



Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee

Data Coordination and System Integration Workgroup Meeting Minutes Summary

December 3, 2015

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Attendees: Charlie Geier, Stephen Reynolds, John Peirce, Ann Puckett-Harpold, Chuck Hert, Matt Hudsall, Jeff Hudnall, Kim Hodge, Jeff Obranovich, Michal Conn-Powers, Sarah Pennal, Kyle Wehmann, Amanda Lopez, Monica DiOrio *On the Phone:* Cheryl Miller, Judy Sorg, Jenna Wachtmann

Key Topics Discussed

ELAC Updates

- The Strategic Plan will be finalized and unveiled at the January Kickoff Meeting on January 14, 2016 from 10:00am – 4:00pm (Save the date!);
- Next Annual Report is under development to be completed before the General Assembly takes session in January; and
- New and Reappointed Committee Members (2-year terms are up): Kevin Bain, Melanie Brizzi, Charlie Geier, Connie Sherman, Robin Atkins, Christopher Stokes and Cindy Frey.

Data Dashboard for ELAC Annual Report – Amanda Lopez

- Workgroup members reviewed the nearly final Data Dashboard (posted to Wiggio) and made suggestions for additional edits;
- Workgroup members discussed having the Data Dashboard and full ELAC report be available electronically and connected to online data resources additional analysis (i.e. IACCRR's data center for county-level); and
- Workgroup members briefly reviewed the citations and calculations document, which gives details on the data reported in the Annual Report.

Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG) Review - Michael Conn-Powers

- The evaluation report of the first year cohort is final and is available on the [FSSA EEMG webpage](#). The Evaluation of Child Outcomes workgroup is developing a summary of the report to include in the ELAC Annual Report;
- The child assessments for Year 2 are almost complete. Data is also being collected from teachers, including family engagement and classroom quality;

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- Discussed the possibility of long-term data collection, which is not the original scope of the program evaluation. Michael noted that the current plan is to ask the teachers to identify which elementary school their students go to, along with their Student Testing Number (STN), and have their students complete an end-of-the-year pre-school assessment possibly using the ISTAR-KR or Preschool-Kindergarten Behavior Scale; and
- Assessments will be completed in April to gather post-program data for the year 2 cohort with a second year evaluation report sometime late summer/early fall.

IACCRR Data Center – Kim Hodge

- IACCRR has developed an online public portal of key early learning data that aligns to the ELAC report. Data is available at the county, regional and state level.
- The [data center](#) has had a “soft launch” with the local Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) and key stakeholders. Feedback is welcome as it continues being refined until the full launch!

Indiana Network of Knowledge (INK) – Jeff Hudnall

- Jeff provided an update on the status of Indiana’s Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) to build a data system across FSSA, DOE, Commission for Higher Education, and the Department of Workforce Development that connects data from early childhood through career;
- He noted that phase two of the research agenda will be rolled-out in June 2016 and will focus on the three buckets: college readiness, career readiness, and program effectiveness; and
- Requests on what the data system should include are welcome and can be sent to [Jeff Hudnall](#).

ELAC Logic Model – Charlie Geier

- Charlie shared that the workgroup co-chairs have been meeting to develop a five-year strategic plan for ELAC, resulting in the draft logic model;
- Workgroup reviewed the 2016 ELAC Logic Model and suggested minor edits; and
- The final logic model and strategic plan will be shared at the January 14th ELAC Annual Kickoff Meeting.

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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Legislation – Charlie Geier

- Charlie provided an update on the pending federal legislation, Every Student Succeeds Act, which will reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act;
- At a very high level, the proposed reauthorization would give many rights back to the states and also includes regulations on Pre-K. Some key takeaways relevant for early learning include two designated funding streams via the Preschool Development Grants program (outlined on page 31 of the proposal), and Title 1 would be expanded to include 5 year olds;
- The reauthorization is expected to make it to the President's desk by Christmas.

Key Questions Raised

1. Will the EEMG data be longitudinal?
2. Is the EEMG data being collected on-site?

Action Steps

1. Jeff Hudnall will present the data system at the February meeting in order for workgroup members to give feedback on its development.
2. Charlie agreed to upload the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) proposal to Wiggin.
3. Project Support Team will present the recommendation to Guiding Team to have a panel of legislative members to ask the status of early education items at the January Kickoff Meeting.

Next Meeting: Annual ELAC Kickoff Meeting on January 14, 2015; 10:00am-4:00pm. A list of workgroup meetings for 2016 will be determined at the January meeting.

Location: Wayne Township Preschool 1155 S High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241

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