

Infant Child Health Committee Minutes

March 19, 2014, 10am-12pm

NJ Council for Young Children (NJCYC) - Infant-Child Health Committee

- **NJ Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems/Help Me Grow (ECCS/HMG)**
- **NJ Project LAUNCH Statewide Meeting**

Attendance by Phone: Breitwieser Andrea, Tkach Barbara, Lazarus Harriett, Giordano Keri, Jimenez Manuel, Somers-Dughi Maura, Budka Sharon, Williamson Suzanne, Conrad Sue, Deepa Srinivasavaradan, Gagliano Nancy; Juliet Jones

Attendance: Gustin, Sunday; Oneal, Andrea; Preiss, Anna; May, Barbara; Nelson, Colleen; Coffield, Carrie; Scalise, Christine; Hellman, Daniela; Johnson-Kinnard, Deborah; Williams, Ericka; Gallagher, Fran; Tennant-White, Gambi; Houldsworth, Gwen; Lecerf, Inez; Connor, Judi; Kirton, Karen; Benjamin, Karen; Mulrooney, Kathleen; Ojo, Kristen; Kruse, Lakota; Corde, Malia; Remhoff, Mary; McDonald, Ruth; Lewis, Sara; Burnette, Suzanne; Dawson, Velva; Costa, Gerry; Cornelius, Debra; Pizzelanti, Janet; Lynn, Beverly; Corde, Malia; Scott, Lenore; Cleary, Megan; Johnson, Darlette; Elizabeth Hance

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action	Person(s) Responsible
<p>Committee Purpose NJ Council for Young Children</p> <p>Infant Child Health Committee</p> <p>Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems(ECCS)/Help Me Grow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant Child Health Committee is a standing committee of the NJ Council for Young Children (NJCYC) • This is the first meeting to pull together the structure of the new committee and its workgroup priorities • This committee has 3 Priorities (see separate handout) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infant/child/family health & wellness (including prenatal) – core committee ○ Infant and childhood mental health – align current workgroups ○ Infants, children and their families with special needs (align with current initiatives) • ECCS Grant /Help Me Grow Workgroups – Update and transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECCS and HMG are now aligned. The 4 pillars of HMG discussed—a) Physician/Health Providers, b) Central Phone Line, c) Community Outreach, and d) Data/outcomes. a) Physician/Health Provider Workgroup – strengthening links to support/ expand and developmental screening & community linkages. We met with SPAN (Diana Autin and Maila Corde) to discuss alignment of workgroup activities so that we are not doing the same thing in separate silos. This will take place effective April 25, 2014 at the Community Of Cares Coalition (COCC) meeting. Common theme physicians want/need feedback after making referrals. b) Central phone line workgroup – HMG goal to identify one statewide phone line that would be promoted as a primary information line for parents and providers to get info and help with referral/linkage (thru local Central Intakes). Current meetings to learn about existing lines, avoid duplication, and decide whether how to move forward. Central Phone Line Workgroup-statewide phone number with access to local CI sites Met on 3-14-2014. Presentations by SPAN warmline, Program for Parents Child Care Warmline, Parents Anonymous Family Helpline hotline, and DCF’s Advocacy Warmline. 	<p>Informational items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quarterly meetings aligned with the NJCYC to coordinate health initiatives ➤ Integrate Infant/Early Childhood mental health; and Special Needs ➤ Continue to connect the dots, discuss issues that arise, and identify solutions to ensure a responsive system of care – pregnancy to age 8. <p>ECCS/HMG is now integrated with this committee of the NJCYC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-leadership of the Physician/ Health Provider workgroup–link to COCC initiative-- 4/25/14 meeting. ➤ 4/7/14 is next meeting of Linking Protocols workgroup (focus on HV links) then transition to COCC mtg. ➤ Next Central Phone meeting date to be determined (TBD) 	<p>Sunday Gustin, Interim Chair</p> <p>Staff: Ericka Williams, ECCS Coordinator/DCF Andrea O’Neal, NJPL Coordinator/DCF</p> <p>Malia & Deepa (SPAN) and Ericka (ECCS/HMG)</p> <p>Ericka and Nancy Gagliano</p> <p>Sunday & Ericka organizing this workgroup</p>

