Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee

Child Development and Well-Being Workgroup Meeting Summary

February 25, 2016

Attendees: Connie Sherman, Carrie Bale, Kathy Freismuth, Katie Swec (Guest), Nancy Swigonski, Nancy Ward, Julie Henley, Marta Fetterman (Guest), Christina Commons, Erin Kissling, Shannon Garrity, John Peirce, Julie Burns, Amanda Lopez, and Monica DiOrio *On the Phone:* Kresha Warnock, Amy Matzet

KEY TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Introduction of new members and guests**
    - Shannon Garrity, Indiana Department of Health, Project LAUNCH
    - Amy Matzet, Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation (SIEOC)
    - Dr. Kathleen Swec, Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatricians
    - Kathy Freismuth, Family Development Services
2. **ELAC Updates**
    - For those not in attendance at the January Kickoff Meeting, ELAC unveiled a new five-year strategic plan and website. Check out: **www.ELACIndiana.org**;
    - On the new website is a "News" section to highlight local and national news relevant to the industry to bring awareness. Workgroups are asked to share new reports and articles to post on the website **http://www.elacindiana.org/news/**;
    - March ELAC meeting has been cancelled.
3. **Developmental Screening Policy**
    - Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization requires states to develop a state policy for providers to inform families about developmental screening;
    - Nancy Ward shared the draft policy with the workgroup and members provided edits;
    - Workgroup agreed that a definition of "developmental screening" is needed;
    - At the next meeting, the workgroup will discuss the tools and resources (see CDC's Read the Signs Talk Early and Bright Futures as possible starting points) to develop for the providers to help them implement the policy;
    - The goal is to present the full developmental screening guiding packet to ELAC in April.
4. **Help Me Grow**
    - Members viewed a TED Talk on the Help Me Grow initiative to better understand the program before recommending to ELAC that Indiana join the initiative;
    - Workgroup members identified several supports already in place for Help Me Grow;
    - There is potential funding through a new federal grant to fund the start-up of Help Me Grow.
5. A website on child health data was shared with the group as a data resource.
6. **Workgroup Logic Model and 2016 Work Plan**
    - Members reviewed the short and intermediate outcomes developed at the annual kickoff meeting and made edits. Prioritized a few key items for this year (Developmental Screening tools and Baseline data);
    - The short-term outcomes will guide the 2016 work plan.

KEY QUESTIONS RAISED

1. What is the timeline for the developmental screening policy to be adopted?
2. What is the progression of implementing Help Me Grow?

ACTION STEPS

1. Developmental Screening Licensing Policy: Dr. Nancy Swigonski agreed to share a definition of developmental screening. **All workgroup members** are to send edits on the policy to Nancy (via Wiggio or email) *by Thursday, March 3, 2016*. **Nancy** will combine the edits and upload a revised copy to Wiggio before the next workgroup meeting.

2. Project Support Team will draft a 2016 work plan and revised logic model based on the discussion and share with the workgroup for final review in March.

3. Help Me Grow: Four teams have been assigned to research a Help Me Grow program nationwide to better understand Indiana's path: **Christina and Shannon** – Missouri and Michigan, **Nancy and Katie** – Kentucky and Iowa, **Kresha** – Minnesota, **Connie and Carrie –** Massachusetts, and **John** – Florida. Criteria have been outlined in a Google Sheets and will be shared in Wiggio.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2016 | Time: 10:00am | Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street