

Community Systems Development Work Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 20th, 2011

10:00 – 12:00 pm

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Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Karen Ayala (phone), April Peska (phone), Nancie Brown (phone), Rebecca Bunn, Jeanna Capito (Chair), Shannon Christian, Alicia Diebold, Julie Donaldson (phone), Doris Feery (phone), Elissa Gitlow, Susy Gonzalez (phone), Artishia Hunter, Teresa Kelly, Greg O'Donnell, Sally Puelo, Olivia Roanhorse (staffer), Andrea Sass (phone), Kathy Stohr, Victoria Thompson (phone), Candace Williams, Karen Yarbrough

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting began at 10:10 am. Jeanna Capito welcomed the group and everyone in the room and on the phone introduced themselves.

II. Plan for the day

Jeanna provided a brief summary of the agenda items for the meeting.

III. Old Business

- Members approved the March 15th CSDWG meeting minutes
- Members reviewed a draft document on the goals and purpose of community partnerships. Members acknowledged that this was a working document and that the group would continue to work on developing this shared language to ensure it adequately reflects the overall goal and purpose of the work group. Key suggestions are noted below;
 1. Under the purpose of collaboration description, have a broader framework with an inclusive list of services that families with young children may encounter or need. For example, add references to mental health, schools, etc. The goal is to convey the broad systems that reach/touch families with young children and how to coordinate and integrate across these various systems.
 2. Building on the continuum language, add the importance of growth for community partnerships as they move along the continuum and build capacity to meet community needs. The continuum language should also include that it is/will be nuanced to the community.

IV. Mayor's Early Learning Challenge Task Force update

- The Mayor's Early Childhood Task Force convened several work groups over the summer to further develop their initial recommendations. The goal of the Family Outreach, Engagement and Addressing Comprehensive Needs Workgroup was to

create a system for supporting local collaborative to engage families in their children's learning beginning at birth. Given the focus on local systems development and WG's ongoing efforts to connect system initiatives, the CSD workgroup Chair and staffer met with the work group lead, Madeline James, to brief her on the state of this work, share content expertise compiled under the WG structure and discuss how the WG's efforts could inform this process.

- The chair and additional CSD work group members participated in several Family, Outreach and Engagement meetings throughout the summer. As a result of this process key principles and strategies developed by the CSD workgroup make up the body of the final recommendation. A copy of the recommendations with an outline of the framework was shared with the members. The CSDWG plans to work with the Mayor's Task Force as the recommendations are implemented, providing guidance and support where appropriate.
- As part of what was shared with Madeline, members reviewed the continuum table/framework and the concept of community partnerships on a continuum. Members acknowledged the variance in community partnerships and that the continuum is not representative of partnerships from "bad to good" but rather a tool to help think about the various work and characteristics of community partnerships. Additionally, once the partnership can identify where they are on the continuum, they can decide where they want to go, based on the need of the community.

V. Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Discussion

- Given the Mayor's Early Childhood Task Force, it was timely that the work group's efforts could also help inform the states Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant (RTT-ELCG) application.
- Members discussed how this work is an opportunity to build capacity at more than one level and build on the existing momentum. With support from a strong community collaboration infrastructure, the State's families with the highest needs will be connected to the quality early learning and development supports within their community needed.
- Kathy Stohr lead the discussion, explaining the RTT ELCG leadership team has identified supporting local systems development to meet the needs of high need families as a priority for the application. Kathy is working with the leadership team to help write the application and has been tasked to write about the work of the CSDWG.
- The recommendations that came out of the Mayor's work were shared with the writing team and key leadership of the RTT ELCG. The work group discussed using the Mayor's recommendations as part of the framework for the RTT ELCG application and the use of the WG support and technical assistance support structure.
- The work group spent time discussing the key question - *What is the best we can operationalize to make this happen?* Members agreed that the system needed to

- build on the existing TA structure, bridge healthcare and home visiting and include a focus on at birth, look into a stronger medical home connection.
- Conclusions: It is the WG's goal to serve as the repository of information and provide support and guidance to both the Mayor's work and the RTT-ELCG application and if appropriate, implementation as needed. Kathy will follow up with WG as the application is finalized.

VI. Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

- Tabled for next work group meeting.

VII. All our Kids Network updates

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Symposium – will be held on Friday, October 14th. The symposium will provide an opportunity to learn more about this national study – and how ACEs clearly illustrates the cost of childhood trauma throughout the lifecycle and the essential importance of prevention and early intervention in addressing health and social problems.
- Progress on Network Evaluation – tabled into next meeting.

VIII. Next Steps

- Jeanna concluded the meeting a little early to allow for a brief discussion of the SAC Grant RFP review criteria. Members interested in applying for the RFP excluded themselves from this discussion.

IX. ARRA State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care Grant

- Grant is still with IDHS procurement.
- Members briefly discussed RFP review criteria