

INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

August 27, 2015

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Attendees: Kresha Warnock, Nancy Ward, Connie Sherman, Julie Burns, Liane Grayson, Christina Commons, Erin Kissling, Chris Furbee, Lisa Henley, Beth Stroh, Carrie Bale, Kyle Wehmann, Amanda Lopez; *On phone:* Rosa Hiestand, Kim Rhodes

Key Topics Discussed:

- ELAC Updates:
 - a. Overview of 3 workgroup recommendations that were approved at last Committee meeting.
 - b. ELAC is in the process of creating a website apart from the state, scheduled to roll out in the fall: www.elac.org. (Currently, this still redirects to state website.)
- Amanda gave a brief update on EEMG program 1st year preliminary results presented by Michael Conn-Powers with IU.
- Workgroup discussed whether to create a survey requesting information on child health needs for providers and it was decided not to move forward with a survey at this time.
- Nancy Ward discussed the child health deliverables her team has recently been tasked with from “the office” (OECOSL), which may help to “drive” the work that will come out of this group.
- Nancy discusses how the new Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)—the authorizing legislation that funds the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)—vouchers coming out in October may effect this workgroup’s deliverables regarding health and “taking on” developmental screening.
- Lisa Henley discussed IACCRR’s “Taking Steps to Healthy Success” project that uses CDC funding to look at health systems within the state to determine “what is current status” for all children in Indiana. This is a 3-year initiative with intensive training and technical assistance for child care providers with pre/post assessments (i.e. “NAPSACK” assessment). Ball State will be evaluating the project using surveys and focus groups. How do we supplement (and not duplicate) this work?
- This workgroup has adopted a definition of child health but has not developed goals. One goal this workgroup could take the lead on is developing a policy around developmental screening.
- ELAC is going to meet and develop some high-level goals and put together



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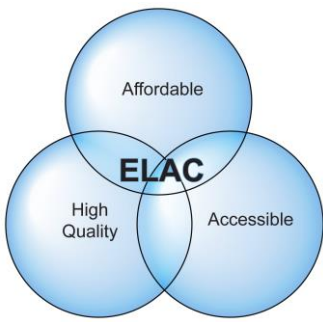
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a logic model which will help workgroups get more clarity on individual goals and how to move forward.

- Regarding the developmental screening “proclamation” that was discussed at the last workgroup meeting: Kevin Bain asked if the workgroup would be willing to postpone the proclamation until next year in order to maximize the benefits of it and increase visibility. Workgroup agreed with this idea. Additionally, Nancy agreed that this would be better for the new timeline of deliverables on health she has been tasked with.
- Christina Commons discussed potentially pairing initiatives, such as rolling out the developmental screening proclamation at the same time as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day (in May) to reach a larger audience.
- Developmental screening is one of Project LAUNCH’s 5 strands. How could we align efforts? It is about prevention and promotion, not a system of intervention. How can we engage families that are at risk and get information out? (FYI: The Project LAUNCH pilot site is doing very well and will have data soon to share.)
- Workgroup discussed developmental screening tools and assessments used by different programs and agencies. First Steps, Head Start, and Healthy Families were mentioned as some of the few required to screen.
- Workgroup reviewed Dr. Swigonski’s whitepaper on Developmental Screening in Indiana with recommendations (uploaded to Wiggio).
- Workgroup discussed the strategic work plan for the remainder of calendar year and into 2016.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Are the adopted whitepapers and documents from other workgroup’s recommendations available to all workgroups for use? *Yes, they are located in the subfolder called “Approved Recommendations” within the each workgroup’s “ELAC Reports and Updates” folder.*
2. How can the preliminary results from the EEMG evaluation be accessed? *We will check on this, but most likely when Michael Conn-Powers writes the full first year report.*
3. Does IACCRR do any surveys targeted at teachers? Has IACCRR done a survey in the past about health?
4. Who would drive the work of finding out about provider health practices and their needs surrounding child health, (i.e. a survey or checklist)? Which agency would take the lead?
5. How will non-PTQ level 3 or 4 providers have access to the tools that come out of ELAC such as the family engagement toolkit or other whitepapers? Who will tell them that these tools are available? *PTQ coaches would do this, plus other connected agencies will help to “get the word out” once the*



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tools are piloted and revised/refined.

6. Is there a consensus that the workgroup will “take on” developmental screening? If yes, should this workgroup identify a developmental screening tool to use across the state?
7. Who else needs to be at the table for this work? New workgroup member recommendations?

Action Steps:

1. Kyle will create a list in Google Sheets for workgroup members to populate “who” is already doing developmental screening, “what” tool they use, and “which,” if any, supports are associated with it.
2. Workgroup members are reminded to review the whitepaper on Developmental Screening by Dr. Swigonski (posted in Wiggio) and suggest any revisions or additions.
3. It was suggested to have a DCS representative on this workgroup. Liane Grayson offered to forward Stacey Herald’s contact information.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**** September 24th workgroup meeting will be a special presentation by Zero to Three on behalf of Indiana’s Happy Babies Group about infants and toddlers.*

Location: Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) Offices at 603 East Washington St., downtown Indianapolis.

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