

HMG Advisory Council and EI Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

I. Call to order

Nathan DeDino called to order the regular meeting of the HMG Advisory Council and EI Stakeholders at 9:35AM on May 17, 2016 at State Library of Ohio.

II. Roll call

The sign in sheet was passed out. The following persons were present: Carrie Beier, *Kellie Brown, *Joyce Calland, *Tracey Chestnut, *Jessica Cray, Cindy Davis, Sandi Domoracki, *Jessica Dumas, Brenda George, Earnestine Hargett, *Kim Hauck, *Sophie Hubbell, Susan Jones, Julie Litt, *Lori Mago, Karen Mintzer, *Jessica Potts, Laura Theiss, and *Lisa Wiltshire.

Guests: Camille Warren, Tabby Belhorn, Colleen, Alleiah Keeley, Jennifer Wissinger, Deanna Knopf

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

DeDino presented the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as presented. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2016.

IV. Open issues

- a) 9:40AM – The group voted to appoint co-chairs. Jessica Dumas and Lori Mago were both unanimously approved with a quorum present.
- b) 9:43AM – Program Updates

Lead Agency Transition: discussed the current state of ODH transitioning lead agency status to DODD for EI. Legislation update: DODD's MBR has passed in the House and has moved to the Senate. Tentative date of transition is July 1 or as soon as legislation passes in the event that the Senate recesses. Question about when rule will be changed based on transition. Nathan DeDino, Part C Coordinator, and Kim Hauck, DODD Assistant Deputy Director, answered that rules will stay in place for the time being until DODD drafts new rules with a plan to stagger changes that will be brought to the AC for review. System of payment and POLR will be first reviewed. Question about next calendar year grant provision and system. DeDino and Hauck answered that DODD will administer the grant still using GMIS, but will continue to look at ways to improve administration of grant funds.

GRF funds will go directly to DODD depending on time of lead agency change. Question of if DODD will continue direct reimbursement when lead agency. Hauck answered that yes and will likely be deliverables based in some way. TA consultants worked on special conditions (issues that need addressed before funding can be released). NOAs set to be out in early June. Special conditions are expected to be available around July 3, with responses due within 30 days. Further clarification will be sent out.

ET: Early Track will continue to be used. ODH IT staff investigating technical issues. Limited resources are playing a role in the ability to make changes.

SC Bridge Funds: 86 of 88 counties participated in the bridge funds opportunity. The results of filling out the grid with your local EI service provider partners will be useful for SSIP and identifying gaps in services. Hauck provided an overview of the process. Moving from quarterly payment system to direct reimbursement. Maximum of \$8,500 in transformation funds awarded to bridge the change in payment structure. Question of whether grant money will move as a result of transition. DeDino answered that yes, funds will flow from OSEP to ODH to DODD.

Funding for EI Services for Children with Vision Impairments and/or Hearing Loss: July 1 pilot with DODD funding for vision and hearing services for addressing gaps. Hauck explained the competitive RFP process for vision services with nine applicants. A communication will be sent out regarding the final awards. Currently working with School for the Blind to do evaluations and mentoring. Due to Kay Clark retiring, currently looking for new trainers for vision services workshops. Another option is OCALI Center for Sensory Disabilities. Allyson Van Horn sent out changes to the Regional Infant Hearing Program (RIHP). DeDino thanked those who provided feedback about RIHP. A deliverables-based RFP for EI services for children with hearing loss is likely to be distributed in coming weeks. Current RIHP providers who meet the qualifications have been encouraged to apply.

Question are there are children in the state with hearing or vision impairments not receiving services. DeDino answered that all children in EI are receiving an EI service. Question of how will doctors with kids currently being served will be aware of the changes making services more accessible. DeDino answered that there is currently a protocol for hearing, not vision. Outreach will be important following the pilot including strategic communication.

Part C Application: Final application has been posted on HMG website applied for by ODH. DeDino will notify group if federal agency responds with significant clarification requests.

Training Modules: DODD will be working on additional training modules in SFY17, including one that focuses on explaining EI to physicians. In the meantime, the EI position statement on the HMG website is a good starting point for explaining early intervention.

