



## Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 23, 2007
<b>Location:</b>	Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium
<b>Facilitators:</b>	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes
<b>Participant Details:</b>	Anita Allison, Edward Bloom, Julia Brillhart, Melanie Brizzi, Sheron Cochran, Patricia Cole, Dr. Anna Dusick, Audie Gilmer, Rebecca Kirby, Susan Lightle, Dr. John Rau, Cheryl Shearer, Marsha Thompsen, Dr. Angela Tomlin, Steve Viehweg, Mary Jo Paladino, Betty Walton, Dr. Darlene Kardatzke, Marion Greene, Tony Lawson, Judith Ganser, Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster
<b>Items of Interest</b>	Dates for next core partner meetings - April 24, 2007 – July 24, 2007 – October 23, 2007. Please mark your calendars!
<b>Attachments:</b>	Sunny Start Web-site – <a href="http://www.sunnystart.in.gov">www.sunnystart.in.gov</a> Early Childhood Meeting Place Website - <a href="http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu">http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu</a> ECCS Evaluation Update by Indiana University Center for Health Policy Building Bright Beginnings Calendar – suggestions for changes/additions should be sent to Toni Harpster @ <a href="mailto:tmharpster@yahoo.com">tmharpster@yahoo.com</a>

<b>Summary of meeting:</b>	<p><b><i>Discussion of Sunny Start (ECCS) Budget</i></b></p> <p>Andrea Wilkes reviewed the budget information for the Sunny Start Project. Year two of the three year implementation or infrastructure building phase began September 1, 2006. The project received \$140,000 for years one and two and it is likely that the funding will continue into year three.</p> <p><b><i>Social and Emotional Consensus Statement</i></b></p> <p>Objective: To have the Sunny Start Core Partners approve the Social and Emotional Consensus Document, which was prepared by the Sunny Start Social and Emotional Training and Technical Assistance sub committee.</p>
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Steve Viehweg began with a history of the project which began in the spring of 2006. The Sunny Start Social and Emotional Training and Technical Assistance Committee was given the charge to come up with a document that could be used as a tool statewide by those who work with young children regarding their competencies in the area of social and emotional development. With the help of a national expert, Dr. Deborah Perry, the group began with a planning meeting where they came up with the following:

1. Indiana already has competencies which were developed through the SPRANS Grant. They decided to start with those and compare them to other states
2. Competencies and skills should be tiered based on the level of interaction with children and families (Promotion, Prevention and Intervention)
3. The need for a matrix for all training that is occurring in this area.

With the assistance of the Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health Association, a training matrix and Consensus Document have been developed. Upon Sunny Start Core Partner approval, the Consensus Statement will then be used by professionals as a tool for development of future trainings and to evaluate gaps in current training.

The Core Partners were then asked to comment on the Consensus Document. Julia Brillhart from the Indiana Perinatal Network asked if there was enough focus on prevention specifically related to postpartum depression. The group decided that a paragraph should be added to the narrative that talks about this issue. Julia Brillhart agreed to send information on this topic to Steve Viehweg in order to complete this.

It was also suggested that Obstetricians and Family Practitioners be contacted to see where they think they fit (i.e. which level) and solicit their support. Julia Brillhart agreed to contact Obstetricians and Dr. Judy Ganser will contact the organization of Family Practitioners.

Dr. John Rau motioned to accept the document with the suggested corrections while Pat Cole seconded the motion. Once the corrections have been made, the final document will be sent to the Core Partners via e-mail for their approval.

### ***Committee Updates (Family Advisory)***

Mary Jo Paladino reported that the committee is currently looking at a developmental calendar that will be placed on the Early Childhood Meeting Place for use by families and professionals. The committee is using the Building Bright Beginnings Calendar as a starting point and has solicited recommended changes by family members and a variety of care providers. Changes are being compiled and during the month of February a committee

will look at those suggestions changes and make recommendations for changes. The projected date for the final product release is early May, 2007. Core Partners will be sent a copy electronically and are invited to make suggestions for additions/changes.

### ***Committee Updates (Medical Home)***

Dr. Ganser reported that the committee met this month and is currently looking at Developmental and specifically Social and Emotional Screening in the medical home. A survey will be going out to all providers statewide to see what is being done in that area. Results of that survey will give the group information on what is actually happening in that area. The group is also working with the Family Advisory Committee on the developmental calendar. Future projects include updating and reinstating the use of Medical Passports for children.

### ***Committee Updates (Evaluation)***

Tony Lawson from the Indiana University Center for Health Policy reported that the evaluation project is moving along and that their second report will be submitted February 27, 2007. They are currently working with the Early Childhood Center to develop a satisfaction survey for the Early Childhood Meeting Place and are also developing a Core Partners Survey.

### ***National Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Partners Meeting Update***

Susan Lightle and Andrea Wilkes reported on the meeting in Washington, D.C. Representative from Indiana included: Andrea Wilkes, Melanie Brizzi, Susan Lightle, Michelle Thomas and Cheryl Miller. Also, Maureen Greer participated as a subject matter expert. The Core Partners were thanked for submitting feedback on the pre-assessment for the meeting that was sent out in late December. Both presenters reported that they gained valuable insight on strengthening partnerships which was the focus of the meeting and that Indiana ranks highly in this area in comparison to some other states. Suggestions for strengthening partnerships include and other points discussed at the meeting include:

- Come to the table thinking about what we are willing to give up
- Find creative ways to fund
- Support Licensing
- Need for parent training
- Support Training and Technical Assistance Organizations
- Improve public relations and marketing
- Develop Work Groups
- We need to look at our youngest population – The future of Head Start is Early Head Start

### ***Indiana WINS Update***

Ed Bloom from the Indiana State Dept of Health discussed the current status of the Universal Application. Department Heads from the Family Social Services Administration (FSSA) and the Indiana State Dept. of Health (ISDH) are scheduled to meet to discuss the status of bringing FSSA and ISDH programs together for a Universal Application. ISDH has updated the Indiana WINS software and is ready to implement their program but is waiting for FSSA in hopes that their can be one application. A new timeline will be established based on the outcome of this meeting. Those who wish to express their opinions on having one system for these applications were encouraged to write Mitch Roob (FSSA) and Dr. Monroe (ISDH).

### ***Core Partner Updates***

Betty Walton from the Department of Mental Health and Addictions discussed the future implementation of the Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) by Child Welfare, Mental Health Centers and Medicaid providers. This tool, a functional assessment will be implemented across child systems and incorporated into a child's care plan. It is currently being piloted in school systems, mental health centers will begin to use it in July and early childhood will be part of the next phase. Those providers who use the tool must be trained and certified; training is web-based.

Audie Gilmer reported that Healthy Families Institute for Strengthening Families will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> - The IAEYC conference follows this conference; see the respective web-site for more details.

Pat Cole gave a short presentation on the Early Childhood Meeting Place marketing tool that will be sent out soon. This is a narrated presentation that explains how to use the web-site and how providers can set up an account.

### ***Next Steps for committee members***

- Once changes to the Social and Emotional Consensus Statement have been made it will be sent out to all Core Partners and appropriate sub-committee members; please review
  
- An electronic version of the developmental calendar will be sent to all Partners. Please review and submit additions/changes to Toni Harpster @ [tmharpster@yahoo.com](mailto:tmharpster@yahoo.com)

**Next Meeting – April 24, 2007 – 1:00 – 3:30 at the Indiana State Department of Health - Rice Auditorium**
