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Meeting Minutes
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Advisory Committee Meeting
January 14, 2015
10:00am – 12:00 pm • Rocky Hill

Myra Jones-Taylor, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Angela Crowley, Christina Nelson, Elaine Zimmerman, Eva Forrest (on behalf of Robert Zavoski), Heather Spada, Jessica Sager, Julie Bisi, Kareena DuPlessis, Lynn Skene Johnson, Merrill Gay, Mhora Lorentson, Myra Jones-Taylor, Susan Macary (on behalf of CHDI), Richard Porth, Tanya Barrett

Guests: no guests present

Recorder: Heather Spada

Welcome and Introductions

- All members introduced themselves and their respective organizations.

ECCS Progress Report

- 2013-14 Performance Report accepted by HRSA in December (reflected reporting through July 2014); next quarterly phone call on February 5th with newly appointed Project Officer
- Interagency Subcommittee most recent meeting on 12/9 – new co-chairs: Eileen McMurrer (Birth to Three) and Bethanne Vergean (UConn Health Center/UCEDD).
- Evaluation Subcommittee most recent meeting on 1/9 – reviewed needs assessment report and presentation to Advisory Committee.

Health Consultant Survey update – Year 2 activities

- Angela Crowley presented the Health Consultant report update and proposed activities for Year 2.
 - A condensed report with resources will be sent to all those who completed the survey.
 - Next steps to decide: Frequency of on-going data collection (every three months?)
 - Next action steps: develop “Tool kit” for health consultants, design resources and training – Interagency Subcommittee will support

ECCS Year 1 Needs Assessment summary presentation

- Mhora Lorentson provided a detailed summary of the data and recommendations from the Year 1 Needs Assessment Report. The PowerPoint slides were distributed to committee. The report categorized information into three areas: *Discussion of findings*, *Recommendations*, and *Action Plan development/next steps*.

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Other Business

- The following was suggested:
 - Mhora provide presentation to the Office of Early Childhood leadership team
 - Additional parental input is needed, in order to more accurately represent the feedback from the overall population/demographics of families in CT. Mhora/Heather presented the scannable parent survey is ready to go and will be distributed to a variety of centers order to supplement the online parent survey data.
 - How else can we engage parents? i.e. at WIC, via community health programs, etc.
 - Who else should be informed – policy implications: Public Health Committee, Human Services Committee, Education Committee, etc.?
 - An IMPACT report to be coordinated and designed by CHDI that will include needs assessment and next steps – for distribution in June
 - Additional planning meetings scheduled for Advisory Committee to work out recommendations/create action plan – formed around 4 sub-goals suggested by report.
 - Need strategic planning within the Advisory Committee for the next two years – a concrete set of recommendations that address policies, procedures and sustainability

Meeting Schedule

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, **March 11th** from **10:00 to 12:00** at United Way of Connecticut

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