

LAUNCH Young Child Wellness Council (YCWC)

April 9, 2014

MEETING NOTES

YCWC Attendees: Beth Gebstadt, Abby Bush, Jeanne Lemieux, Bruce Spilde, Nancy Anderson, Molly Day, Jean Rystrom, Maxine Fookson, Barbara Ferre, Josette Herrera, Helen Bellanca, Jean Borgerding, Amy Chandler

Working Group (staff & contractors): Beth Green, Cate Drinan & Callie Lambarth (PSU), Joan Marquis (Parent Group Facilitator), Peg King (OPS), Ashley Lawrence (211info), Elana Emlen (Young Child Wellness Coordinator)

Visitors: Natalie Marr (UP nursing student), Lisa Grotting (MECP)

Updates

Peg King announced that Dr. Sheri Alderman is leaving the Oregon Pediatric Society to work on early childhood at the Transformation Center (health care reform).

Abby shared that the Oregon Parent Educators Conference will be on May 19 in Corvallis. Click on this link to register <https://conferences.bus.oregonstate.edu/Conference/opec/registration>

Update from the national **LAUNCH** Conference:

- Elana shared that the workshops included a presentation from Wisconsin LAUNCH together with the Administration on Children and Families (federal ACF) about screening, including the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). They are doing what we want to do here – working with child care providers to support the use of ASQ. They are also using their local 211 in the same way that Multnomah Project LAUNCH does. There were also other states conducting interesting family risk screens.
- Beth Gebstadt talked about the plenary presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs). She also said that her work focuses on ACEs and stress. She is tracking Vermont's pending legislation. Beth is also working on Parent Cafes around Oregon.
- Callie said that the multi-site evaluation contract has changed, but that will impact Cohorts 4 and 5, and hopefully not our grant. (It would be challenge to collect different data at this point in the project.) She also mentioned Michigan LAUNCH's sustainability planning tool, which might be a good fit for us. And, finally, she shared that Dr. David Willis was one of the plenary speakers, talking about home visiting.
- Beth Green talked about mental health consultation and home visiting. New Jersey has universal intake. Oklahoma has just received bids for an integrated system.

Update from the national **Help Me Grow** conference:

- Peg also met people from New Jersey, where they integrate LAUNCH, Help Me Grow and Race to the Top. She also mentioned that Connecticut has created a new Department of Early Childhood. Orange County trains child care providers in ASQ and makes connections with primary care.
- Ashley said that she learned about the details of implementing Help Me Grow through the work like she does at 211info. She talked about states networking and also about how we can address issues even at the level of "there aren't free diapers".
- They all received a binder about what each state is doing.

- Molly added that they referred to a tool called “Partners” to evaluate systems. Beth Gebstadt said that they use it for the Deschutes County part of the Oregon LAUNCH grant. Beth Green said that there is also a tool out of Arizona, which our LAUNCH grant evaluation is using.
- The YCWC discussed doing the ASQ over the phone, how it works, and value of having eyes on the child and parent report. Ashley, Jeanne, Helen, Peg, and Maxine will help Elana plan the May YCWC agenda to talk more about screening – universal screening and ASQ too.

Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) related to Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

Nancy Anderson explained that there is a State requirement to get advice on the service area plan. They serve Region 6, and Lisa Grotting is gathering input at this meeting just about Multnomah County. Currently, there is one referral agency, David Douglas School District. And there are four different places that conduct evaluations.

Statewide, 38% children referred do not follow up on the process after referral. Here, it is 47%. The process starts, but then we lose connection with the family (moving), there might be disorganization at home, and the children do not get to the services for which they are eligible. Multnomah Early Childhood Program (MECP - at David Douglas) wants to look into this data more.

Lisa posted four key questions on charts and asked people to provide input.

Closing discussion included these points:

- We focus on screening and getting children referred, but if 47% are falling off, what should we be doing?
- New Jersey uses Community Health Workers to screen and refer.
- They have not seen a drop in autism.
- Concern about English Language Learners being referred for communication disorders, when maybe there are none.
- Primary care providers sometimes complain that they get no feedback from Early Intervention.

Wrap up and Next Steps

The agenda planning group will convene and plan for Wednesday, May 14 YCWC