



Attendees

Connie Sherman, Carrie Bale, John Peirce, Christina Commons, Nancy Ward, Shannon Garrity, Kresha Warnock, Julie Burns, Shirley Payne, Gail Thomas-Strong, Marta Fetterman, and Monica DiOrio **On the phone:** *Amanda Lopez*

Key Topics Discussed

1. New Member
 - Kristy Wright, IDOE
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;
 - Partner agencies (ELAC, Early Learning Indiana, Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), and Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)) have been meeting regularly to coordinate efforts and projects in early learning;
 - The ELAC Project Support Team uploaded a summary of key priorities for each workgroup in the Child Development and Well-Being/ELAC folder on Wiggio.
3. 2017 Annual Report Recommendations
 - Workgroup members discussed the documents they would be able to complete by the Annual Report, including white papers, policy recommendations, and best practices;
 - It was agreed that the white paper on developmental screening should be finalized and presented in September (case statement for why developmental screenings are important);
 - Has there been a discussion of a metric to include for the data dashboard of the Annual Report? The hubs have recorded a decreased age for when delays are identified, but it is just a slice of the population. Shirley mentioned that the National Survey (combining of the National Child Health Survey and National Survey for Children with Special Needs) will be releasing data in Spring 2017 which will then be shared annually. We can use that data next year for the next Annual Report;



- Could make a recommendation to use the pre-k data available in 2017 for the next Annual Report;
- Is there a way to track how many referrals are being made and followed-up on?
- The workgroup drafted a wish list of data they want in order to work their way backward to get it:
 - i. Child care
 - ii. Head start
 - iii. Care coordination
 - iv. CCR&R's ASQ's
 - v. Public school's/pre-school screenings
 - vi. First Steps
 - vii. Medicaid (Part B)
- A discussion arose on the political implications for including recommendations in the Annual Report and how direct of a recommendation the workgroup should release;
- Since ELAC uses baseline data to release recommendations (i.e. data shows developmental delays are identified in later ages than the national average, ELAC recommends the following policies to help combat this issue);
- Could make the recommendation to collect baseline data around Developmental Screenings for September. White paper can be part of the recommendation to explain the gaps in data. Can use the data to build policies in the future.
- Is there a way to incorporate developmental screening into the focus on pre-k? Can use On My Way Pre-K to have an easy-win to capture that population;
- The workgroup agreed to the following:
 - i. The white paper on developmental screenings and a recommendation to collect baseline data on developmental screenings will be presented to ELAC in September for the Annual Report;
 - ii. A white paper on the importance of child health, nutrition, and physical activity, and a recommendation to collect baseline data on these topics will be presented to ELAC in October for the Annual Report;
 - iii. The recommendations will include a request to include data from state-funded pre-k programs (On My Way Pre-K and Early Education Matching Grant).



4. Centralized Telephone Access for Young Families Panel Discussion

- Members shared their thoughts on last month's panel discussion and what a centralized telephone system could look like for an Indiana-focused child development and well-being system;
- The Early Childhood Comprehensive System Initiatives (ECCS) grant was brought up, with which the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) will pilot the Help Me Grow model in the Promise Neighborhood of the near east side of Indianapolis;
 - i. Could we look at where families call now and expand those services?
 - ii. How can we connect the current centralized telephone access points to the Help Me Grow model during the 5-year pilot?
 - iii. Is there an opportunity to test in both promise neighborhoods in Indiana at the same time (Indianapolis and Evansville)?
 - iv. What is ISDH using as the baseline for developmental skills (as listed in the project abstract)?
 - v. How can we use the strengths of each centralized telephone system to ensure that no families/populations are left out?
 - vi. How do we capture all of the data on referrals being given for screenings and follow-up on them?
 - vii. What would be the best role of this workgroup to assist ISDH in implementing the Help Me Grow pilot? Shannon thinks an advisory role would be best.

5. Dr. Cameron's "Call to Action"

- Carrie is discussing with Kevin the possibility to apply for the [Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Grant](#) which looks to support early childhood initiatives that have not been fully launched yet. Carrie thought it would be good to apply for this grant to support any efforts related to completing Dr. Cameron's "Call to Action" on raising awareness on the importance of early brain development and its impact on development long-term;
- Part of the grant requirement involves having a 501(c)(3) status, so workgroup members brainstormed some organizations that might be willing to apply as the lead agency, including INfancy Onward (Infant and Toddler Mental Health Association) under MHA-Indy.

6. Meeting Dates for November and December

- The workgroup meetings are scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month, which falls on Thanksgiving and near Christmas this year. The project management and



support team will send out a doodle-poll to coordinate alternative meeting dates for those months.

Action Items

1. **Nancy** will post the most recent version of the developmental screening policies for workgroup members to review and update PRIOR TO the September ELAC meeting.
2. **Shannon** will ask if Help Me Grow can be tested at both promise neighborhoods in Indiana, as part of the ECCS Initiative.
3. **All members** are asked to review and edit the white papers and recommendation related to developmental screenings by **September 8th**, to be presented to ELAC September 9th, once posted to Wiggio.
4. ELAC Project Support Team will add a standing agenda item to discuss the Help Me Grow pilot program.

Next Meeting

September 22, 2016 | 10:00am-12:00pm | St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. St.