

Mary Ann Discenza, Debbie Burcham and Carol Granger met on April 12, 2004, to discuss some ideas for the purpose of the MR/CoCoA Workgroup with the MR Council. Historically this group has served as an information sharing group as well as a group that discussed issues specific to Part C that would impact services to children, such as budget development, communication among Directors of MR at CSBs, to mention a few. It appears this group should expand its purpose and the following is recommended.

Purpose: Assist and advise the Part C system in implementation of the Part C system.

Membership: at least 4 representatives from CoCoA, a parent representative, and at least 4 representatives from the MR Council. The Part C office would take the lead in setting up meetings based on identified needs/priorities.

Communication: Either by e-mail, snail mail, or meetings.

Specific issues to be addressed will be determined by the group, and a plan will be developed to address these issues. Issues may include:

- Funding
- Local Contract
- Training
- Role of the Council Coordinator
- Data management and program monitoring