



## Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, April 24, 2007
<b>Location:</b>	Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium
<b>Facilitators:</b>	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes
<b>Participants:</b>	Melanie Brizzi, Sheron Cochran, Pat Cole, Michael Conn-Powers, Janet Deahl, Audie Gilmer, Kelli Plummer, Rebecca Kirby, Melissa Lewis, Susan Lightle, Ted Maple, Cheryl Miller, Mary Jo Paladino, John Rau, Rylin Rogers, David Roos, Cheryl Shearer, Michelle Thomas, Marsha Thompson, Julia Tipton-Hogan, Angela Tomlin, Donna Myers, Eric Wright, Anita Doctor, Lisa Clifford, Tony Lawson, Judith Ganser, Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster
<b>Items of Interest</b>	Dates for next core partner meetings - 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> Cathy Beard: E-mail suggestions for Early Childhood Meeting Place Marketing <a href="mailto:beardc@indiana.edu">beardc@indiana.edu</a>  Quality Rating Scale Nurse/Dietician Consultant Program (Power Point – Will also be posted on Sunny Start Website) – Child Care Health Consultant Program Update (Power Point – Will also be posted on the Sunny Start Website) Early Childhood Meeting Place Report Infant and Toddler Mental Health Summer Institute Flyer
<b>Summary of meeting:</b>	<b><i>Quality Rating Scale Project</i></b>  Michelle Thomas began with a review of the project. Highlights of her presentation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 3 Goals of the project – Improved Care for Children, to simplify the system for families and to provide professional development supports to child care providers.</li><li>▪ There is an RFP out right now looking for an entity that will do an</li></ul>

assessment of each environment

- Purdue University is currently evaluating the project to date assessing whether quality is improved and also looking at inter rater reliability
- Looking at providing web-based supports where databases will be shared with Mentors as well as alerts and reports between providers.
- Implementation is set to begin in January of 2008 with completion in January of 2009.

### ***Child Care Nurse/Dietician Consultant Program***

Michelle Thomas introduced Anita Doctor, the Chief Nurse Consultant from the Family Social Services Administration. Anita gave an overview of the Child Care Nurse/Dietician Consultant Program, which will promote the safety, health and nutrition of children within the child care system. It is set to be implemented by October 1, 2007. Discussion highlights include:

- Developing a tracking systems to monitor supports
- Will be conducting random assessments to get data to support decisions. Training will result from the findings of these assessments.
- Will provide cross training with licensing consultants
- Providing specific assessments as well and then will base training on the needs that arise

### ***Indiana Child Care Health Consultant Program***

Pat Cole from the Indiana Institute for Disability and Community, Early Childhood Center provided the group with a history of the project (see attached) which will conclude September 30, 2007. Highlights of the program include:

- Motto: Health and Safety of Young Children
- Developed a program model
- Creation of a family advisory committee
- Provided growth and partnership building
- Consultants participated in the National Training Institute
- Creation of website that has had over 450,000 hits
- Developed Print Materials
- Interagency and Organization Collaboration – Child Care Development Fund, State and Regional Level
- Provided research to support decisions
- Over 100 child care health consultants throughout the state that provide support to child care providers
- Made National Contributions- Models and presentations at national meetings
- Moving forward, the institute will collaborate with FSSA to support a smooth transition. Data will be shared and research will continue.

## **Discussion**

Dr. Ganser thanked Pat and her group for their contribution. The group was asked if there were any questions on the two programs, key points from this discussion include:

- Has there been collaboration between the two groups? Anita indicated that the policies and procedures from the Child Care Health Consultant Program were taken from the Website, reviewed and taken into consideration when formulating their plan.
- Ted Maple requested a cross walk between the historic program and new program to identify gaps. Michelle Thomas indicated there will be no gaps.
- Training will be addressed through the Child Care Resource and Referral System.
- Both programs will continue to have dialogue to ensure smooth transition
- Will the 100 trained consultants and whether they will continue to participate? Michelle Thomas was not aware of these people but will look into this for the future.
- Will focus groups include family members? Anita Doctor agreed that this would be a good idea as the Quality Rating Scale is really a tool for them. It is critical to have their input and also important to make sure that this is what they need.

