

Subcommittee Charge: Support the ability of local community partnerships to improve outcomes for children and families in their communities, through effective state policies and practices.

**Community Systems Development Subcommittee (CSDS) Minutes
Systems Alignment and Integration Committee, ELC
Thursday, October 13, 2021, from 10:00am-12:00pm**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Welcome, Introductions	<u>Virtual</u> : Kristina Rogers, Trish Rooney, Grace Araya, Julie Herzog, Annie Behrns, Brittain Ayres, Linda Rios, Penny Smith, Janice Moenster, Pat Chamberlain, Kaelin Richardson, Marianne Pokorney, Mary Haley, Choua Vue, Amber Peters, Rhonda Hilyer, Julie Spielberger, Ana Maria Accove, Bryce Marable, Deb Hwang, Edna Navarro-Vidaurre, Kim Peterson, Rebecca Deang, Rebecca Halperin, Alex Bui, Gionna Branch, Loretta Espeut, Maureen Sollars, Robin Hayes, Sergio Hernandez, Susannah Levine, Cicely Fleming, Jaclyn Vasquez, Donna Emmons	
Work Plan	<p>A. Transformation Team focus groups update</p> <p>a. The Early Childhood Transformation Team has 3 Focus Groups (1) Racial Equity, (2) Communications & Collateral, & (3) Local Collaboration Funding Mechanism. These groups are non longer part of the CSD Subcommittee, but if you are interested in joining a focus group, please reach out.</p>	
Updates	<p>A. Early Childhood Transformation Team and Regional and Community Systems Development</p> <p>a. Cicely Fleming introduced herself as the new State Director for regional and community systems at INCCRRA.</p> <p>B. ISBE</p> <p>a. No updates at this time.</p> <p>C. CS3</p> <p>a. Collaboration Directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS3 staff will begin reaching out to collaborations next month to complete the collaboration directory questionnaire • Discussed questions we ask for the directory <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will continue to ask the funding questions 2. Will also include a question about whether they are utilizing the CS3 resources or would like to know more about them. 3. If you have additional edits to the questionnaire, contact Kristina Rogers by next Wednesday (10-13-22) <p>b. Partner Plan Act Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date! The conference is scheduled to take place in person on June 9-10, 2022 in Bloomington • RFP will launch in November 	

- If you want to join the advisory committee, contact Kristina Rogers
- c. [On-demand Consultation](#)
 - Submit a request for short-term consultation around a specific issue
- d. [On-Demand Learning](#)
 - The CS3 team launched a new course on Parent Engagement
 - All trainings are Gateways approved and offer ISBE credits
- e. [Upcoming Trainings](#)
 - Intro to Systemic Racism on March 16 + 17, 2022

D. GOECD

- a. New Staff
 - [Nicole Craft](#) – Deputy Governor, leading the work in Family & Community Engagement, Data, Needs Assessment, Performance Evaluation
 - Hannah Rivera – ExceleRate Pilot Support Specialist
- b. PDG B-5 Updates
 - Strategic Plan – Kick-off meeting held on 9/23; please contact [Laverne Head](#) if you would like to serve on the Strategic Planning Advisory Group
 - [A Descriptive Profile of Illinois’ Home Visiting Workforce](#) – INCCRRA recently published a report on updated and accurate demographic data on the home visiting workforce in Illinois. A couple highlights are:
 1. There are 1,019 HVs in Illinois who use an evidence-based model
 2. PAT (528), followed by Baby TALK (202), HFA (175), EHS (100), and NFP (14)
 - IRIS has launched in 4 communities in late-August and in September
 - [PDG B-5 Education Reimbursement Initiative](#) – up to \$600 tuition reimbursement for early educators for tuition at an accredited Illinois college or university
 - [Family Advisory Council](#) is seeking an additional representative for Region 4, who lives in one of the counties: : Rock Island, Henry, LaSalle, Logan, Cass, Adams, Brown, Peoria, McDonough, Fulton, Bureau,

Putnam, Stark, Marshall, Woodford, Knox, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock, Schuyler, Mason, Menard, or Tazewell

E. DHS

a. Input Needed: Funding Process Coordination Recommendations

View the Home Visiting Task Force’s draft recommendations to the major funders on coordination of future funding processes (see attached full recommendations and the consolidated recommendations) and fill out this survey to provide feedback: www.surveymonkey.com/r/YFN6NGD Please provide final feedback by next Monday, October 18th.

b. The subcommittee broke into 3 groups to discuss recommendations for contract language related to collaboration participation

- The language emphasizes MOU’s and meeting participation. There was discussion on how to “go beyond the MOU.”

F. Other

a. Community Based Planning

- Brittain Ayres provided a brief presentation on the status of the CBP project.
- Below is a chart displaying the trainings CBP offers:

Goal	
Project Kick-off	Provide an overview of the community-based planning project, publicly funded ECEC slot gap data, and get broad input and assessment of the local ECEC landscape from stakeholders
Racial Equity and Planning	Develop a shared understanding of racial equity and its role in the planning process, set some group norms and expectations, establish common terminology, and explore the importance of disaggregating data
Data and Asset Mapping	Understand data about your community and how to use it to make decisions about coordinating publicly funded ECEC programming
Family and Community Engagement	Develop a shared understanding of parent and community engagement and its role in informing the planning process, develop community-based planning engagement plan

	<p>Program Models and Partnership Opportunities</p>	<p>Become familiar with the various ECEC programs and opportunities to combine programming and funding and explore local program needs and partnership opportunities</p>	
	<p>Workforce Considerations</p>	<p>Provide an overview of national and state workforce landscape, state programs to support the ECEC workforce, and discuss examples of innovative strategies for addressing workforce challenges in early childhood education and care</p> <p>b. Head Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois will soon have a new DHS Head Start State Collaboration Director. Interviews have been held and the selection/approval process is underway. This position will be housed at DHS in the new Office of Early Childhood. It has been vacant since July, 2020, when Felichia Crawford left. • All HS and EHS programs are ramping up for full enrollment and fully in-person services by January, 2022. This is required by the Office of Head Start. Programs are concerned since this requirement was put in place prior to the Delta Variant surge of COVID and parents are reluctant to send their children to school or to have home visits resume in person. • Full enrollment monitoring by the Office of Head Start for programs will begin again in January, 2022. Again this is concerning to programs because of COVID. • COVID issues affecting full enrollment and in person services are lack of staff which is affecting all EC programs across the state; parent reluctance to send their child to class or have home visits; and a HS/EHS staff and funded partner vaccine mandate for all by January, 2022. The interim rule is not out yet concerning the vaccine mandate so it is unknown if there will be any waivers or testing allowances. Some HS programs report that they may lose up to 1/3 of their staff because of the vaccine mandate. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are all looking forward to the possible influx of funding for HS and EHS, as well as other EC programs, in the latest bill from Washington. This is the bill that will possibly create Universal EC services. 	
Collaboration highlight-	<p>A. None at this time</p> <p>a. If your collaboration wants to present next meeting, please let us know.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you want your collaboration featured in the Partner Plan Act e-newsletter, reach out to Kristina Rogers (Kristina.rogers@actforchildren.org)
VI. Next steps and adjourn	<p>A. Next Meeting</p> <p>1. TBD! December meeting is canceled.</p>	

Attachments:

- October 13, 2021 Agenda
- Collaboration Directory Questionnaire
- Community Based Planning presentation
- Home Visiting Discussion Jamboards
 - [Group #1](#)
 - [Group #2](#)
 - [Group #3](#)
- Home Visiting Discussion Write Up