LOCAL PROGRAM ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE (LPIS) MEETING MINUTES FROM ECCLA Feb 19th, 2008 Members Present: Barbara, Kris, Jildi, Anne, Holly, Michelle, Joyce, Cathryn Members Absent: Joan

Summary:

The topic of Part C/B IDEA was brought up during the morning session of the ECCLA meeting. It is present in many communities that the Part C/B folks are becoming very busy due to referrals from physicians. This is wonderful that physicians are referring patients, but how can we support our IDEA partners in a time of funding cuts? Is this an area that communities could focus on with the upcoming CO Trust Planning Grant?

The conversation then turned to how well we understand these groups and how can we better understand them? It seemed that the majority of the ECCLA needed further education of the overall operation and accountability of BOCES, Community Center Boards and PART C/B.

Conversation of Smaller LPIS Group:

- 1) A Panel would be useful, for the discussion of how the "transition" from part C to part B should work vs. how it is working for some of us.
- 2) We need a better understanding of BOCES and the Community Center Board's involvement.
- Should we have 4 panelists and request that we have a 2 hour presentation at an ECCLA day? Or do you feel that we really need a TA day for this?
- 3) Some communities feel these programs are working really well with each other.
- After the presentation by the panelists, would it make sense to survey Councils that have a "well oiled" group so that they can be models to the communities that need to work better together?

Conclusions:

After these topics were presented to the ECCLA group as a whole, it was left to the Policy Group (who was also discussing CCB's) and the LPIS group to come to a conclusion on who to invite to the panel, would it be useful, and should it be at an ECCLA meeting OR as part of a TA day. As of this date of reported minutes (2/27) a final decision has not been made.

Resource website list:

www.cdhs.state.co.us search CCB (Community Center Boards)
www.cdphe.state.co.us search (PART B/ PART C)
www.eicolorado.org Early Interventions
www.childfindidea.org Child Find
www.NECTAC.org National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center