



Attendees

Carrie Bale, Connie Sherman, Cynthia Smith, Mary Delaney, Angela Paxton, Kristi Linson, Shannon Garrity, Marta Fetterman, John Pierce, Nancy Ward, Nancy Michaels, Jamie Spears, Megan McKinney- Cooper, Deb Hughes, Vicky Resinsky, Brenda Webster, Connie Young, Jamee Mylan, Amanda Lopez, Whitley Wynns

Key Topics Discussed

A. ELAC Updates

- a. The Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) has not received an appointed chair. Names have been submitted to the Governor's office.
- b. Amanda shared that all workgroups are finalizing priorities from January planning meetings. An overview will be provided for all workgroups to see the alignment with ELAC's Big Goal 2020 and the priorities of the other workgroups
- c. The Early Learning Summit will be held in mid-October in Indianapolis at Ivy Tech's Culinary Center. The morning session will be for early learning community leaders and the afternoon will be targeted towards non-early learning professionals.

B. 2018 Priorities and Work Plan

- a. The workgroup will look to improve early identification of delays for children birth to age 3 by serving as the Leadership team of Help Me Grow (HMG) Indiana.
 - i. The National HMG team visited and gave a presentation in January to provide an overarching overview of HMG.
 - ii. ELAC's involvement with HMG will help identify current resources for families around early intervention, early learning, health, etc. that can be centralized for families to have an access point. This centralized system will also help identify gaps in resources and services that should be addressed to meet the needs of families.
 1. [Connect 2-Help \(211\)](#) and the [MOMS Helpline](#) will also provide additional resources for families.
 - iii. The HMG System will be able to adapt and adjust to best meet and serve the needs of families. HMG has a follow-up process that will allow families to provide feedback on the referred service.
 - iv. Families will be able to call HMG and providers will also be able to call and make referrals to HMG for families.
 - v. Angela and Mary shared the work of [Children's Health Improvement Partnership Indiana\(CHIP-IN\)](#). Part of CHIP-IN's quality improvement process is providing ASQ kits to primary care medical homes to be able



to detect autism and development delays within 18-42 months of a child's life. They have been able to reach all 92 counties. Community Hubs have been established to help assess children once they have been screened and a delay has been detected.

- vi. The state team shared that they are currently reviewing the readiness assessment and altering the questions to make them more relevant to Indiana. Workgroup members will have the opportunity to review the readiness assessment late March or early April.
- vii. The state team will also work with the HMG evaluator to review and summarize the feedback from the workgroups during the HMG January meeting. These comments will help with the implementation of HMG.
- viii. A monthly HMG newsletter will be available that will share HMG updates and information to keep stakeholders informed of the work.
- ix. Members discussed opportunities to engage family voices of the families that will interact with the HMG system. Organizations like [Family Voices](#) and [Advocacy Services for Kids \(ASK\)](#) may be able to support these efforts.
- x. The state is looking to start HMG implementation in the designated counties in September.

C. The workgroup's subcommittees will work to complete the following in 2018:

a. **Social/emotional (Preschool Expulsion Policy and Support):**

- i. Members: Connie (lead), Beth Barret, Christina Commons, Janice Katz PhD., Jamie Le Sesne Spears, Nancy Ward, Kristy Wright, Cori Newland, Tonia Carriger, Jessica Hale, Cynthia Smith, Deb Hughes
- ii. The subcommittee will work with the Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning (OECOSL) to provide technical support to the implementation of the Suspension/Expulsion Policy. Members will finalize the Technical Assistance document in preparation for its release at the time of policy implementation, which will be before June 1st, 2018.
- iii. To further support the implementation of the policy, the subcommittee will serve as the Indiana state team for the new "Peer Learning Forum" (PLF). This opportunity supports states in using the Expulsion Policy Strategy Tool to help take the next steps for implementing strategies.

b. **Brain research and info dissemination ("Community Brain Toolkit"):**

- i. Members: Carrie (lead), Tonia Carriger, Bethany Ecklor, Kathy Freismuth, Shannon Garrity, Erin Kissling, John Pierce, Cynthia Smith, Gail Strong, Dr. Katie Swec, Linda Taylor, Nancy Ward, Kresha Warnock, Dr. Nancy Michaels



- ii. Content experts have had a chance to review and provide feedback for the brain development information included in the slide deck. The slide deck has been updated to reflect their input.
 - iii. The subcommittee will determine the communities to pilot the presentation. Feedback from the pilots will help guide the subcommittee on how to make the presentation more user-friendly. Upon receiving that feedback, the slide deck will be ready to be public and distributed to more stakeholders.
 - iv. Subcommittee members will also work to scaffold the slide deck presentation to be able to cater to different audiences. Members will develop a User Guide in order to assist stakeholders in deciding what form of the presentation to use.
 - v. A Communications Plan will be developed to support the distribution of the slide deck to various stakeholders.
 - 1. Marta shared that Early Learning Indiana (ELI) can assist with getting the slide deck in the hands of providers and families who are already connected to ELI and utilizing the resources they are able to provide.
- c. **Accessing health and wellness (“decision tree” resource at CCDF Intake):**
- i. Members: Marta Fetterman (lead), Lesa Cassel, Michelle Kanable, Shirley Payne, Dr. Emily Sherer, Nancy Ward, Suzanne West
 - ii. The subcommittee will finalize the CCDF Intake questions and resources with OECSOL.

Action Items

1. HMG State team will provide a timeline update to the workgroup in March.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 22nd, 2018 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Early Learning Indiana