



Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Location: 8th floor Training Conf. Room

Facilitators: Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes

Participant Details: Anita Allison, Debbie Beeler, Edward Bloom, Julia Brillhart, Melanie Brizzi, Sheron Cochran, Pat Cole, Michael Conn-Powers, Janet Deahl, Michele Golab, Lisa Henley (proxy M. Thompson), Rebecca Kirby, Susan Lightle, Cheryl Miller, Darla Cohen (Proxy for John Rau), Loren Robertson, David Roos, Kristen Schunk, Cheryl Shearer, Sarah Stelzner, Karen Stroup (Riley Community Education), Dianna Wallace and the following representatives from the Family Advisory Committee – Mary Jo Paladino, Kathleen Baldwin, Rylin Rodgers, Christina Roger. Also in attendance Dr. Eric Wright and Anthony Lawson from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment.

Items of Interest Dates for next core partner meeting –10/24/06 (1:00 – 3:30), ISDH Rice Auditorium. **Please mark your calendars!**

Sunny Start Web-site will be – www.sunnystart.isdh.in.gov

Early Childhood Meeting Place Website -
<http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu>

Safe Sleep Seminar – October 4, 2006 for more information visit
www.indianaperinatal.org

ITSI Conference – August 23, 2006 – August 25, 2006 for more information visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/itsi

Attachments: ECCS Data Matrix

Summary of meeting:

Core Partner Updates

David Roos, Covering Kids and Families (Karen Stroup – Riley Community Education)– forming a task force in conjunction with Riley Hospital Community Education and Child Advocacy. This task force is working on supporting school based educators interested in health, wellness and safety with a web-site of resources. This effort will be done with the collaboration of Sunny Start and other interested stakeholders.

Rebecca Kirby, IPIN - Have received several grants. One will provide funding to put a parent liaison at St. Vincent's Hospital one day per week.

Anita Allison, IACCRR – Continuing with training and mentoring program for child care providers

Dianna Wallace, IAEYC – Announcement of the ITSI (Infant Toddler Specialist of Indiana) conference on August 23 – 25th

Julia Brillhart, Indiana Perinatal Network – Co-sponsoring the Safe Sleep Conference on October 4th

Sheron Cochran, Division of Exceptional Learners – Almost finished with a draft of the revised Indiana Academic Standards (ages 3 through 5). Also received an enhancement Grant through USDE. This will provide funding for them to work in conjunction with Ball State and First Steps on child outcomes. They will be looking at the ISAR Assessment and focusing on younger children.

Janet Deahl, FSSA Bureau of Child Care – Developing a Quality Rating System of Child Care Providers. This will assist parents in making an informed child care choice.

Susan Lightle, Indiana Head Start Association – Collaborating with Healthy Families and the Dept of Ed to bring in Harvey Carp, to promote Literacy Campaign

Cheryl Miller, Indiana Head Start Association – Program is struggling financially and will probably be cut again. Currently in Indiana there are 7,000 + children on waiting lists for Head Start. New requirements for teachers are inevitable. 72% of Head Start Teachers in Indiana have an Associates Degree or higher.

Medical Home Sub Committee Update –

Dr. Sarah Stelzner reviewed the meeting on May 12, 2006 which was facilitated by Dr. Deborah Perry.

Highlight – Pediatricians, Family Practitioner or whoever is serving as the medical home for child should be able to do Social and Emotional Screening **Strategies for Achieving this** (linked to FSSA Guiding Principles)

- Promote to the community that this is evidence based (ability to bill for it)
- Important to train residents – will make screening a higher priority in the future
- Continue to work with mental health providers to partner in treatment

- Identify and build resource capacity
- No territorialism
- Pilot AA Pediatrics suggests screening at 9, 18, 30 & 36 months. (Wishard/Riley received grant to help improve the system)
- Academic Detailing – Model used to get practitioners to change practice.
- Obtain feedback from Referral Sources

S/E Training Initiative

Per Dr. Ganser, The Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health is working in conjunction with Sunny Start on a consensus document for competencies in the area of social and emotional development in young children. The document will be based on skill level or a person's role with young children, i.e. a different set of competencies for child care providers vs. mental health providers.

Early Childhood Meeting Place Expansion

Michael Conn Powers reviewed the current status of the Website that has been expanded to include resources for families of young children. Changes have been made to the program based on recommendations by the Family Advisory Committee including an improved sort function which aids in navigation. Subcategories have been added to the 4 main areas to narrow down the search and families can find information by clicking on their county via a dropdown which lists counties in alphabetical order.

Now in the process of following up with potential state, county and local resources partners who have information that to post to the web-site. The biggest challenge is the local resources which is their main focus at this time.

Evaluation

Sunny Start has contracted with the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment at IUPUI to evaluate the Sunny Start Project. Tony Lawson and Dr. Eric Wright from the project were as representatives. They have put together an evaluation matrix, (attached) which is based on the objectives in the strategic plan. The first methodology report will be submitted on August 6th. For suggestions or questions e-mail Tony Lawson @ ahlawson@iupui.edu.

Universal Application

John Richard from ISDH presented the latest version of Indiana WINS. The target roll out is in October for WIC, Childrens and MCH. This date may be delayed as there is a software upgrade due around the same time. The program does not determine eligibility but gives the user an idea of what programs they may be eligible for and completes the appropriate applications. Follow up with local offices is still required.

DOH programs are going first due to FSSA eligibility situation. Suggestions by the group included: a reader program for those who cannot read, a link on

the Early Childhood Meeting Place and Covering Kids and Families Websites.

Next Steps

Indiana will have 2 presentations at the National ECCS Meeting. Pat Cole will be speaking about the Indiana Child Care Health Consultant Program and Maureen Greer will speak about Sustainability Across a Change in Administration.

Sub-committees will continue to meet throughout the next couple of months. The next Core Partners meeting will be October 24, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:30 in the Rice Auditorium of ISDH. Meeting Dates for next year are as follows:

January 23rd, 2007

April 24th, 2007

July 24th, 2007

October 23rd, 2007