

**Home Visiting Task Force Meeting
January 27th, 2016**

MINUTES

Participants: Gaylord Gieseke (co-chair), Diana Rauner (co-chair), Anna Potere, Vickie Smith, Tracy Small, Kathy Stohr, Paula Corrigan-Halpern, Gail Nourse, Teresa Kelly, Lesley Schwartz, Kelly Hilley, Aminah Wyatt, Robin York, Cheryl Floyd, Jay Young, Merri Ex, Roy Harley, Heather Blankenship, Whitney Walsh, Dan Harris, Elaine Duensing, Diane Scruggs, Isolda Davila, Stacey McKeever, Donna Emmons, Gerri Clark, Penny Smith, Mendy Smith, Cindy Zumwalt, Kelly Woodlock, Rose Gallagher, Hannah Jones-Lewis, Melanie Garrett, Jon Korfmacher, Dawn Delgado, Linda Gilkerson, Janelle Weldin-Frisch, Kelley Washington, Denise McCaffrey, Roy Harley, Vikki Thompson, Bahakia Madison, Esha Phatak, Liz Heneks, Juana Ballesteros, Kennye Westbrook, Claudia Quigg, Kathy Stohr, Audrey Moy, Teresa Kelly, Lesley Schwartz, Kelly Hilley, Kai Tao, Mary Curry, Sheryl Stoller, Phyllis Bliven, Kerrie Gill, Ané Maríñez-Lora

Welcome and Introductions

- November 3rd meeting minutes: the minutes were approved with no changes.

Domestic Violence and Home Visiting

- Vickie Smith, CEO and Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), presented to the Task Force about ICADV's mission, membership, and work throughout the state.
- ICADV provides a variety of services including advocacy, pass-through funding, training, public education, and collaboration in pursuit of its mission to end domestic violence.
- The Task Force discussed the intersection of home visiting and domestic violence services. It was discussed that home visiting and domestic violence networks can partner through collaborative trainings (e.g., "Futures Without Violence" training) and information exchanges (e.g., referrals).
- See PowerPoint and ICADV's website for additional information.

Home Visitor Safety

- Tracy Small from the Ounce of Prevention Fund presented on safety issues for home visitors. The focus of the presentation was on identifying how home visitor safety can be enhanced and understanding the value of integrating current practices. See the PowerPoint presentation for additional information.
- The Ad Hoc Safety Workgroup has been formed to focus on this issue and held its first meeting on January 27, 2016.

MIECHV Updates

- The State submitted an application for the FY16 MIECHV formula grant, which has a ceiling of approximately \$8.7M and would begin on April 1, 2016. The proposal expands funding for direct services to seven new communities, and also includes funding for IMH consultation, the Universal Newborn Support System, the Home Visiting-Child Welfare pilot project, and the Home Visiting for Homeless Families demonstration project.
- It is anticipated that a smaller MIECHV competitive grant will be released later this year.

Workgroup Updates

- Universal Newborn Support System
 - The goal of the Workgroup is to develop recommendations for creating a universal system in Illinois to reach all newborns and their parents and offer them a home visit to provide them with information, supports, and resources to strengthen the capacity of parents to meet their children's needs.
 - The Illinois Hospital Association issued a survey to hospitals across the state to identify which hospitals may already be conducting a similar program or might be interested in participating in a pilot project.
 - On December 10th, the work group had a meeting with Durham Connects, which in replication is called Family Connects. The model assesses families' needs and refers them to the most appropriate services given their level of need. They are replicating in several other areas, including Minnesota and Iowa.
 - The group is now working to identify potential pilot communities, to develop a public relations/marketing campaign, and to engage hospitals, community providers, and private health insurance.
 - It is anticipated that some funding for the pilot program will be available through the FY16 MIECHV formula grant.
 - The work group anticipates presenting to the Task Force at the May 3rd meeting regarding its plan for the pilot's model, funding source and site communities.
- Home Visiting-Child Welfare
 - The goal of the pilot program is to prevent children of pregnant and parenting teen wards of the state from entering the child welfare system by connecting them with home visiting services.
 - The focus of the pilot is on programs implementing the Healthy Families America (HFA) model. Representatives from the national HFA model have agreed to extend eligibility for children up to the age of 1 for the purposes of this pilot.
 - Phase I of the group's work has been completed and resulted in a concept paper, logic model, and flow chart for the pilot. The Task Force expressed its gratitude to Merri Ex and Jan Stepto-Millett for co-chairing the work group and completing Phase I.
 - The group now moves into Phase II of its work, which will focus on the details of implementing the pilot. Paula Corrigan-Halpern, Andrea Chua, and Stephanie Franklin will be the new co-chairs of the Workgroup and Heather Blankenship will continue to support it. The group anticipates launching the pilot in summer 2016.

Budget Advocacy Efforts

- This is a challenging and difficult time for home visiting programs in Illinois, especially for programs funded by the Department of Human Services, which do not yet have approved funding for FY16. The HVTF Executive Committee will continue to monitor and discuss this topic.
- The Governor delivered the State of the State address earlier today, and the State is preparing for the FY17 budget cycle. The Governor's budget for FY2017 will be released on February 17, 2016.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Early Childhood Advocacy Day is April 12, 2016 in Springfield.
- The next full meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for May 3, 2016 from 3:00-5:00pm.