



Attendees

Connie Sherman, Carrie Bale, Fatima Yousif, Mindy Bennett, Dr. Katie Swec, Mary Jo Paladino, Lisa Henley, Marta Fetterman, Kathy Freismuth, Cynthia Smith, Gail Strong, Nancy Ward, Julie Burns, Liz Brajevich, and Amanda Lopez. *On the phone: Jill Dunn, John Peirce, Shirley Payne.*

Key Topics Discussed

1. New Member
 - The workgroup welcomed new member, Jill Dunn of Bona Vista Programs, Inc.
2. ELAC Updates
 - ELAC is working toward releasing the next Annual Report the first of November. If workgroups have recommendations, they need to be presented to ELAC in September or October in order to meet the publication deadline;
 - The workgroup discussed possible recommendations/contributions for the Annual Report, such as the policies on health and developmental screenings;
 - It was suggested that a review of the past three years' Annual Report recommendations be done to share updates on proposed partnerships.
3. Primary Objective 1: Explore and make recommendations to ELAC about creating an Indiana-focused child development and well-being system
 - Members agreed that a goal for this system would be to have providers act as a liaison between the medical community and families;
 - Dr. Swec would like to use the information on the [Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems \(ECCS\) Impact Grant](#) and the updated white paper to share what a system roll-out could look like in terms of best practice;
 - It was suggested that instead of sharing best practices at this time, the workgroup could recommend the modified licensing standards and the updated white paper.
4. Primary Objective 2: Recommend policies on child health and well-being topics.
 - Workgroup members reviewed and discussed recommendations for policy changes to licensing discussed at May's meeting;



- Nancy gave an overview of the status of the recommendations that were presented to OECOSL and where they stand. She referenced a document she had uploaded to Wiggiio.
5. Dr. Cameron's "Call to Action"
- At the Indiana Summit for Economic Development via Early Learning Coalitions in June, Dr. Cameron presented a "call to action" for all early learning professionals to spread the message on how important early brain development is and the lifelong impact it has on the success of the child;
 - ELAC tasked this workgroup with reviewing the "call to action" to identify if they would be able to complete the "call" by helping facilitate the developing of a toolkit for communities to use to spread the message about early brain development;
 - The workgroup agreed that they would be able to complete this "call to action".
6. Other Updates
- Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact Grant
 - i. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) applied for a competitive grant and was one of twelve states that received the grant. The goal is to improve developmental outcomes for three year olds through a collective impact model. ISDH plans to pilot the Help Me Grow program in the Promise Neighborhood on the Near East Side of Indianapolis. The program will have a two-generation approach, with screenings for both maternal depression and child development milestones.
7. Panel on Centralized Telephone Access for Young Families
- See the separate notes on the panel discussion.

Action Items

1. *Policy Recommendations:* **Dr. Swec** offered to collaborate on the drafting a document that summarizes the "screening-to-services" pathway to explain the pathway of diagnosis and referral. **Dr. Swec** and **Dr. Swigonski** will also edit and update the previously drafted white paper on developmental screenings for the August meeting.
2. **Dr. Swec** offered to draft a document explaining the capacity building process in place across the state for the evaluation hubs.
3. **Mary Ann** offered to post the executive summary of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact Grant to Wiggiio.



4. Workgroup will discuss adding the Brain Development toolkit and “serve and return” to the logic model and work plan.

Next Meeting

August 25, 2016 | 10:00am-12:00pm | St. Mary’s Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. St.