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Meeting Minutes
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Advisory Committee Meeting
September 10, 2014
10:00am – 12:00 pm • Rocky Hill

Paul Dworkin, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Angela Crowley, Christina Nelson, Deborah Watson, Eileen McMurrer, Grace Whitney, Heather Spada, Jessica Sager, Judith Meyers, Kareena DuPlessis, Melissa Mendez, Merrill Gay, Mhora Lorentson, Monica Jensen, Myra Jones-Taylor, Paul Dworkin, Richard Porth, Susan Graham, Tanya Barrett

Guests: no guests present

Recorder: Heather Spada

Welcome and Introductions

- All members introduced themselves and their respective organizations.

ECCS Progress Report

- This first year/round of ECE provider focus groups are occurring through mid-October.
- The number of Family Child Care provider focus groups was increased from 2 to 8, per the last Evaluation Subcommittee meeting.
- Both ECE provider and parent online surveys have been vetted and piloted. They are to be distributed beginning in October.
- Health Consultant survey became available online late August, and will remain as an ongoing/open survey option in order to maximize participation. The link will be posted on the ece listserv the week of September 15th. Angela distributed a copy of a summary report for committee members to review. A more thorough presentation of this survey and updated results will be given at the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- The Interagency Subcommittee is designing a screening initiatives template as a means to capture the good work that is happening in our state.
- The CT ECCS web page has been designed and is ready to launch this month. Heather will send the link to committee members.

EPIC module overview (*Keeping Children Healthy in Childcare*)

- Grace Whitney reviewed module slides (that were sent previously to committee members)
- Emphasized that EPIC is a fairly simple intervention for systems change
- Focused on partnering and shared goal
- Designed as an interface between childcare and pediatric providers

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- EPIC trainers and Early Head Start Health Managers will be offering this training, and will gather information on barriers
- Suggestion made to offer this EPIC module as a webinar
- *Caring for Our Children* was recommended as a beneficial resource

Focus Group

- Mhora Lorentson facilitated a 90 minute focus group with committee members
- The committee requested that Mhora email the last three questions in order to allow time for more thoughtful response. Mhora will send these questions after the meeting, as well as a link to the PARTNER tool and collaboration survey, for review.

Agency Updates

- No additional updates given.

Other Business

- **Next meeting:** Wednesday, **November 5th** from 10:00 to 12:00 at United Way of Connecticut

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