



Attendees

Kim Hodge, Eric McKeown, Ann Puckett-Harpold, John Peirce, Sarah Abdalla, Brandon Amanda Lopez, Whitley Wynns; *Guest:* Shannon Garrity and Kristi Linson

Key Topics Discussed

A. ELAC and Other Updates

1. Kim Hodge is serving as the new co-chair with Charlie Geier.
2. 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.
3. The Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) has not received an appointed chair. Names have been submitted to the Governor's office.
4. The Early Learning Summit will be held in mid-October. The morning session will be for early learning community leaders and the afternoon will be targeted towards non-early learning professionals.
5. Early Learning Indiana is doing an economic impact research project with the Public Policy Institute. A research brief will be produced that will include information from the child care desert study.
6. [House Bill 1001](#) in Indiana's General Assembly is looking to limit schools from using ADM for kids under the age of 5 for Kindergarten. Students will need to be 5 by August 1st in order for schools to use ADM. Superintendents will have the option to grant waivers.
7. [Senate Bill 217](#) in Indiana's General Assembly is looking to make it a requirement for teachers to receive training to address the needs of dyslexic students as an effort to support early intervention strategies. This will require schools to screen kids, which may be a cost concern for school districts.

B. Old Business

- Workgroup members reviewed and discussed the priorities and work plan for 2018.
 - Priority 1: Create a data hub to simplify data collection process for accessibility purposes.
 - The group noted that there are several data hubs that already exist, but not all are the same and the process of reporting and collecting data is still challenging.
 - Members discussed looking at ways to make the data collection process more seamless now that the group knows where the data is coming from.
 - Priority 2: Leverage the information we have on outcomes.
 - Workgroup members discussed the opportunity to interface with the ELAC Evaluation of Child and Family Outcomes workgroup who is



currently focused on writing white papers focused on specific topics around family outcomes.

- Members also discussed looking at the early warning indicators when a child is Pre-school age and I-Read 3 scores to determine the accuracy of those early warnings in relation to outcomes for the child. Does “fade-out” exist?
- Members will also expand data collection to include health data to support Help Me Grow and provide more data that relates to outcomes.

C. New Business

1. Members developed a series of questions the workgroup would want to answer in relation to health in order to help the group begin to brainstorm and identify health data that should be included in the Annual Report and support Help Me Grow Indiana (HMG). After identifying the questions and creating a list of possible health data to begin to collect, the workgroup identified two possible focus areas for health data:
 - i. Nutrition and physical health in order to address childhood obesity.
 - ii. Early Identification of developmental delays.
2. The workgroup developed an Annual Report Stakeholder Feedback Survey to support the Communication Plan of getting the 2018 Annual Report to specified stakeholders. Members reviewed and approved the final version of the survey. The survey will be distributed to the stakeholders.
3. Kim walked the workgroup through [Early Learning Indiana's Data Center](#) (ELI) to show alignment between the ELI's data center and ELAC's data. Members were encouraged to review the website and provide feedback around any gaps that may remain, as it is still in the development stage.
 - i. The data center houses program data that is collected from the National Data System for Child Care data base or Census data.
 - ii. ELI is hoping to add a feature where people can create regions to be able to pull from, but this will not happen with the initial roll-out.
4. Annual Report
 - i. Workgroup members reviewed the 2018 Annual Report analytics. The website traffic has been consistently strong and those visiting the website are spending time reviewing the website content.
5. Help Me Grow
 - i. 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.



- ii. A monthly HMG newsletter will be available that will share HMG updates and information to keep stakeholders informed of the timeline of implementation and the work of the committees.

Action Items

1. Indiana State Department of Health will check on nutrition, obesity and early intervention data.
2. State HMG team will provide timeline and readiness assessment for Data workgroup to view.
3. Kim volunteered to follow-up with workgroup members to get input on ELI's Data Center.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2017, 1pm – 3pm at Ice Miller Offices