

**Home Visiting Task Force
Sustainability Workgroup Meeting
November 6th, 2015**

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Participants: Liz Heneks (co-chair), Jay Young, Anna Potere, Julia Zhu, Penny Smith, Gail Nourse, Jonathan Doster, Teresa Kelly (co-chair), Cindy Zumwalt, Kai Tao, Shauna Ejeh

July 22nd meeting minutes: approved with no changes.

Budget Advocacy Efforts

- 90% of the state budget is being funded through signed appropriations bills, consent decrees, and court orders. The remaining 10% that is not funded includes the DHS home visiting funding lines: Healthy Families Illinois and Parents Too Soon. Advocacy efforts are focused on preserving these budget lines, emphasizing that they serve as the State's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for MIECHV, and being a MIECHV state makes Illinois eligible for two other federal grants.
- On Tuesday, the legislature will meet. They may vote on:
 - SB2046 is a DHS and HFS appropriation bill (introduced in May) that includes \$16.5M for the DHS home visiting programs, as well as child care and EI funding. It only provides the appropriation authority and does not include any revenue needed to fund the full appropriation.
 - SB570 rolls back child care eligibility rules to June 30, 2015. It also removes the Governor's ability to make future emergency rules on child care.
 - The Governor has 60 days once a bill is passed to sign it or veto it.
- ISBE has approved all PI grants, but not all programs are receiving payments due to a backlog at the comptroller's office. The ISBE operating budget was not passed, which included the PI monitoring contract, but ISBE has been able to move some money so that they can continue the PI monitoring efforts with the Erikson Institute.

Medicaid Financing

- HFS Director Norwood suggested connecting with Jacqui Ellinger. We sent Jacqui materials on home visiting and the Sustainability Workgroup and requested a meeting with her to discuss our proposal. Jacqui referred us to Kelly Cunningham at HFS, who is sharing the materials with an internal group and will follow up.
- The Accountable Care Entities (ACEs) are dissolving or will be merged into managed care. By December, they must become full-risk capitated. In the next six months, there will be 10-15 plans to choose from in Cook County. This will likely still include Harmony Family Health Network, County Care, and BCBS, who may be open to a proposal for funding a pilot.

MIECHV Updates

- FY16 Formula Grant Planning:
 - HRSA has announced that it will be redistributing funding between the formula and competitive grants, meaning that Illinois could be eligible to apply for more formula funding than in past years but we do not yet know the amount of the grant.
 - HRSA has also shared that grant awards will be based on each state's progress and performance, need based on child poverty, and spending of funding. It is expected that the grant will be more focused on direct services than in the past.
 - The grant application will be due to DHS clearance by the end of December, with the funding beginning April 1.
- Future Reauthorization
 - Congress passed a two-year extension of the MIECHV program at level funding of \$400 million per year, which sustains the program through September 2017.

- There is already discussion about extending MIECHV beyond September 2017. Specifically, ASTHVI has convened a subcommittee on reauthorization. This may not be another “straight” reauthorization because the House Ways and Means Committee has taken over legislative oversight of MIECHV from the Energy and Commerce Committee, and this committee may want to propose changes to how MIECHV is designed and implemented.

Wrap Up and Next Steps: The next meeting is scheduled for December 10th, 2015.