



# Iowa Reading Research Center Advisory Council

## Meeting Notes

**Date:** May 19, 2015

**Time:** 9:00am-3:30pm

**Location:** Lindquist Center South, Room 204

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beth Beschorner, Angelica Cardenas, Salli Forbes, Clark Goltz, Amy Hutchison, Tania Johnson, Shari Kuehl, Jobi Lawrence, Brad McDowell, Becky Miles-Polka, Kristen Missall, Penny Milburn, Claudia Reyes-Fry, Renita Schmidt, Barb Shafer, Deborah Tidwell, Dave Tilly,

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** Michelle Hosp, Sara McInerny, Melissa Potter

### **AGENDA ITEM: Welcome & Introductions**

#### **Expected Outcome-**

Greeting and Introductions

Approval of December

Meeting Minutes

Role of Advisory

New Location and Staff

Message from the Dean

#### **Lead**

Michelle Hosp

Sara McInerny

#### **Follow Up**

Minutes of December meeting to be posted on Website—remove DRAFT watermark.

**Notes:** Michelle Hosp began the meeting and a welcome to the new location. Introductions were made by each person around the room. Amy Hutchison presented the minutes from the December meeting. Motion made by Clark Goltz for approval, seconded by Barb Shafer, and approved by all members in attendance. Hutchison explained the agenda that would be followed for the day. Sara McInerny explained the role of the Advisory Council and the obligations of the members. McInerny then gave an update on the new location of office for the Center and staff. A video was shown with a message from University of Iowa College of Education Dean, Nick Colangelo, regarding the Center coming to the University. Dave Tilly, Deputy Director from the Department of Education, spoke about the Department's excitement for the next phase for the Center and the search for a new director. McInerny spoke about her role as Interim Director during the search and how the Center works in collaboration with many entities to serve the entire state.

### **AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment**

#### **Expected Outcome-**

Allow for time for public comment

#### **Lead**

Sara McInerny

#### **Follow Up**

None

**Notes:** There were no members of the public in attendance.

**AGENDA ITEM: Reviews of By-Laws, Legislation and Procedures**

<b>Expected Outcome-</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Guiding Legislation Priorities By-Laws	Sara McInerney	

**Notes:** McInerney spoke about the legislation that created the Center and the Center’s priorities, such as, evidence-based interventions, Intensive Summer Reading Programs and developing collaborative relationships with school and community organizations. McInerney also showed a document of the Council’s by-laws.

**AGENDA ITEM: Update Advisory Membership**

<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
List members whose terms	Sara McInerney	Add Deborah Tidwell to list

**Notes:** McInerney acknowledged the members whose Council terms have expired and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Kristen Missall, Mike Berenak, Lindsay Grow, Clark Goltz, Kris Donnelly, Susan Pecinovsky, Barb Shafer, Wendy Robinson.

**AGENDA ITEM: Updates on IRRC Legislative Purposes/Work**

<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
School & Community Partnerships ELL Family Resources Evidence-Based Interventions Intensive Summer Reading	Michelle Hosp Sara McInerney	Update Criterion 2 to reflect Elementary Teaching License and either Reading Endorsement or Reading Specialist

**Notes:** Hosp gave an update on the Center’s work with Family Resources, citing our work with social media, ease of access for families and educators on our website and upcoming collections of ELL resources and Apps. Hosp spoke about the school community partnerships that have been engaged in collaboration across the state, such as, Iowa Public Libraries, Area Education Agencies and Elementary School Principals.

Hosp mentioned the Center's support of Iowa's early warning system for literacy, the Iowa TIER Data System. 100% of colleges and universities across the state have been trained in the use of FAST, IGDIs and the TIER system.

The Center is also continuing its work collaborating with national expert, Jeanne Wanzek, reviewing evidence-based Early Literacy Interventions for the Department of Education's reviewed list. Further reviews are planned for later this year.

McInerney spoke about the Center's work with Intensive Summer Reading Programs, development of specific criteria that will be adopted into Administrative Rule and guidelines to be used as practical recommendations for these programs. She described the Needs Assessment done with all Superintendents across the state. This data showed how many districts already offer summer programs and spoke about the concerns that districts have with the upcoming mandated programming. McInerney described the task team and vetting group process, gathering feedback and consensus across stakeholder groups.

Next, the Council were shown the draft criteria and given the State Board of Education timeline for Adoption of the Criteria. The Advisory broke into small groups to discuss the criteria and then came back together for a whole group discussion. During the discussion there was a determination that clarification was needed around the licensure and endorsement language of criterion 2.

**AGENDA ITEM: Update From Regent Universities on Landscape Assessment**

<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Landscape Assessment Update	Amy Hutchison	Finish assessment of 6 focal sites and complete report.

**Notes:** Hutchison presented slides showing data from the recent landscape assessment of summer school programs currently taking place in Iowa. There was a discussion about developing a network of connections across the state for community partners to become more involved. Could the program be virtual and accessible to more families – would this help build stronger parent connections and support?

**AGENDA ITEM: Legislative Update**

<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Update	Dave Tilly Michelle Hosp	

**Notes:** Hosp spoke about the Legislative Breakfast held in January, the great participation by legislators. She told about her very positively focused meetings with legislators and the Governor's office. Tilly explained that legislators are still meeting to discuss appropriations and standing bills. Both houses have proposals for the IRRC funding, as well as the Governor's office and the Department of Education. Tilly said the earliest projections for legislative adjournment is the first week of June.

**AGENDA ITEM: Election of New Council Officers**

<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Nomination and Election of Officers Share FY16 Meeting Dates	Amy Hutchison	

**Notes:** Hutchison described her position as Chair of the Advisory as being a voice for the council. She then asked for nominations for the positions Chair and Vice Chair for the Fiscal Year 2016 Advisory Council. Nomination was made by Renita Schmidt and seconded by Deborah Tidwell for Hutchison to continue as Chair. Hutchison accepted the nomination and the aye vote was unanimous. Nomination was made by Tidwell and seconded by Claudia Reyes-Fry for Larsen as Vice Chair. Larsen accepted the nomination and was elected by unanimous vote. FY 2016 meeting dates were shared as:  
September 23, 2015  
December 1, 2015  
January 19, 2016  
May 17, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM: Celebration and Goodbyes**

<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>
Discuss rotation of members.	Sara McInerny	

**Notes:** McInerny thanked the leaving members of the Advisory for their service and guidance. She explained the new members of the council would be chosen by the Department of Education and the Center and would be introduced at the September meeting. McInerny then spoke about the good work that Hosp has done during her tenure as director and how the processes and procedures put into place have added integrity and fidelity to the development of the Center's work. McInerny adjourned the meeting and invited the group to stay for cake and coffee.