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	<p>c) Outreach workgroup - aligning with the NJCYC Parent/Family Engagement Committee – As a part of NJ’s RTT-ELC grant, DCF will oversee development of a statewide network of County Councils for Young Children (CCYC) to ensure that parents/families have a voice (not just a token role) at the table; and a system that supports provider/parent two-way communication (across sectors—not just health).</p> <p>d) Data workgroup - aligning with the NJCYC Data Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NJCYC standing committee-Parent/Family Engagement Committee ➤ County CYCs to be expanded over the next year <p>Data is a well-established committee with reps across 4 departments & key community partners</p>	<p>Suzanne Burnette (Head Start), Chair</p> <p>Sharon Budka (DCF) will lead this work.</p> <p>Karen Garver (DOE) is Chair</p>
<p>Central Intake(CI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal – a seamless system with easy linkages (single point of access) to information, services and supports across counties. This is a joint initiative led by DOH (Anna) and DCF (Lenore). NJ currently has a total of 15 counties with CI in process. • Over the next year, CI will be fully operating in all 21 counties. 6 remaining counties to be funded with support from RTT. • CI committee work to expand and unify CI is ongoing—PRA statewide, new Community version of PRA form developed. Focus is now on “Life Course” beyond pregnancy and home visiting for all DOH and DCF funded programs • Central intake is responsible to know all of the providers and services (across sectors) in the community. CI will be marketed to consumers and providers. Anyone can call (self-referral, provider). Suzanne stated that more of the local providers need to know about Central Intake, since at present many do not. • Velve described the forms that will be used. Each county is in a different place in outreach as they get up and running. • Plan to provide more information to this committee 	<p>Informational items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Central Intake presentation for next Infant/Child Health Committee meeting (put this on the June agenda) ➤ In the interim, CI work continues with regularly scheduled monthly meetings with all CI lead agencies. 	<p>Anna Preiss (DOH)</p> <p>Lenore Scott (DCF)</p>
<p>NJ Project LAUNCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex LAUNCH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar priorities for ECCS/HMG – state and local focus • This group also serves as the state-level “Young Child Wellness” committee – this phrase is used by Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health) • State Coordinator is Andrea O’Neal (DCF) / Young Child Wellness (YCW) Expert • State YCW Partner is Anna Preiss (DOH) • Local focus in Essex County—required needs assessment & environmental scan completed, strategic plan to be submitted by 4/11/14 (all components will be updated as needed). • Essex Launch-Karen Benjamin (PCANJ-Project Director)/ Sara Lewis (Essex LAUNCH Coordinator) are working to enhance the focus of Essex Pregnancy & Parenting Connection (EPPC) as the local CI in Essex. EPPC will oversee and ensure building local connections, convene the local stakeholders (local advisory group) including parents and providers. • Kathy Mulrooney (Zero to Three) - National Resource Specialist to support work of NJPL. 	<p>Informational items.</p> <p>Quarterly updates from NJPL and Essex LAUNCH during Infant Child Health Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>Andrea O’Neal (NJPL - DCF)</p> <p>Karen Benjamin / Sara Lewis (PCANJ – EPPC Essex LAUNCH)</p>

