



## Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, April 28, 2009 – 1:00 – 3:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium
<b>Facilitators:</b>	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes Staff –Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster
<b>Participants:</b>	Melanie Brizzi, Ed Bloom, Rylin Rogers, Steve Viehweg, Angela Tomlin, Kevin Moore, Julia Tipton-Hogan, Kim Minniear, Audie Gilmer, Rebecca Kirby, Denise Giddens, Gayla Hutsell, Cheryl Miller
<b>Items of Interest</b>	Please mark your calendars! -Tuesday, July 28, 2009 – Rice Auditorium; Tuesday, October 27, 2009 – 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room. All meetings will be from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. Sunny Start Web-site <a href="http://www.sunnystart.in.gov">www.sunnystart.in.gov</a> Early Childhood Meeting Place - <a href="http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu">http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu</a>
<b>Attachments:</b>	

<b>Summary of meeting:</b>	<p><b><u>Project LAUNCH</u></b> United Way is partnering with MCH to write for this grant which is due on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and if awarded will be \$850,000 for 5 years. Chuck Brandenburg from United Way explained the scope of the project and that they will be replicating Connecticut’s Help Me Grow Program. – See handout for more details</p> <hr/> <p><b><u>Medical Passport and Financial Fact Sheets</u></b> Twenty fact sheets are now in final form and posted on the Early Childhood Meeting Place. There are five more that are close to completion. The preview of the Wellness Passport was shown to the group. It is close to being finalized and will be posted at once to the Early Childhood Meeting Place. A small number of them will be printed in hard copy and number of them will be put on flash drives and distributed to families of young children throughout the state.</p> <p><b><u>Community Integrated Systems of Services Project</u></b> Kim Minniear gave the Core Partners an update on the project since addressing the group last year. The outcome of CISS is to improve systems of care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. The three overarching goals of the project</p>
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are: Medical Home, Transition to Adult HealthCare and Create sustainability by building capacity of the IN CISS Advisory Committee. There are six critical outcomes of components and committees were set up each one looking at each one of those. Each committee identified needs and submitted a plan and recommendations. Based on that information, a grant was submitted in March and they are awaiting word on funding which would begin in June. - - th an outcome of improving systems of care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. For more information, see the attached Power Point "Indiana CISS Project" or contact Kim Minniear at [kminniear@isdh.in.gov](mailto:kminniear@isdh.in.gov)

### **American Recovery & Reinvestment Act**

Dr. Ganser reviewed the attached presentation titled American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. She stated that on February 17, 2009, 787 billion dollars have been allocated in addition to the regular program funds from FFY '09. Guiding Principles of the funding are: Spend quickly to save jobs and create jobs; Ensure transparency and accountability; Thoughtfully invest; one time funding. Dr. Ganser stated that states need to be "shovel ready" and reviewed all of the areas where Indiana will/has received funding.

Following Dr. Ganser's presentation, a panel of speakers from various Indiana agencies discussed funding they will or have received and how that money might be allocated. - - Please note that much of this is preliminary as organizations are still learning more about how funding will be spent. A summary of their presentation is listed below.

Cheryl Miller from Head Start explained that there are 2 separate pots of money that will be received. One will be distributed through the regular funding formula and the other is for expansion of the Early Head Start program only. Cheryl indicated that the Head Start money will be split between quality improvement (training, etc) and facilities ( busses, etc). How the Early Head Start money will be distributed has not been formalized yet.

Anne Alley from ISDH, Community Health Centers explained that there are 47 Community Health Centers in Indiana and that 19 of those are federally funded. With the first bit of funding they were able to add access to a center in Peru and open a new center in Delphi. The next bit of funding will allow them to accommodate the increase in demand on the centers due to the economy. There is also a capital improvement portion and she is not sure exactly how those funds will be allocated.

Melanie Brizzi, from the Bureau of Child Care explained that they will be receiving 42.76 million dollars which includes 3.53 million for quality expansion and 2.04 million for infants and toddlers. After the targeted funding is used they will have 34 million to spend. The challenge is to use the money in the best way so that it will create and sustain employment. One thing they are trying to do is eliminate the wait list which is approximately 7,000 children and shorten the time on the wit list as well. They are also expanding the time allotted for job search from 30 to 90 days. More information will be forthcoming as they get further into the process.

Denise Giddens from WIC explained her programs and the importance of proper nutrition. There are 14 Food Banks in Indiana and 660 Food Pantries. Denise also explained that they already received their 1.9 million in extra funding and how they had approximately 2 weeks to order and distribute all the food.

**Core Partner Updates**

Kevin Moore noted that next Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is Children's Mental Health Day. He will send Toni information to distribute to the Core Partners.

Karen Teliha explained that IDEM has stimulus funding for school bus upgrades.

Angela Tomlin thanked Sunny Start for allowing them to bring early childhood mental health professionals to speak at the Healthy Families "Institute" in April. The sessions were well attended and well received.