



Attendees

Charlie Geier, Chris Baker, Kim Hodge, Kristi Linson, Brandon Meyers, Ann Puckett-Harpold, Paul Fruits, John Peirce, Tyler Brown, Sara Anderson, Melissa Wall, Amanda Lopez. (On phone: Lora Stephens, Cheryl Miller)

Key Topics Discussed

A. ELAC Updates

- a. Amanda: Early Learning Summit is planned for October 16th. It will be at Ivy Tech. New this year, the summit is only a half-day, and the participant audience is businesses and policymakers.
- b. The Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) State Plan is currently being updated. A listening tour will begin soon. We will post the dates once available.
- c. There is going to be a new competitive Preschool Development Grant for states that is different than the “legacy” grant to be released this summer. It will focus on systems building and birth to five (not just preschool). Indiana may apply pending Governor’s office approval.
- d. New requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) legislation has the Indiana Department of Education focusing on transition to Kindergarten and coordination with Head Start and other early childhood education programs.
- e. As part of the new CCDBG State Plan, the FSSA Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning (OECOSL) is launching a new family-friendly website called “Brighter Futures”. Right now it is live but not being promoted yet until this summer. Early Learning Indiana is hosting it. www.brighterfuturesindiana.org
- f. The Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) has not yet received an appointed chair.

B. Help Me Grow (HMG)

- a. Since the ELAC Data workgroup is acting as one of the HMG workgroups, we need to complete a readiness assessment to determine what Indiana currently has in place and what we still need.
- b. Everyone should have received an invitation to complete the readiness assessment survey on Glip by May 17, 2018.

C. ELAC Annual Report

- a. One of the primary responsibilities of ELAC is to complete an annual needs assessment that results in the Annual Report.
- b. Workgroup reviewed the timeline (cyclical process) to complete the annual report; currently in the data request/ collection phase.



Workgroup spent the majority of time discussing ways to enhance the annual report. Reviewed feedback provided from a survey and Guiding Team

i. Potential enhancements

- Trend data since we have 5 years of annual reports.
- More kindergarten readiness data (maybe update from ISTAR-KR or Purdue study)
- Focus on equity and special populations (disabilities, foster care, incarcerated parents, ELL/ESL)
- Spotlight community best practice examples
- Inclusion of Head Start and messaging with Head Start
- Discuss infrastructure and capacity (maybe a spotlight image rating how well Indiana is doing). Explain how data is pulled together for report (and it will highlight the need for infrastructure and better coordinated data).
- On My Way Pre-K update on access and impact
- Include more data or focus on infant/toddler (Potentially home visiting partners Healthy Families Indiana, home-visiting, Early Head Start, etc.)
- Include early intervention/ special education (maybe HMG plans)
- Social determinants of health – focus on importance of health

D. Early Learning Indiana Data Center

- a. Soft launch has been delayed. Carol will attend May meeting to discuss data center and solicit feedback from the workgroup.
- b. This will provide real-time data on early childhood programs in ELI's database.
- c. This will replace the ELAC County profiles.
- d. See current version here: www.stats.indiana.edu/eli

Action Items

- Cheryl will follow-up with Charlie, Kim, and Amanda about Head Start staff to join the workgroup at least while we are working on the annual report to ensure that it reflects them and their voices are heard.
- Amanda will reach out to Tyler about the MPH workforce data request.
- Paul to connect with FSSA Social Determinants office on what they're doing especially around data and share feedback with the workgroup.
- Schedule call with co-chairs to review annual report feedback and prepare for the Guiding Team meeting (5/11).

Next Meeting

May 24, 2018 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm Eastern Time | Ice Miller Offices