

Systems Integration and Alignment Committee (SIAC) meeting
Friday, May 30, 2014
9:30am – 11:30am
33 W Monroe, Chicago IL – 24th floor, Board Rm East
Conference call in #: 888-494-4032
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Meeting Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)

Karen Berman

Susan Fowler	Christi Chadick
Sergio Mendez	Lula Munson-Smith
Marcy Mendenhall	Judy Walker Kendrick
Gail Nelson	Janine Lewis
Bryan Stokes	Christy Serrano
Pam Reising	Sam Aigner Treworgy
Kathy Stohr	Reyna Hernandez
Edna Navarro	Certhal Burnett
Denise Dell Isola	Madelyn James
Karen Berman	Juanona Brewster
Carie Bires	Deanna Spencer
Deborah Burnett	Bernadette Laumann
Beth Berendsen	Jeanna Capito
Joyce Weiner	

II. Review SIAC meeting minutes from 3.25.14 (5 minutes)

Vanessa Rich

Minutes were reviewed and approved

III. Federal and state initiative updates (50 minutes)

Karen Berman

- RTTT Consortium for Community Systems Development (*Kathy Stohr*)

This initiative is leading the strategic planning process to create a vision and framework on how to approach community systems development within the larger state system. The work has involved conducting state assessments of community systems work across a national landscape. The Build Initiative has consulted on the administration of these surveys and has conducted key-informant interviews with 10 state collaborations. Along with Build, the Consortium has learned that local collaborations have a strong desire to participate in a larger state vision and network for community systems work. The assessments also contributed to a research paper on states that have developed a community systems approach to collective impact. The Consortium has also convened a Thought Leadership team comprised of systems and government representatives and local collaboration actors and have had multiple stakeholder input meetings for developing the state vision.

The Consortium will submit its recommendations for a state wide plan in September 2014. These will be a starting point for more discussions on systems change that will support community systems work.

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Meeting participants asked about buy-in and had a discussion about articulating the need for the alignment and integration of various state initiatives into the final document.

- **EHS/CC Partnerships** (*Gail Nelson*)

The EHS/CC partnership grants provide an opportunity to expand access to 0-3 programs and services and to improve child care quality. The Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD) seeks to support potential applicants and wants to help facilitate TA opportunities. Folks are still waiting for the RFA to become available in order to help answer questions and ease anxiety about competing over the same children in a given area.

Meeting participants offered ideas for collaboration across applicants in community areas. Strategies for providing quality, comprehensive services in these partnerships include defining shared services and developing community hubs to administer shared services.

- **Preschool Expansion Grant** (*Gail Nelson*)

The Preschool Expansion Grant RFP will be out in the fall, and would start before the end of this year. OECD expects that extra points will be given to states that take a collaborative approach in providing comprehensive services and full day care to 4 year olds (e.g. need to have MOUs with community providers for partnering on providing services). The State anticipates adding about 1500-2000 more preK slots. Meeting participants discuss how this grant will be integrated with ongoing initiatives (e.g. MIECHV, Innovations Zones, EHS/CC partnerships) in order to promote a larger vision for the continuum of care and education. Meeting participants agreed that it would be helpful to continue to receive regular updates from OECD about the larger state vision for early childhood care and education at future SIAC meetings. Another idea that was discussed was to develop webinars on the different state initiatives and on how the different pieces fit together into a broader vision for early care and education in the state.

- **National Governor's Association and the Birth-3rd Grade Symposium** (*Christi Chadwick/Joyce Weiner*)

The Symposium will convene on April 10th and will include cross-sector representation from the education field (130 people: half from 0-5 and half from k-12).

The goals of the Birth to Third Grade Symposium include, but aren't limited to:

- to promote and start implementing a birth to 8 system
- to validate Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching – has only been validated for 4th grade and above and to develop resources to help school districts implement the assessment appropriately in early childhood
- to assist school leaders in adopting a developmental perspective to child and teacher evaluations and practice

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Joyce shares the “early childhood is critical link” document, which is a visual for how children are evaluated as they go through the education system, and discusses the top ten things that education leaders can do to help integrate all the curricula and assessments across 0-8 continuum.

Although the NGA grant runs until the end of September, the validation study on the Charlotte Danielson Framework will continue. The group is also working with ISBE to develop feedback to PEAC on implementing evaluation in a developmentally sound way. Last, the group is developing case studies on how various collaborations are integrating the 0-8 systems and what they are doing to support the 0-8 continuum. The aim of the case studies is to demonstrate what some places have done to implement an integrated system.

IV. Subcommittee Updates (see reports) (50 minutes)

Vanessa Rich

- **Special Education Subcommittee**
The Subcommittee is finalizing two deliverables related to RTTT and new Excelerate system –MOU templates (for working with CFC and LEA) and a resource list for accessing developmental screenings. There are currently three programs piloting the Award of Excellence application process and Janette is conducting onsite visits as part of the application and learning process.

- **Health Subcommittee**
Various health topics have been analyzed through written matrices that include recommended roles for early interventionists, licensed center- and home-based childcare, license exempt care, and home visiting providers to play. Also included in the matrices are potential gaps in service delivery, and resources and training needed, to support each professional in meeting the recommended role. The Health Subcommittee will be synthesizing these matrices into a set of prioritized, written recommendations to share with the full SIAC and the Executive Committee for approval.

Additionally, the Health Subcommittee submitted revised recommendations to the ELC Ad Hoc Committee on primary and secondary child health quality indicators for inclusion in the IL Early Childhood Dashboard. The Health Subcommittee leveraged the research it conducted in 2012 and reviewed new reports to ensure that the recommended indicators were good proxies for child health and wellness. The primary and secondary indicators were submitted to the ELC Ad Hoc Committee in April 2014.

- **Braiding, Blending & Sustainable Funding Subcommittee**

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Sam Aigner-Treworgy is making final revisions to the BBSF report and will be sharing it with the Committee. SIAC members will be asked to help identify and prioritize next steps for implementation.

- Community Systems Development Subcommittee
The Subcommittee is developing a community systems benchmark and related indicators to recommend to the ELC Ad Hoc Committee for inclusion in the Early Childhood Dashboard. The Subcommittee is also finalizing a crosswalk of collaboration requirements within various contracts.

V. Next Steps (5 minutes)

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Upcoming Meetings:

- SIAC 2014 meetings:
 - Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 10am-12pm
- Health Subcommittee meetings:
 - Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 2:30-4:30pm
 - Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 2:30-4:30pm
- BBSF meetings:
 - TBD
- Community Systems Development Subcommittee meetings:
 - Tuesday, July 1, 2014, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
 - Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Special Education Subcommittee meetings:
 - TBD

Handouts: Meeting Agenda (5.30.14), Draft Meeting Minutes (3.25.14), ELC annual report draft

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