## ***Indiana WINS***

John Richard, from the Indiana State Department of Health explained that a pilot of the Indiana WINS project is set to begin next week. This pilot is looking at Children's Special Health Care Services and will be done in the Children's office. Devices will be used that can only access Indiana WINS and other Indiana government locations.

The Family Social Services Administration has agreed to continue taking walk-ins. As a result of this, applications for programs will be taken and Indiana WINS will refer them to a local office. More on dates for implementation will be decided based on the outcome of the pilot.

## ***Early Childhood Meeting Place***

Michael Conn-Powers passed out a document (attached) which explains the recent activity on the project. Over the past few months, marketing the website to providers, agencies and family members has been the primary focus.

This has been done through direct mail, e-mail, displaying information at conferences, etc. There have been increases in the number of entities posting information as a result of this as well as an increase in the number of unique visitors to the website. Michael asked the group to please forward suggestions for marketing to Cathy Beard @ [beardc@indiana.edu](mailto:beardc@indiana.edu)

Michael also explained that they need help with Family Physicians, Obstetrician/Gynecologists and Pediatricians. - - The Indiana Perinatal Network (Julia Tipton-Hogan) will help with the Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The Indiana Chapter of Family Physicians (Melissa Lewis) will help with Family Physicians and Dr. Ganser will work with the AAP (Indiana Chapter) for information on Pediatricians. David Roos also suggested participating in the following conferences – The Indian Rural Health Association and the Indiana Public Health Association.

Finally, another strategy that has been incorporated

### ***Social/Emotional Training and Technical Assistance Committee Update***

Angela Tomlin gave a brief history of the Consensus Statement which was modified and approved by the Core Partners at the last meeting. She then explained the draft worksheet included in the packet which is a tool that can be used to assess training that is currently being done and which competencies it addresses. The goal is to identify gaps in training for development of future curriculum. The document is being modified to include electronic drop down boxes to make it easier to complete. Once this is done, it will be completed with a sampling of curriculum and then brought back to the S/E Training and Technical Assistance Committee for feedback.

Angie also discussed the Infant Mental Health Summer Training Institute sponsored by Sunny Start. It is a week long session designed to enhance practice for mental health specialists and will be held July 9 through July 13<sup>th</sup>. A flyer on the Institute was also distributed (attached).

### ***Family Advisory Committee Update***

Mary Jo Paladino reported that the Family Advisory Committee has submitted the final recommendations for changes to the developmental calendar. A draft of the document will be available for review soon; the committee will now begin work on the Medical Passport.

### ***Medical Home Committee Update***

Dr. Ganser explained that the committee last met in the middle of January. Currently the committee is awaiting the results of the survey that has gone out to medical professionals regarding developmental and more specifically social and emotional screening to direct their efforts.

### ***Evaluation Committee Update***

Tony Lawson presented the group with highlights from the second evaluation report. He explained that in this phase of the evaluation, we are establishing benchmarks so that we have something to compare to later. In the utilization section David Roos commented that the TANIF numbers are missing; he and

Tony will discuss this in more detail at a later date.

***Core Partner Updates/Announcements***

Cheryl Shearer attended the Challenging Behaviors Conference where there was confirmation that direct care providers believe they don't have the support or training they need. Also, the Social, Emotional Behavioral Health Plan will be going before the Board of Education before the end of the year.

Angela Tomlin reported that the Indiana Infant and Toddler Mental Health Association is sponsoring a conference on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The primary topic is feeding and Dr. Anna Dusick and Dr. Darlene Kardatzke will be featured speakers.

Rebecca Kirby announced that ASK has moved to 71<sup>st</sup> and Shadeland and will be hosting an open house on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

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