather.mcclellan-brandusa@dss.ca.gov.
 - For more information on the dual language learning and preventing suspension and expulsion in early learning and care settings, please contact Jawid Azin at jawid.azin@dss.ca.gov.
 - If you want to receive more information and updates from the CDSS' Child Care and Development Division, please register for their listserv at [CDSS](#).

Yvette Baptiste asked if the Beginning Together webinar series is a training of trainers.

- Karen Chang responded that the Beginning Together training is open to all and CDSS will be planning a Train the Trainer series in Spring 2026. Heather McClellan is the contact for both and can be reached at heather.mcclellan-brandusa@dss.ca.gov.

Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing – Shanice Orum

Ms. Orum provided updates for the Social Services Community Care Licensing:

- Child Care Licensing has released two new Provider Information Notices (PINs):
 - [PIN 25-06.1-CCP](#) provides resources and guidance to assist child care licensees in providing care and supervision to children of immigrant families.
 - [PIN 25-10-CCLD](#) provides additional guidance to licensees regarding extreme heat prevention. More information can also be found on the [CCLD Heat Prevention website](#).
- CDSS is continuing to work with the Office of State Fire Marshal in the Child Care Center workgroup. The workgroup meets monthly and is charged with developing code changes and

proposals that address occupancy, classification and provisions for childcare centers. The meetings are open to the public and more information can be found [here](#).

- CDSS is monitoring 13 bills that range in policies, including reducing administrative burdens, immigration, capacity building, and disaster response. CDSS continues to work with the Impact and Inclusion workgroup and on other inclusion initiatives aimed at strengthening collaboration between licensing and partners who service children with disabilities. These initiatives will involve information, sharing commitments, cross-sector training, and procedures aimed at strengthening support and resources for licensees working with children with disabilities.
- For a couple of staffing updates, Community Care Licensing has appointed Leah Johnson as the new Program Administrator for Child Care. She will oversee the Child Care Integration Unit. Ada Sergio was also newly appointed as a Manager I over the Child Care Integration Unit.

Autism Partnership Foundation – Doug Erber

Mr. Erber provided the following updates on the Autism Partnership Foundation:

- Autism Partnership Foundation (APF) is continuing to make its [Registered Behavior Technician \(RBT\) training accessible](#). About a million people have taken it so far. It is free and 40 hours. The training includes a clinical sensitivity component and has been re-recorded in Spanish. They hope to have that version out before the end of the year.

Indian Health Service (IHS) – Susan Ducore

Ms. Ducore provided the following updates on the Indian Health Service:

- IHS has begun planning its annual Best Practices Conference and Diabetes Day. The [Best Practices Conference and Diabetes Day](#) will be held November 3-6, 2025 in-person at the Westin Carlsbad in Carlsbad, California. This conference is intended for a broad service provider audience and 250-300 providers are expected to attend. For additional information, please contact Susan.Ducore@ihs.gov or Rachel.Harvey@ihs.gov.

Department of Managed Health Care - Suzanne Sherinian

Ms. Sherinian provided the following updates on Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC):

- The Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) applied to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on behalf of the state to update California's benchmark plan. DMHC is looking to expand coverage to include services to evaluate, diagnose, and treat infertility, including IVF and artificial insemination. It would also include an annual hearing exam and hearing aids and expand durable medical equipment benefits to include coverage for mobility devices such as walkers, manual and power wheelchairs and scooters. This update would be for individual and small group markets beginning in 2027, if approved by CMS.
- In May, DMHC also issued a series of fines against Anthem Blue Cross of California, both commercial and Medi-Cal Managed Care plans, and Blue Shield of California for various

violations of the law, including delayed authorization of medically necessary care. The fines cumulatively totaled \$1.6 million.

- Ms. Sherinian shared a couple of cases that came to the help center involving minors under 10 years old. These cases all went through their independent medical review process, which has a 73% success rate. These cases are where the health plan has either denied the service as not medically necessary, experimental, or investigational. The medical reviewer or a panel of reviewers then render a decision. Through this process, a four-year-old with Autism was able to get coverage for diapers for incontinence due to their condition, a five-year-old was able to get coverage for genetic testing, a child under the age of one with a rare genetic disorder received prescribed growth hormones, and a seven-year-old with a genetic disorder and mixed receptive and expressive language disorder was able to receive an augmentative and alternative communication device.

