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Meeting Minutes
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Advisory Committee Meeting
January 13, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 pm • Rocky Hill

Paul Dworkin, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Angela Crowley, Ann Gionet, Dawn Clavette, Heather Spada, Judith Meyers, Julie Bisi, Kareena DuPlessis, Merrill Gay, Mhora Lorentson, Mona Scales, Paul Dworkin, Rick Porth, Stephanie Knutson, Susan Graham, Tanya Barrett

Recorder: Heather Spada

Welcome and Introductions

- All members introduced themselves and their respective organizations and roles.
- Two new members were welcomed: Stephanie Knutson, Education Consultant/CT State Department of Education, and Dawn Clavette, Manager/Intensive Care Management, Community Health Network

Progress Matrix: review of recommended objectives and strategies

- The two main tasks remaining for the subgroups are: today – present the 2-3 strategies they recommend for the Progress Matrix, in order to move forward with planning; and, March 16th meeting: present corresponding action steps and the remainder of the plan.
 - As a reminder, Mhora Lorentson will attend the March meeting; she will take the final draft and refine it into one cohesive document. Then Mhora, Heather and a representative from the OEC will present the plan at several Community Discussions. Mhora will design and distribute a feedback survey for those who attend the discussions to complete. She will present this information at our final meeting in July
- All 5 subgroups are completing pre-work activities and pulling in other colleagues on an ad hoc basis, as needed
- Copies of each subgroup's drafts were reviewed, emphasizing the strategies that were recommended for further planning.
- Advisory Committee gave overall comments, emphasizing that action steps should be kept as short-term and immediate as possible. They also asked that subgroups fill in the "progress" column to record the group's pre-work or planning.
- Heather Spada will communicate the above recommendations/comments to the subgroup leads who are not present at today's meeting.

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Presentation: Health Consultant survey report summary

- Angela Crowley provided an updated report presentation summary of the Health Consultant Survey, highlighting the 2015 . The survey was distributed electronically 7 times during 2014 (n=73) and 2015 (n=23), completed by a total of 96 participants. The full reports are posted on the ECCS website.
- The survey will continue to be distributed quarterly; however, a decision must be made in the near future of how and where to store the in-house database of participants' email addresses.
- It was suggested that perhaps an online registry can be created where ECE providers can find a health consultant.

Other Business

- There was discussion regarding the anticipated 2016 ECCS grant application. Heather Spada brought a copy of the Grants Forecast provided by HRSA outlining the "ECCS Impact Grants Community-Based Integrated Service Systems" opportunity that was released this week. The estimated post date is 2/1/16. She will update the Advisory Committee when the FOA is officially posted.
- The Committee discussed ways to prepare and organize around this new opportunity, especially given that the new emphasis is focused on specific place-based services and collective impact strategies. Various members stated they would provide support in the grant writing or in other ways, if needed. It was suggested that a work group form in February to address the grant.
- CT is in a good place with many assets at the state level and the challenge (and opportunity) of this new grant is to figure out how to bring them to full scale and impact in specific communities.
- It was noted that even though the new grant looks as though it will be different in methodology, we should not lose focus of this current work and keep committed to what we are currently doing, because we are moving to good outcomes. This current work is something that can be woven into the new grant and its work.
- It was concluded that next steps are: 1) get the entire RFP/FOA and review, 2) follow the OEC's lead on how to proceed, and 3) schedule a meeting in February for a game plan and assemble a team ready to go.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 16th from 10:00 to 12:00 at United Way of Connecticut

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