



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: July 15, 2014

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

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John Burnett

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Attendees:

Connie Sherman, Ena Shelley, Rose Hiestand, Beth Barrett, Julia Tipton, Beth Stroh, Megan O'Sullivan, Danny Kelly, Kyle Wehmann, Andrea Wilkes, Sharon Molargik

Key Topics Discussed:

1. Overview of new Agenda format
2. Discussion of Ena's proposed draft of KR
3. Evaluation Workgroup KRA tool decision process update
4. Work "high quality", "accessible", and "affordable" into the final definition.
5. Assessment must fit the child, not child fit the assessment
6. A snapshot from one place in time (on-demand) should not be used against a child.
7. Maryland piloting a KEA Assessment tool (snapshot on Kindergarten entry)
8. NAEYC definition of school readiness
9. Created a "working definition" of KR for Indiana
10. The domains do not need to be specifically stated in definition.
11. Concerns about the "imposition" of this group's current working definition on the State and why it may be an imposition.
12. Alignment of our definition with the National Education Goals Panel definition of KR.
13. Our working definition does not speak enough to child readiness.
14. The chosen evaluator for the PreK Pilot should be someone with an early education degree and know how to administer the on-demand assessment properly.

Key Questions Raised:

1. What about adopting and revising a definition from another state?
2. Why can't we get someone (i.e. Lorie Shepard) to consult with the State to implement a good assessment instead of selecting one due to legislation demands?
3. What state(s) do not use an on-demand assessment tool at all? And how was that methodology (or lack thereof) "sold" to the state government?
4. Could the KEA assessment tool be a strategy for sustaining Birth to 5?
5. Does our definition have to fit the chosen assessment?
6. Can we simplify the definition?
7. What are some glaring issues with this definition?
8. How do we address alignment issues among workgroups? When should we be working together and should it happen more often?

Action Steps:

1. Group Members: Continue to edit and simplify KR definition for next meeting (see "Working Draft of KR 7-15-14" in the KR Definition folder in Wiggi)
2. Group Members: What data gaps exist for this workgroup? Complete the



Data Coordination Foundation Element document in the Priority Work Folder and upload by August 15. (More instruction on this to come.)

3. Kyle: Poll group members via Wiggio to find a convenient time for both Evaluation and Child Outcomes Workgroups to meet in September.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 9:00a-11:30a
Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street,
Indianapolis, IN, 46202

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