**Early Intervention ICC Fiscal & Operations Subcommittee meeting January 11, 2024**

**Roll Call** (\*appointed members)**:**

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| **Name** | **Email address** | **Present: Y/N** |
| Lori Russell **(co-chair)\*** | lrussell@aspiredevelopmental.org | N |
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**Agenda**

* **Welcome**
  + Zulmira Allcock provided opening comments and conducted roll call.
* **Review and Approval of Minutes from November Meeting**
  + December notes were reviewed, voted on, and were unanimously approved (LR, ZA, CW, SG).
* **Fiscal Federal and State updates**
* 9C budget cuts for FY 25 would not have a direct impact on EI as of today.
* 101 CMR 349.00 rates for EI Program services\_ Proposed regulation is available on the State website as of 01/05/2024.
* Public hearing to be held on 01/30/2024.
* Would be followed by Testimonial Reviews, Internal meeting at EI/DPH leadership level, A&F review.

* **Ongoing Business**
* Programs expressed concern over translator services available for increasing migrant influx. Live translation would lead to better understanding of the language and cultural aspects of the population served.
* Conner Ferrell (EHS) joined the ICC Fiscal meeting to provide updates on 101 CMR 349.00.
* Lori Russell’s question: clarification on exact positions compared with Developmental Specialists’s salaries in the Labor report.
* Blend of 2 positions – 50% DC-3 (Direct Care Worker) and LSW-2(licensed social worker)
* Jheanell West’s Question: Has the Proposed EI rates ever been decreased?
  + - No such occurrence.

* **Review Part C application budget for 2025 during prep stage (Jan-April 2025)**
  + A sneak peek of the Part C Annual Grant Budget calculator was shared by EI Fiscal manager.
  + Part C Grant application process to be started in the coming months.
  + Request for Part C Budget vs Expenditure Report was made.
* **General Discussion**
  + Chapter 257, 101 CMR 349.00
  + Translation services owing to the increase in migration influx.
  + Next meeting will **February, 8th 2024**.