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Meeting Minutes
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Advisory Committee Meeting
July 15, 2015
10:00 am – 12:00 pm • Rocky Hill

Paul Dworkin, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Angela Crowley, Ann Gionet, Christina Nelson, Eva Forrest (on behalf of Robert Zavoski/DSS), Heather Spada, Judith Meyers, Julie Bisi, Kareena DuPlessis, Lisa Honigfeld, Melissa Mendez, Myra Jones-Taylor, Paul Dworkin, Richard Porth, Susan Graham

Guests: Monarae Scales, Wheeler Clinic/Elm City Project LAUNCH

Recorder: Heather Spada

Welcome and Introductions

- All members introduced themselves and their respective organizations and roles.

IMPACT paper update

- Judith Meyers and Lisa Honigfeld gave a status update. The IMPACT will present a compilation of the Year 1 Needs assessment, including the work of Mhora Lorentson and her research. After writing/revising many drafts, there is a challenge with the technical data, but they would like to share the implications with a broader audience. Therefore, CHDI would like to produce 2 reports: 1) a technical report that only features the ECCS work, and 2) the IMPACT report that would also present on the broader issues and look at the sector of early childhood and developmental screening; this would frame the larger issues and will present some of the ECCS findings in this context.
- These will be completed in the next two months and the final IMPACT draft will be sent to the Evaluation Subcommittee for review; the ECCS Technical Report draft will be sent to the Advisory Committee for review.

DPH program highlight

- Ann Gionet provided an overview of her role and program activities as a Health Program Associate and the CDC Act Early Ambassador to Connecticut
- Ann distributed information and resources for Learn the Signs. Act Early. She will send online links to other resources to Heather Spada, who will distribute to the group. She also discussed how to use the Milestones Moments booklets as part of screening dissemination.
- She described features of the MCH Block Grant – it will now include developmental screening as a performance measure.

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- Ann fielded questions from the committee and reiterated that she will be helpful in anyway to continue bring materials, resources and collaboration in this area of developmental screening. She will continue to participate on the Advisory Committee as a representative of DPH.

ECCS Progress Matrix

- We are now at a pivotal point in the 3-year process and this will keep us moving forward - we need to continue to work with our collective effort. Myra Jones-Taylor, with support of Rick Porth and Paul Dworkin, presented the approach to refining and creating the remainder of the Progress Matrix. We will look to the OEC ensuring that the priorities of the ECCS Matrix are commensurate with the priorities and capacities of the OEC. And to that extend, Myra culled out certain areas that fit with the OEC as the first step.
- 3 Priority Areas with objectives were chosen by the OEC with the lens of fitting within current and projected capacity and in line with its strategic and operational plans.
- The draft was reviewed and minor changes were made to wording and context. This document will be revised and distributed to the Advisory Committee. For September's meeting – subgroups will be determined in order to work on finalizing strategies and action steps.

ECCS Update

- HRSA Forum July 21-23: MIECHV/ECCS Regions I, II & III – Kareena and Heather will attend and represent CT's ECCS project and partner with the CT MIECHV team. Paul Dworkin will present a break-out session highlighting Help Me Grow.

Other Business

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, **September 9** from **10:00 to 12:00** at United Way of Connecticut

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