Announcement of Committee Composition and Goals

Anne De Medeiros provided a summary of committee composition and goals. She reminded everyone that committee meetings are public meetings and have their own public input period. Everyone was encouraged to attend, participate and provide input.

Subcommittee Meetings

Meeting of the whole was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.; committees met separately.

MEETING ATTENDEES
Thursday, July 17, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie Kanne Poulsen	Douglas Erber	Shanice Orum
Christi Krause for Gigi Ostrowsky	Maricris Acon	Susan Ducore
Karen Chang	Michelle Dove	Suzanne Sherinian

MEMBERS ABSENT

Heidi Brahms	Pamela Riley
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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Aviril Apple Sepulveda	June Ursini	Robert Rochin
Debbie Sarmento	Kathy Angkustsiri	Robin Millar
Diane Williams	Laurie Jordan	Samantha Hebermehl
Edyth Gallardo	Lindsay Crain	Scott Turner
Elena Bramble	Lisa Schoyer	Stephanie Gomez
Gayatri Mahajan	Marty Omoto	Tara Sisemore-Hester
Jadolphus Fraser	Michelle Oliver	Thao Tran
Jazmine Blackman	Pablo Velez	Tony Anderson
Jonathan Eckrich	Patricia Moore	Yvette O. Baptiste
Julie Maier	Patricia Salcedo	

INTERPRETERS PRESENT

AnaElvia Sanchez/Spanish	Marc Gutierrez/Spanish	Rick Haffner/ASL
Elizabeth Vega/ASL		

MISSION ANALYTICS GROUP STAFF PRESENT

Vicky Wheeler	AJ Jones	Danielle Calloway
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OTHERS PRESENT

Adriana Moreno (Inland RC)	Erika Witt	Linda St. Angelo
Amanda Smith	Erin Brady (DDS)	Lisa Gonzales (DDS)
Ana Barranco (TCRC)	Esteban Ortiz (DDS)	Mahnaz Ehsan (SARC)
Angel Rodriguez (DDS)	Eulalia Apolinar (TCRC)	Mantin Lu
Anne De Medeiros (DDS)	Faye Tait (ACRC)	Marcy Okada (DDS)
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Arushie Nugapitiya (SARC)	Hannah Michaelson	Maria Gonzalez (DDS)
Asami Saito (DDS)	Hannah Rosato	Marisol Segura (DDS)
Ashley Keehne	Hannah Steinberg	Martha Ornelas-Cruz
Becky Thaller	Hely Chan (SCLARC)	Matt Chestnut
Birgit Switenki	Hilda Jimenez (DDS)	Melanie McConnaughy
Blesilda Uban (RCEB)	Isela Solorzano (SARC)	Mike Odeh
Brenda Gonzales (GGRC)	Jane Lee (DDS)	Mini Nandakumar (DDS)
Brigida Salinas	Janice Hinton (IRC)	Monica Ramirez
Caili Wilk	Jannelle Silva	Nancy Chen (DDS)
Candi Sandoval (ELARC)	Jasmine Suo (DDS)	Olivia Martinez
Carlene Holden	Jennifer Bloom (ACRC)	Pablo Velez
Carmen Ruiz-Ochoa (DDS)	Jeremy B-Woodard	Paige Richmond (DDS)
Cathy Schulze (DDS)	Jessica Gonzalez (SCLARC)	Paula Leonesio (NLACRC)
Christie Null (NBRC)	Johana Caicedo	Paulina Blanco (KRC)
Daniel Hernandez	John Knight (DDS)	Penelope Knapp
David Wetherelt	Jonathan Eckrich (IRC)	Rachel Wilson (DDS)
Diane Storman (FRCNCA)	Joni Hasselbring (DDS)	Randy Olson
DJ Tomko (SCDD)	Karen Harrison	Reina Canale
Donna Perry (CVRC)	Karen Wylie	Reyna Ambriz (DDS)
Dulce Flores	Lana Lopez (ELARC)	Ricardo Cruz
ELAFRC	Latonya Harris (DDS)	Robert Klein
Elisa Hill (NLACRC)	Lauren Libero (DDS)	Rocio King (SARC)
Elizabeth DeFrancis	LaWanna Blair (HRC)	Rosalinda Garcia
Ellen Paddock	Liliana McDonough	Ryan Digman (DDS)

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QUESTIONS?

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