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<p>Home Visiting (HV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CQI Workgroup • National evaluation - MIHOPE (Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation) • Nationals CQI project - HV CoIIN (Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenore and Maura summarized the HV Workgroup priorities—interim meetings will include the CQI workgroup (4/22/14) and Sustainability (TBD). • MIECHV funds are up for reauthorization – FYI, HV advocates are meeting with Senator Mendez-to discuss HV in NJ, as well as other outreach and education • DCF recovery work for Super Storm Sandy-expanded HV services over 2 years in 9 counties • NJHV staff attended the PEW summit. Sunday Gustin was a part of a panel presentation (“Integrating HV into the EC System of Care”) • Introduced Daniela Hellman, new HV Specialist who will also have a special focus on data • HV team (DOH & DCF) attended HRSA Regional 2 & 3 mtg; Ericka also attended for ECCS. • NJ is participating in the National MIHOPE Evaluation -- kickoff was Nov. 2013. Currently over 75% of participating programs are at the half way mark (on par with other states) • NJ was invited to participate in the national HV quality improvement initiative (HV CoIIN) – this is a time-limited learning activity 	<p>Informational items.</p> <p>Continue to align HV priorities across DCF, DOH & DHS; and with the NJCYC</p>	<p>Lenore Scott / Anna Preiss Maura Somers-Dughi HV Partners</p>
<p>Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerry Costa – IECMH updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NJ Association of Infant Mental Health (NJAIMH) is overseeing roll-out of the Infant Mental Health Endorsement (IMH-E). Gerry & 16 others took the endorsement exam ○ Next application deadline is July 2014 /Next Exam in September 2014 – on the web at njaimh.org -- if interested in the endorsement (4 levels) ○ Montclair State University (MSU) will be offering the <i>Keeping Babies and Children in Mind</i> IECMH training series. Fliers distributed – more are available. ○ Trainings offered in 10 counties-- at least 500 people will be able to apply for IMH-E. • Keri Giordano / <i>NJ Pyramid Model</i> – update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Framework for promoting social-emotional competence in infants and young children. ○ Focus is on caregivers across early care sectors—childcare, Head Start, family child care, HV, preschool, special education. ○ Master Cadre –Training of <i>Expert Trainers</i>, “master cadre” to start Fall 2014. Lots of prep work is going on between quarterly mtgs. • Fran Gallagher (Amer. Academy of Pediatrics-NJ Chapter)—<i>Pediatric Partnership Initiative (PPI)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IECMH Physician trainings focus on trauma-informed practice – 10 counties ○ Reach health care practices thru on-site visits/communication, Grand Rounds, on-line resources and apps ○ PPI mailing going out. If interested provide your name and email to Fran at AAPNJ ○ Information included in the Spring 2014 edition of <i>New Jersey Pediatrics</i> 	<p>Informational items – quarterly updates to be provided.</p> <p>Overview of Infant Mental Health Endorsement (IMH-E) at the June 2014 meeting.</p>	<p>Gerry Costa Keri Giordano / Suzanne Burnette Fran Gallagher</p> <p>Gerry</p>
<p>Infants and Children with Special Needs</p>	<p>State partners - Early Intervention, Special Child Health Services, Preschool Special Education, and other will meet to discuss aligning and linkages that will support integration and unified services and supports.</p>	<p>Interim meeting to be scheduled to discuss linkages within the NJCYC and EC system.</p>	<p>Barbara Tkach (DOE) Terry Harrison (DOH) Diana Autin / Malia (SPAN) Sunday (DCF) Suzanne (HS), and others</p>

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<p>Other Health and Wellness Issues</p>	<p>This committee can also explore related issues and concerns that help to link families to needed services, provide the best match, better engage parents with services and reduce inappropriate referrals. Other topics identified at the end of the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents with Developmental Delays – establishing partnership with DDD in working with a mom/adult caregiver with developmental issues • Parents/families with addiction and mental health issues – Chris Scalise (DHS) • Strengthening the EC workforce – IECMH Survey (MSU to distribute the survey soon) • Shaping NJ, Oral Health Initiative, Safe Sleep/Healthy Sleep, Preventing Shaking Baby • Interest in learning more about other developmental screening tools that may be more user friendly, e.g. in Essex LAUNCH we could pilot SWYC (Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children) or other screening tools with health practitioners to determine if easier to use. Gambi White-Tennant and Suzanne cautioned that tools be standardized and evidence based • Simple strategies to convey basic information to parents/families, e.g. Learn the Signs Act Early (LTSAE) – Boggs and SPAN • Fran Gallagher shared information about <i>WellView</i> medical offices that have the ability to upload information of editorially board-in waiting room and specific to the community. It is in 75 practices that share prevention and wellness oriented information 	<p>Future meetings will identify committee priorities within the current structure.</p> <p>Presentation on WellView for next Infant Child Health Committee</p>	<p>Committee participants</p> <p>Fran Gallagher - AAPNJ</p>
<p>Partner Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner Announcements and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community of Care Consortium meets on a quarterly basis, workgroups to address the 6 goals to discuss barriers, integration. \$ Workgroups screening, transitions to adult services, healthcare financing, medical home or community based • SPAN Community of Cares Next Meeting April 25 East Brunswick Library 10- 2pm 	<p>Register with Maila Corde if interested in attending SPAN Community of Cares mtg.</p>	<p>Malia Corde</p>
<p>Topics for Next Meeting: Review the Health Standards in RTT application, Brief overview of the IMH Endorsement, Brief overview of Central Intake, Presentation of the WellView system</p>			
<p>Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 10am to be held at the DCF Professional Training Center</p>			