



Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 18 th , 2006
Location:	Rice Auditorium – ISDH
Facilitators:	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes
# of Participants:	14
Items of Interest	Dates for future core partner meetings –7/25 (1:00 – 3:30) and 10/24. Please mark your calendars! Sunny Start Web-site will be – www.sunnystart.isdh.in.gov Early Childhood Meeting Place Web-site - http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu

Summary of meeting:	<p>The meeting began with introductions. Loren Robertson (ISDH) and Susan Lightle (Indiana Head Start Association) are new to the committee.</p> <p>Core Partner Updates</p> <p>Cheryl Miller (Head Start) – Appears as though nothing will come out of the senate bill, reauthorization will continue. Reorganization at the federal level, department (Child Care Bureau) is no longer in existence. At the state level, there is a new collaboration director.</p> <p>Susan Lightle (Head Start) – Would like input from core partners on 5 year plan. Her phone number is 233-6837.</p> <p>Mary Jones – (United Way Success by 6) Imagination Library moving into two more counties; Hancock and Hendricks</p> <p>Pat Cole (Child Care Health Consultant Program) - – Evaluation of the program is under way. Six day training will be held May 15-17 June 27-29.</p> <p>Advisory Committee Met – Concern re common developmental screening tool. What can we agree upon and what does this need to be.</p> <p>Common Health Form (similar to Connecticut) – so that all information needed is on one form.</p> <p>Rebecca Kirby (IPIN) – Funding approved for another year (renewal through 2009) from Medicaid for Family Health Information Center. Two positions available - Training Coordinator and Parent Liaison.</p> <p>Sarah Stelzner (Dysan) – Resident Training Project Initiative; here to learn what they can bring back to the group.</p>
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Melanie Brizzi (Consultant, FSSA Bureau of Child Care) – Presently coming up with a Quality Rating System for home care to be used state wide. Group is called Home Child Care Regulation Work Group and their first meeting is May 5th.

Dianna Wallace (IAEYC) – Survived the conference. largest they have ever had in the state. National Professional Development Grant submitted. Focused on child outcomes and who is providing services to children. Celebrating the month of the young child. Encourages all to congratulate providers who work with young children. ITSY project– works with Purdue and Indiana Universities on an institute for those working with infants and toddlers. This will be held August 23 – 25 and will include national and state experts.

Marsha Thompson (IACCRR) – Working in conjunction with FSSA to deliver the Safe Sleeping Practices program. Trained about 60 people who will provide the training. Goal is to have 4,000 individuals trained by the end of September. This training which is now legislated has been very well received. Also deliver training called Safe, Health and Ready Learn, and working on quality rating system pilots which are based on Indiana foundations.

Janet Deahl (FSSA Bureau of Child Care) - Child Care Development Block Grant –Developing a rating system that parents can use to determine quality. Providing the Institute for Strengthening Families (Mon, Tues and Wed) of next week. Healthy Families, Head Start, CCDBG all partners. Also working on Ready to Learn Projects (adding 6 more) and a one year demonstration grant to help school systems understand the benefit of quality childcare on school readiness.

Sheron Cochran (DOE-Division of Exceptional Learners) – Childrens Soc. Emotional Behavioral Health Plan Task Force – Public Forum will be April 25th; please tell interested parties to attend. First Steps and DOE (Exceptional Learners) have received a General Support and Enhancement Grant to expand the ISTAR assessment tool to include the birth through three year old population. Dawn McGrath will work on getting information to and from child care providers on this project.

Working in Child Care in Indiana

Sally Lacey, Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children. Ms Lacey provided the group with a comprehensive overview of the 2005 Indiana Child Care Workforce Study. There were some startling statistics regarding compensation and educational level of child care providers. The group was given the hardcover synopsis of the study. For the full report see www.iaeyc.org. Data is also available at a county level.

Indiana WINS –

John Richard (ISDH) gave an overview of the universal application program project. A power point was passed out to the group that summarized the status of the project.

Completed the Delaware County Pilot – 82% of the individuals who tried to complete the application were able to do it – purpose of the pilot was to

validate the questions.

Challenges and Opportunities for the Project

- Contracting
- DFR Eligibility Modernization Project
- Possible sharing of application sites among programs
- Fielding the system to local program offices/application sites

Question asked about target accuracy rate – information will be validated with a live interview (sort of pre-qualifying). Individuals are not required to fill out the entire application. System will send you where you need to go and tell you what information you need to bring with you to complete the application process. Question was posed on languages, translator available in Spanish but not until phase 2.

Project Updates

S/E Update – Matrix information is looking at in-service training component, not formal degree programs. CDA competence already in place will use those competencies as a guide.

Early Childhood Meeting Place – Handout given with web-site information. Group was encouraged to look at the information and give feedback to Cathy Beard at the Early Childhood Center in Bloomington. Her e-mail is beardc@indiana.edu.