

HNDECA Family Support subcommittee meeting minutes

March 15, 2011

12 pm to 4 pm

AV Room 210

Present: Cheryle Masset Martz and Michelle Schmitz-Bohrer

By phone: Donene Feist

Discussion:

Review and Refinement of the Strategic Plan Goals: Progress and Accomplishments

Cheryle read what the goals and activities are.

They are:

Goal 4-1: To enrich and enhance the goals and outcomes of HNDECA by including parents and decision making at all levels.

The performance measure and evaluation component is to increase participation of parents in HNDECA.

Activity 1:

Target audience will be HNDECA membership and MCH Core Team

It was discussed on how to best use the parents time if they are invited to a meeting. It was discussed to use the family as advisors and to invite them when appropriate as activities deem necessary.

New goal 4:1is:

To utilize existing family advisory boards to receive and provide family feedback for HNDECA workplan projects.

The agencies that have family advisories are:

1. CSHS- Children's Special Health Services
2. NDAEYC – North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children
3. Federation of Families
4. DPI – Department of Public Instruction doesn't necessarily have family's advisories but they have families on their advisory committee.

Activity 2:

Identify opportunities to recruit parents to assist with input for special projects.

HNDECA will support the family voices of the North Dakota Family Leadership Institute.

Goal 4-2: To analyze data from family support efforts and develop a white paper to share results. This goal has

been completed.

New goal 4-2:

Goal 4-3: To develop a plan on joint education and training for families and agencies that will develop more direct connections between families and legislators/policy makers.

It was discussed to develop a brochure that identifies to enhance communication between providers and families. This brochure will be for the providers. The agencies will train their own employees. It was discussed to provide an in-service. It was discussed to list the programs that are part of the planning committee on the brochure. Some of the agencies mentioned that could be involved were: Federation of Families, Path Finder's, Head Start, Family Voices, Designer Genes and NDSU Extension.

It was discussed to have NDSU and Path Finder's join together to do a document to put in their Parent Resource Centers to provide helpful tips. There will be two brochures developed. One for providers and one for families. These could also be put on their websites.

2011 Legislative Messaging Project

The Legislative Messaging project reached a little over 50 percent of both the House of Representatives and Senators. A total of 47 Senators with 26 of them receiving at least one card and letter. Many of them received multiple letters. Of the 94 House members and 49 of them received at least one card and letter. The cards aren't time sensitive so they can be utilized at any time and collected. The packets will be revised mailed in the spring of 2011. It was suggested to make a binder of all the pictures and also put some on the ECCS website.

Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System

The Early Governor's Education Council included this project in a proposal for the Governor and Legislators for the 2011 Legislative session. At this time, everything that was proposed is still active this session. Jennifer Barry is the Chair Person of the Early Childhood Data committee. Cheryle Masset Martz and Linda Rorman are also on the subcommittee along with Tracy Korizmo and Steve Snow from ITD. This small subcommittee plans to meet every four to six weeks. The longitudinal data system will be discussed at the Early Childhood Summit. Members of the HNDECA will be called upon during the project to work with the committee as the work moves forward.

Early Childhood Summit

There will be an Early Childhood Summit on August 9 and 10 that will be held in Bismarck. It will either be two days or a day and a half. There will be breakout sessions. Everything will be free except each person will have to buy their own lunch. A lady from Arkansas will be presenting data. The people who participate will have to buy their own lunch. All HNDECA members and their partners are invited to attend. The Governor's Early Childhood

	<p>Education Council is invited and the First Lady.</p> <p><u>Luncheon with 1st Lady Betsy Dalrymple</u> This meeting was held on February 10, 2011 and a handout was provided. Vanessa Hoines, Sharon Hanson and Roxanne Romanick met with First Lady Betsy Dalrymple. Betsy would like to be invited to the next meeting and is interested in the upcoming Summit. It was mentioned to ask Betsy to be the chairperson of the Leadership Team. It was discussed to present the vision to Betsy around the time of the Summit.</p> <p><u>Nebraska Trust Fund</u> Nebraska Early Childhood established a foundation in their state in 1997. This foundation plan was established to fund early childhood initiatives. Cheryle will gather information about the Nebraska business plan model. It was suggested to look at Minnesota's and Michigan's Early Childhood Foundations as well.</p>
Other:	Cheryle is currently working on the ECCS program report for the period of June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Filing deadline is 3-28-11.
Next meeting:	TBD