

**Home Visiting Task Force Meeting
February 9th, 2015**

MINUTES

Attendees: Denise Dell Isola, Audrey Moy, Glendean Burton, Jay Young, Anna Potere, Diana Rauner (co-chair), Teresa Kelly, Ira Chasnoff, Theresa Heaton, Kassia Eide, Gail Nourse, Dawn Delgado, Sandy DeLeon, Diane Scruggs, Melanie Garrett, Audrey Moy, Sherneron Hilliard, Christine Nicpon, Shauna Egeh, Vikki Thompson, Elaine Duensing, Laura Zumdahl, TeeNeka Jones, Loretta Bariffe, Jon Korfmacher, Beth Mascitti-Miller, Madelyn James, Joanna Su, Sasha Robey, Jan Stepto-Millett, Claire Dunham, Dan Harris, Ellen Walsh, Kyrsten Brown, Kenye Westbrook, Lydia McAfee, Whitney Walsh, Janelle Weldin-Frisch, Jill Garbaliauskas, Sergio Hernandez, Cortnae Gullatt, Cheryl Floyd, Becky Beilfuss, Gerri Clark, Carly Jones, Julia Marynus, Mendy Smith, Pat Mosena, Jon McDonnell, Linda Saterfield, Andrea Palmer, Laura Zumdahl, Mary Anne Wilson, Kelly Woodlock, Penny Smith, Lesley Schwartz, Kim Zalent, Bakahia Madison

Review November 12th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved with no changes.

Identifying and Intervening with Pregnant and Parenting Women

- Dr. Ira Chasnoff presented on his work to identify and intervene with pregnant and parenting women.
- See PowerPoint presentation for more information.

Health Connections Recommendations

- The Health Connections Workgroup of the Task Force, chaired by Glendean Burton, was charged with developing recommendations to increase the connections between the home visiting and health fields.
- At the Task Force's most recent Executive Committee meeting, Glendean presented the recommendations, which were approved with some modifications.
- Glendean presented the recommendations. The only suggestion was to remove the language "and the Hearing Development "Crib Card" Checklist from Illinois Division of Specialized Care for Children" from paragraph C. under "Vision and Hearing Screening". The recommendations were passed with this change.
- The recommendations will be presented to the Early Learning Council Executive Committee.

Universal Screening Workgroup

- The HVTF is reviving the Universal Screening Workgroup. Deb Daro, the original chair of the group, and Jay Young have agreed to co-chair the group and presented a proposed charge for the group at the Task Force's most recent Executive Committee meeting, which was approved.
- Jay shared the charge and there were no comments or questions. The group will now begin its work.

MIECHV in Elgin

- Two representatives from the MIECHV community in Elgin, Theresa Heaton and Kassia Eide, presented about the work they have done to collect testimonials from home visiting participants about how the program has impacted them.

- See PowerPoint presentation for more information.

Advocacy Update

- The federal MIECHV grant, which was reauthorized last March through an advocacy effort in which many HVTF members participated actively, is set to expire on March 31st.
- This grant has impacted the pilot communities – as Theresa and Kassia have exemplified – but it has also been important for the entire home visiting system in Illinois. For example, the maintenance of effort requirement has kept DHS funding for home visiting from being cut. And there are now voluntary communities working to implement key components of MIECHV.
- The HVTF is very cognizant of this quickly approaching deadline and has been engaged in efforts to make the case for further extension of the program.
- We are collecting information about the impact of MIECHV – both from the systems perspective and stories and testimonials from participants and programs about how home visiting has positively impacted them – so please share those.
- From conversations with some of the Illinois congressional delegation, it's especially important to make a strong case to Republican legislators and those on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where the vehicle to extend reauthorization may go. Three Illinois legislators – Kinzinger, Shimkus, and Schakowsky – are on that Committee, and two of those three (Kinzinger and Shimkus) are Republicans. Kinzinger has publicly expressed support for the program in the past. Senator Kirk will also be visiting a MIECHV home visiting program in Englewood later in the month and would like to have legislators visit other MIECHV programs.
- Please share any opportunities or ideas on how to further engage these legislators.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- The next full meeting is May 5th from 2-4pm.