

Home Visiting Task Force – Sustainability Workgroup Meeting

November 9th, 2012

3:00-4:30pm

Children's Home + Aid: 125 South Wacker, 14th Floor

Conference Call Line: 877-731-3469

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Meeting Participants: Loretta Barriffe, Nancie Brown, Elizabeth Heneks, Teresa Kelly (co-chair), David Lloyd, Chelsea Pearsall, Nancy Radner, Mike Shaver (co-chair), Nancy Shier, Joanna Su, Anna Torsney-Weir, John Young, Cindy Zumwalt

Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chair Teresa Kelly

Teresa called for changes or approval of the September 6th meeting minutes. No one proposed changes, so Teresa moved for the minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded by two Workgroup members and the minutes were approved, and sent to Amber Kirchoff to be posted.

II. MIECHV Implementation Update – Co-Chair Teresa Kelly

- The Governor's Office will be contacting MIECHV programs to find out more about accreditation in order to finalize the CQI plan for funders.
- Joanna and Jay Young have visited half of the collaboratives in person and are working on visiting all 6.
- The Governor's office has received quarterly reports from the programs
- Learning communities have begun, hosted by the Ounce of Prevention Fund. These will continue throughout the length of the project.

III. Status of Follow-Up From Last Meeting

- Andrea Palmer will find out what home visiting funding is coming out of Title V funding – TBD (not present - agreed to at September 6 meeting)
- Mike Shaver will find out what home visiting funding is coming out of Title IV-E and Title IV-B funding – TBD
- Nancy Shier will find out what home visiting funding is coming out of Title XX and TANF - TBD
- Nancie Brown will find out what home visiting funding is coming out of CAPTA – complete
- Anna will circulate the primer on using Medicaid for home visiting to the workgroup - complete
- Andrea will circulate a NASHP report on using Medicaid for home visiting – complete

IV. Medicaid Financing for Home Visiting

- The group discussed the Pew/NASHP report on how states have used Medicaid to finance home visiting that was circulated after our September 6th meeting.
 - Nancy Shier expressed concern that the report is inaccurate on Illinois because it cites Illinois' use of Family Case Management (FCM), but that is not a sufficiently intensive home visiting program to be cited. This brought up the issue of how to define a home visiting service.
 - FCM will look different than it does now. Some expressed concern that currently FCM is too "watered down" and questioned how it could be intensified. Nancy Shier is part of a

- workgroup revising FCM to focus on pregnant women and birth outcomes in high-risk communities. There is a smaller project (~\$5M) already working on this.
 - The group concluded that yes, Medicaid is a possible funding source but it would have to be braided with something else because it is not sufficient to fully fund statewide home visiting services.
- Next, the group discussed how different agencies that currently fund home visiting use Medicaid as a funding source AND which home visiting agencies are Medicaid certified.
 - Nancy Shier suggested we talk to Kim Waagenar at Healthcare and Family Services about how they use Medicaid for home visiting. What is their current thinking on the provider list?
 - Enhanced prenatal benefits could potentially be used for doula.
 - Not many agencies are Medicaid certified. The Women’s Treatment Center is one. Can bill for developmental screenings as a Medicaid agency – ask EI people how it is used. In Chicago, home visiting is mostly done by community based agencies. Do they bill Medicaid? Outside of Chicago, tends to be the health department.
 - DCFS is trying to expand billing to Medicaid. They are trying to find Medicaid-certified providers to generate money and then use that money to expand to organizations that are not Medicaid-certified. DCFS and EI created trust funds to make sure new money generated by new Medicaid claims goes back to services and not to fill the state funding gap.
 - Children’s Mental Health Partnership “lockbox” – ask Carolyn Kopel about creating a Medicaid lockbox and about the EI system.
- Other Potential Sources for Sustainability Funding
 - Teresa Kelly asked if we might be able to access money from class-action law suits.
 - TANF funding currently used for home visiting: most DHS HV funding is a match for TANF. ISBE ECBG funds are also being used for the TANF match, but it’s unclear if that includes PI.

V. Moving Forward with Sustainability

- Mike said that we need a master list of home visiting programs throughout Illinois so we can determine what a sustainability model would apply to.
- Teresa stated that the key to sustainability funding is to look at MIECHV and figure out how to build it into the home visiting system in Illinois. Determine how programs are operating under one frame. Start with the data being collected – the problem is, there is no capacity currently to process/analyze it.
- This brought up the issue of data.
 - Cindy said that infants and toddlers in PI and their caregivers are not all in a longitudinal data system with a unique identifier, but this is only demographic data.
 - The Erikson Institute recently produced a 0-3 evaluation, which is posted on the ISBE website.
 - Is there a new frame for data that can help determine a home visiting strategy? We need to show that Illinois is still ahead of other states.
 - The intent for MIECHV is to access the data collected.
- Suggestion: use the recent report from Fight Crime: Invest in Kids as basis of cost savings/ROI to justify sustainability

VI. Other Items for Discussion

- Mike announced that Children’s Home + Aid, the Ounce of Prevention Fund, and the Governor’s Office received a federal grant to make recommendations to improve 0-5 services for those at risk of foster services. They are using the South Side Early Learning

Network (a MIECHV pilot site) to test whether children who are screened for foster care are in high-quality ECE programs. DCFS will share the data that comes out of this.

VII. Follow Up

- Nancy Shier will do a cross-walk of Medicaid-certified agencies across home visiting providers (DCFS, DHS, ISBE, HFI, and OPF). Mike Shaver will send her the list of child welfare agencies, Andrea Palmer (not present) will send her the list of DHS agencies, Teresa will send her the list of HFI agencies, and Cindy Zumwalt will send her the list of ISBE agencies.
- We will invite Dan Harris, Carolyn Kopel, and Debbie Saunders to our next meeting in December to talk more about how they are using Medicaid for home visiting and how we could use Medicaid as a sustainable financing mechanism.
- Cindy will find out if the ISBE ECBG funds being used as a match for TANF includes PI.
- We need a master list of home visiting programs throughout Illinois so we can figure out what a sustainability model would apply to. Teresa has a list we can build on. Rebecca and Angela Farwig from the Ounce will work with Joanna to put the list together.
- Nancy Shier will find out which CPS 0-3 money goes to home visiting, including where the new CPS money is going (\$5M?)
- At the next Home Visiting Task Force meeting in January, Mike and Teresa will find out where the data conversation should be taking place.
- Anna will send Rima's contact information at CPS to Teresa so Teresa can contact her for a list of CPS-funded high-quality center-based 0-3 programs.
- Anna will circulate the Erikson Institute 0-3 evaluation.
- Jay will circulate a one-pager on the federal grant project that Children's Home + Aid, OPF, and the Governor's Office recently received.

VIII. Next Meeting

- We will have our next meeting in December, where we will vote to amend or approve these minutes, check in on the status of identified follow-up items, and hear from guest speakers (Dan Harris, Carolyn Kopel, and Debbie Saunders) to learn more about the current funding environment for home visiting in Illinois.