

**Home Visiting Task Force
Sustainability Workgroup Meeting
July 9th, 2014**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Liz Heneks, Chelsea Pearsall, Anna Potere, Mike Shaver (co-chair), Nancy Shier, Penny Smith, Jay Young

April 28th Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

State and Federal Budget Updates

- State Budget
 - Home visiting in DHS and ISBE held level.
 - There were not enough votes to extend the current income tax rates, which would have provided sustainable revenue for a budget that could have included some restoration of education and human services funding lost in past years. As a result, financial pressures will mount through the year.
 - While the "flat" budget may minimally support some programs for the time being, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle agree there is more work to be done as an even bigger problem looms for FY2016, with the prospect of more than \$4 billion lost in revenue from the expired income tax rates.
- MIECHV
 - Agencies have been told to expect that they will receive the same funding.
 - Part of our work plan should be to develop a narrative about what MIECHV is and what it funds.
 - Efforts are ongoing to extend MIECHV beyond 2015, e.g. by working with FFYF to package and disseminate stories and connecting with national efforts.
 - iGrow is collecting success stories.

Review Sustainability Work Plan and Tasks

- Our goal is to align current and future activities as we move forward.
- DCFS used to look at state to identify highest areas of child abuse.
- Every school district bills Medicaid for special education, even in smaller districts. Once the new school year starts, we should figure out a way to talk to a sample of superintendents and principals about this.
- The Children's Bureau has a new Region V Program Officer (Jennifer Bradburn). There may be an opportunity to talk to her about home visiting in the context of child abuse prevention and ask her to do some legwork to see what other jurisdictions/regions are doing with preventative dollars.
- Anna will make the suggested changes to the work plan and will bring it back to the group at the September meeting.

Medicaid Financing Update

- Outreach to ACEs and local HV programs: We are still working to identify the best contacts at the Accountable Care Entities and will be reaching out to them soon to request a meeting – with a representative from a local home visiting program – to have an initial discussion about connecting with home visiting programs.
- 1115 Waiver Implementation Workgroup
 - The Governor's Office has convened work groups to discuss implementation of aspects of the waiver.

- The work group discussing home visiting is under Public Health. Several of our work group members, including Anna Potere, Dan Harris, and Teresa Kelly, are part of this group discussing how the \$10M expansion of home visiting proposed in the waiver might be implemented if approved.
- The larger work group is now dividing into subgroups, one of which focuses specifically on home visiting. We would like to take some time to brainstorm our goals for this work group so that participants can represent those goals.
- Primary goal initially is educating people about what the home visiting field looks like in Illinois, especially as it relates to health.
- Medicaid Certification for Home Visitors
 - HFS Director Hamos asked us to develop a proposal that would allow home visitors to bill Medicaid in our state system where most home visitors are not automatically Medicaid-certified providers.
 - Ohio, which has a similar population of home visitors to Illinois (i.e., mostly Healthy Families and Parents as Teachers), developed a certification system that was approved by the state Medicaid office and the federal Medicaid office (CMS).
 - We asked the Ounce Institute to develop a proposal, based on Ohio's certification system, because the Ounce Institute already has a training system in place to train and track the training of 95% of the home visitors in the state. Additionally, after looking at Ohio's system, it became clear to us that many of the trainings that would comprise a certification are already provided through the core and wraparound trainings that the Ounce Institute offers.
 - The certification was presented to the HVTF Executive Committee last week. They really appreciated our work and had some suggested edits. They also recommended that we share this with Christy Chadwick in the Governor's Office to ensure that it aligns with Gateways. Once the full HVTF has approved it, we will bring it to Director Hamos.
- Home Visiting Mapping for Fee-for-Service Area
 - 2/3 of the Medicaid population – about 2 million people – will be transitioning to managed care. The remaining 1/3 of the population will remain fee-for-service, most of whom are downstate.
 - For the fee-for-service population, we want to be able to look at where home visiting programs are in the fee-for-service areas and what their catchment areas are, compared to poverty levels. This seems to be mostly health departments and school districts, and some community-based agencies.