Fiscal Calls with Katrina Bush and Fiscal Onsite Visit: Katrina Bush, DODD/EI Fiscal Consultant spoke with 10+ counties about their funding sources to help guide future conversations. DODD had a two day onsite visit with Emerald Consulting in April who gave feedback and answered questions around our current fiscal structure. Currently compiling report from visits which will be shared when complete. No new reports in regards to engaging Medicaid. Question if Katrina's information can be summarized and shared? DeDino answered that yes, a summary and the Emerald Consulting report can be shared at the next meeting. Question on how we seemed to compare to other states. DeDino answered that Ohio is unusual in that the local contribution is greater than the state-level contribution. Recently met with SOCOG (15 southern Ohio member county boards of DD), interest in piloting contracting with different agencies for shared services. Aiming to provide all families with access to a core team at minimum.

POLR: Frequently asked questions document available, asked group what else would be needed to meet needs. Suggestion that a document/packet to distribute to providers would be helpful for explaining the program and encouraging participation.

No Wrong Door for TA: Note that anytime locals send something to the state level it is an opportunity for TA to provide feedback and offer assistance.

SSIP: Submitted March 30, yet to receive formal feedback; however, informal Phase II feedback has been positive. Taylor Hammond, EI Researcher, discussed Phase II updates. Provided an overview of Phase II objective and results (short and long term outcomes). Hammond provided the group with handouts including a summary and realigned theory of action. Hammond introduced the upcoming group activity.

c) 11:10 Group Activities

Attendees broke out into two groups to provide feedback on SSIP related items. Melissa Courts, EI Monitoring Consultant, led a group discussing monitoring standards. Cydney Hoffman, EI Researcher, led a group discussing the HMG family questionnaire.

d) 12:10 Lunch on attendees own

e) 1:12 DeDino called group back to order

f) 1:15 SFY17 EI training bulletin overview

Lori Myers, DODD training officer, presented the group with the draft version of the SFY17 training handbook. The group provided Myers with suggestions and feedback about the handbook. Noted that the bulletin will be EI focused and will not include HV trainings. The finished document will be on HMG website. Suggestion that

Bayley/Batelle training not be required of SCs in first six months due to scheduling challenges, but be made a SC II requirement. In addition, the training has not been helpful to SCs in discussing the evaluation process with parents. A separate training on how to use the evaluation was more helpful.

g) 1:50PM EI data overview

DeDino introduced the data and monitoring road show concept and provided an overview of objectives. Instructed attendees to contact team if there is feedback that hasn't been given yet. DeDino handed out draft EI data entry document to provide clear Early Track instructions. Document is one week out from piloting with counties who expressed interest in providing feedback. Question asked about tracking SSID and ETID's. DeDino explained the process and answered that approximately 75% of children in EI are assigned an SSID from third party vendor used by all agencies.

h) 2:05PM EI data presentation

Hammond discussed EI data from the SFY to present. Provided a handout depicting referrals, child counts, and exit information. Group discussion arose over data for "family is no longer interested" exit reason. Counties need to discuss tips to help families "get in the door and stay in the door". Suggestions for data for next meeting include: age at referral, average length of stay, and reason of eligibility.

i) 2:30PM Closing and other state updates

DeDino brought the meeting to a close by asking state stakeholders for updates they wished to share. Lori Mago: partnership with Summit County on grant to provider virtual core team. Developing new modules for coaching. Lisa Wiltshire: JFS predictive analytics work including pilot and development of formula for identifying those most at risk. Sophie Hubbell: transition draft document to be shared next week. Karen Mintzer: mental health therapist pilot for two teams upcoming to provide ECMH coaching. Jessica Cray: Erie EI to have Paul Daugherty, author of "Uncomplicated Life" to speak on September 24. Susan Jones: OACB spring conference topics. DD council grant has eight videos rolled out about use of technology. Process of repeating 2012 survey. Brenda George: OT association available to support practitioners. Nisonger Center members: waiting on approval of contract with Franklin County, optimistic about moving services to natural environments.

V. Adjournment

Nathan DeDino adjourned the meeting at 2:52PM.