

**Home Visiting Task Force Meeting
July 22nd, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: April Ingram, Vikki Thompson, Chris Nation, Roy Harley, Greg O'Donnell, Christy Serrano, Sally Puleo, Joanna Su, Claire Dunham, Mark Valentine, Lesley Schwartz, Kyrsten Brown, Allie Stevens, Kelly Woodlock, Anna Potere, Gaylord Gieseke (co-chair), Teresa Kelly, Katharine Bensing, Madelyn James, James Hurley, Rosemary Garcia, Janelle Weldin-Frisch, Mike Shaver, Marizaida Sanchez Cesario, Audrey Moy, Jon Korfmacher, Gail Nourse, Merri Ex, Colleen Jones, Diane Scruggs, Andrea Palmer, Dan Harris, Diana Rauner (co-chair), Linda Gilkerson, Jay Young, Sergio Hernandez, Donna Emmons, Kari Rogers, Tiffany Burkhardt, Ralph Schubert, Patricia Donald, Rima Malhotra, Cheryl Floyd, Claudia Baier, Isolda Davis, Elaine Duensing, Glendean Burton, Melanie Garrett, Christine Johnson, Julia Marynas, Courtney Simek, Penny Smith, Amy Schroeder, Cindy Zumwalt, Whitney Walsh

Welcome and Introductions

- April 23rd, 2014 meeting minutes were passed with no changes.

Parenting Fundamentals

- See PowerPoint presentation and meeting materials for information.

Medicaid Certification for Home Visitors

- Janelle Weldin-Frisch from the Ounce Institute and Teresa Kelly and Mike Shaver, the co-chairs of the Sustainability Workgroup, discussed the Workgroup's proposal to create a certification system to allow home visitors to bill Medicaid for home visiting services.
- The proposal has been presented to the Executive Committee. Anna will circulate the proposal to the full Home Visiting Task Force with a timeline to provide any additional feedback, questions, and/or comments before it is presented to HFS Director Hamos.
- The goal is to increase the resource set for home visiting, and the intention is to secure Medicaid reimbursement for the entire home visit.
- This is an initial certification specifically for home visitors. There could be additional certifications in the future to open other options for reimbursement, e.g. for supervisors, Infant Mental Health requirements in models, etc.
- The Sustainability Workgroup evaluated with focus groups whether there would be an incentive for taking on the extra costs of billing Medicaid for home visiting, but there is a need to do additional economic analysis on the added benefits versus costs.

IDPH MCH Needs Assessment

- The needs assessment sets the stage for the work of the Office of Women's Health and Family Services (OWHFS) for the next 5 years.
- OWHFS could conduct a community focus group around pressing issues and concerns for homeless population.
- OWHFS has been evaluating mental health services, gaps, and potential solutions for all family members.
- OWHFS works closely with an epidemiologist at University of Illinois-Chicago to create a data book to investigate the causes of infant and child mortality and to create partnerships with local hospitals.

MIECHV Updates

- Home visitors are not able to complete some visits due to community and gang violence, which is impacting their statistics for completed visits. We should explore an approach to mitigate this so that home visitors are not penalized.

ICTC “Look Through Their Eyes” Campaign

- The Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition (ICTC) recently released the “Look Through Their Eyes” campaign, which draws public awareness to the issue of childhood trauma and provides tips for parents and caregivers to identify and help mitigate trauma.
- We will ask Anne Studzinski from ICTC to present more about the campaign at our next meeting.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- The next full meeting is October 28th from 2-4pm.
- The Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health annual conference is October 24th.
- The KidsCount data book has been released and is accessible through the Voices for Illinois Children website or the Annie E. Casey Foundation website.