



Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Location:	Indiana State Dept. of Health, Rice Auditorium
Facilitators:	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes Staff – Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster
Participants:	Christi Arnett, Edward Bloom, Daniel Clendenning, Michael Conn-Powers, Carl Ellison, Gayla Hartsell, Lisa Henley, Susie Lightle, Paula McClain, Kim Minniear, John Rau, David Roos, Julia Tipton-Hogan, Angie Tomlin
Items of Interest	Dates for next core partner meetings – April 22, 2008; July 22, 2008; October 28, 2008. Please mark your calendars! Sunny Start Web-site – www.sunnystart.in.gov Early Childhood Meeting Place Website - http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu
Attachments:	Evaluation Report IV – (PDF) Evaluation Report Power Point Presentation (CPMeeting012208-EvalReportIV)

Summary of meeting:

Dr. Judy Ganser began the meeting with introductions. Andrea Wilkes then explained the new format of the meeting. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on the presentations with others at their table. Notes from these discussions will be summarized and forwarded to Core Partners and speakers.

Andrea also reviewed the participant packet which includes a one page summary regarding Indiana WINS. This document is included as an attachment to these notes. Andrea asked the Core Partners to access the test site and provide feedback to John Richard from the State Dept of Health as soon as possible. Instructions for accessing the site are listed below and are also included in the Indiana WINS handout.

To assist, log on to: <https://wins.in.gov/cfusion/winsusertest/>. If you have never logged on before, you will need to create a new account by scrolling to the “**Get Started**” area on the opening page which appears on the lower left of your screen. Please send your feed back to John M. Richard, Indiana WINS Project Manager, at jrichard@isdh.in.gov or call 317-233-8197.

The First speaker was Daniel Clendenning from the IUPUI Center for Health Policy. Daniel is the evaluator for the Sunny Start Project and his presentation centered on the latest report (Evaluation Report IV). A copy of Daniel's Power Point presentation is included in the attachments. Highlights from his discussion include:

- Using Medicaid Data – 96.8% of children under five enrolled in Medicaid visited a medical professional at some point during the first half of SFY 2007.
- 21.1% of children ages one through five that are enrolled in Medicaid visited a dentist.
- Indiana a little below the national average in immunizations but not enough to be considered substantial
- The immunization rate jumps to 95% when a child enters Kindergarten as it is a requirement.
- 12.1 % of children age one through five that live below 200% of poverty are not enrolled in Medicaid or any other type of health insurance.
- It is believed that the number of uninsured is underestimated as people are asked if they have been uninsured for the entire year as opposed to are you currently uninsured or have you been uninsured at all throughout the current year.
- The Early Childhood Meeting Place is averaging 1,700 visitors per month.

Table Summaries:

Table One

- ♦ Trend lines in graphs would be helpful to give a perspective
- ♦ If available, published research studies should be used to explain the trends
- ♦ There is data other than Medicaid that should be included
- ♦ The goals of the Sunny Start Project are very broad and therefore hard to measure the impact
- ♦ Race specific data would be helpful as trends may be very different

Table 2

- ♦ EPSDT still under utilized. How many children are going on for further

evaluation?

- ◆ Information on the Children's Special Health Care Services drop in enrollment is useful
- ◆ Is there a way to know about CPS and whether the child was referred to First Steps?

Table 3

- ◆ Concern regarding Oral Health. – There needs to be better communication with Medicaid regarding reimbursement.

The next Speaker was David Roos from Covering Kids and Families. David spoke about Changes to Medicaid Eligibility. An outline of David's discussion is included in the MS Word Document (Sunny Start Updates January.doc). Highlights from David's discussion include:

Eligibility Modernization & VCAN

- Increasing skepticism of the timing of the rollout; will probably not be done by year end.
- Enrollment cannot be done by individual insurance brokers
- Application is 23 pages long

Healthy Indiana Plan

- Overwhelming public response (12,000 applications in one month)
- Concern over the auto-assignment as well as the fact that participants in the plan are not covered until the premium has been received by Anthem or MedWise.

House Bill 1678

- CMS regulating expansion from 250% above poverty to 300%
- Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women delayed due to provider issues

Care Select

- New March 1, 2008 statewide rollover from Medicaid Select
- Go to website to learn about public forums through February

Trends

- Slow growth during 2007
- Predict higher growth in 2008 due to Healthy Indiana and current economic conditions.

Discussion

Due to time constraints, the group was unable to discuss the issues with those at their table however, feedback was obtained from the group as a whole.

- ◆ This is a useful expansion of the Medicaid system. Challenges are arising due to outreach, there is also a challenge to getting the word out to families about the changes.
- ◆ Participants also asked who to contact at the state with questions. The state website is www.indianamedicaid.in.gov there is a question and answer section where people can get some answers. David Roos also offered his help. His e-mail address is droos@ckfindiana.org

Next Meeting – April 22, 2008 1:00 – 3:00 at the Indiana State Department of Health - Rice Auditorium