

INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

June 25, 2015

Attendees: Sharon Molargik, Chris Furbee, Shirley Payne, Carrie Bale, Connie Sherman, Erin Kissling, Kyle Wehmann, Monica DiOrio, Beth Stroh, Emily Krauser (guest, IYI)

Key Topics Discussed:

- Head Start performance standards for health are not changing, but everything else is. Updates will be released soon.
- Could use Head Start’s performance standards for health as an example for this workgroup’s future health requirements/guidelines.
- Comprehensive data for ages 0-5 is hard to find if not looking at nationwide data
- The revised Foundations have a strong health component
 - What does this look like in the community and schools?
- Reviewed Family Engagement Toolkit – is this something this workgroup can do for health?
 - Connie says that as a practitioner, she will look at the FE self assessment and mold her programs to align with its suggested requirements.
 - Is there something like this [toolkit] out there already for health? Head Start has similar resources but their programs get financial support for implementation
- Paths to Quality health “endorsement” idea
 - For example, could have a level 2 site with a dentist, pediatrician, or nutrition *endorsement*. Could have an endorsement at any PTQ level. Point is to establish relationships with local health practitioners, even if they are not capable of increasing Levels.
 - PTQ needs to move away from being compliance driven to being outcomes driven.
- It is important to encourage and stand with those who are already doing similar work in the child health arena and align our efforts, not duplicate them.
- Decision to create a survey that asks providers what they see as the biggest needs for support around child health.
 - Possible that many providers don’t know what they need because their focus is on day-to-day operations

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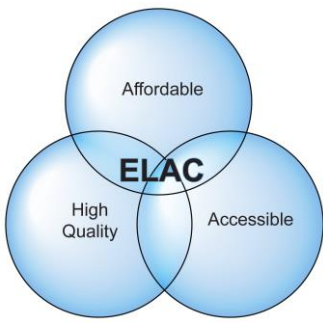
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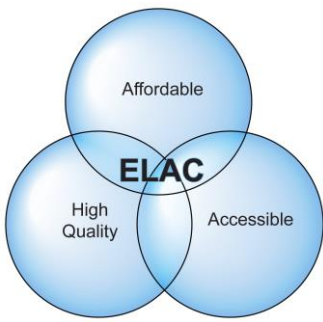
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- Will explain the goal of the survey upfront, so they know it is important to participate, it applies to them, and not just another survey
- Questions to include:
 - Ask respondents to rate focus areas of health and resources needed, etc., in order of importance to them, in their area.
 - Identify county and region of state
 - Ask if they are on PTQ? If yes, what Level? If not, are you interested in PTQ? Do you know the steps to becoming a PTQ site?
 - Respondents will be asked to identify if they are an intermediary (coach, trainer, licensing consultant) or provider, or other category
 - Providers will be asked to identify provider type
- Provider Participation and Advancement workgroup is focusing on going into communities without any ECE infrastructure to create awareness and engage the community
 - Potential to collaborate with this workgroup on developing the survey that would identify areas of need in child health as well as community infrastructure needs
- Local health departments do an annual survey. Another potential to collaborate? Shirley Payne offered to obtain copies to share with group.
- It's important to remember our focus is not just on child care centers, but also family care homes and ministries, and engaging children not in the system
- Need to train providers how to engage practitioners on a business-level and build relationships with medical professionals (i.e. to get dentists to provide health checkups more than once a year)
- Suggestion to develop a list of resources and/or best practices to share with providers across all focus areas of health.
- One possible link for disseminating future health guidelines or assessment documents is the Purdue Extension offices.
- The verdict is still out on whether the workgroup creates a health checklist, assessment, or starts with a best practices and resource list.

Subcommittee reports:

Physical Health

- Oral – Indiana Oral Health Coalition is working with McMillan in Fort Wayne. Dental health is a huge issue among low income families.



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- Discussion of families not having a medical home for their children and providers creating relationships with local providers if services are needed for children in programs.

- May be useful to look at statewide PIR reports

Intellectual Health

- Intellectual health is different than cognitive health and it aligns with the concept of approaches to learning in the Foundations.

Social-Emotional/Mental

- Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health) Shirley Payne and Christina Commons are co-leads on this grant. Opportunity to align efforts and not duplicate?
 - Focuses on social-emotional health for ages 0-8 while Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) (or “sunny start”) focuses on ages 0-5
 - Involves a pilot community working with 2 Head Starts to implement social and emotional health programs and is evaluated by IU
 - Will take information for pilot communities to see what can be statewide
 - Toxic stress is a focus; training modules for infant-toddler mental health

Key Questions Raised:

- What happens with ELAC-approved definitions and what is the process to uphold these recommendations? Need to work with state agencies to implement approved recommendations. Kyle emailed ELAC about this, awaiting further response.
- How is what we are defining different from the Foundations health component?
- Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) National Meeting in Baltimore. Has anyone heard of this or plan to attend? Chris Furbee has the informational email.
- What was the original intent for health consultants? Stemmed from a grant for Division of Family Resources to have nurses, dieticians, etc. be health consultants statewide for child health. They are there to support licensing consultants, share best practices for health, and review the food and health programs in licensed centers before opening.
- How will the tools we create interact with guidelines that are already in place? For example, family engagement is aligned with PTQ, and the toolkit was created to help define and promote “family engagement” since it is a requirement in On My Way Pre-K program.



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- Are the county-based health departments involved in early childhood education? Most are not active, but still could be a good way to disseminate information such as a best practices or health resources list for providers.

Action Steps:

1. Kyle will ask for the IACCRR provider survey from Sally Lacey in the Provider Participation and Advancement workgroup to share with this workgroup on Wiggio. Newest version available in about three weeks.
2. All members agreed to propose questions on Wiggio that could be on survey.
3. Erin and Kyle will present survey concept and discuss opportunity for collaboration with Provider Participation workgroup at their next meeting.
4. Shirley suggested bringing the Project LAUNCH overview to the next meeting to review for ideas, as well as posting committee roster in Wiggio.
5. Shirley offered to post health department survey example to Wiggio.
6. Shirley offered to check on FQHS to see if they have an early childhood education component.
7. Sharon offered to forward the Head Start performance standards to Kyle to post in Wiggio.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 23rd, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202

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