

HNDECA Mental Health subcommittee meeting minutes

March 16, 2011

9 am to 12 pm

Human Services Conference Room D - Room 302

Present: Cheryle Masset Martz, Linda Lembke, Linda Rorman, Cheryle Ekblad, Gwen Marbeck and Jody Bettger-Huber

By phone: Sarah Myers

Discussion:

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 Education Council is invited and the First Lady.

Luncheon with 1st Lady Betsy Dalrymple

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.

Nebraska Trust Fund

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.

Mental Health/Social Emotional Workplan

Goal 5-1: To bring awareness and utilization of children's mental health services including screening, assessment, treatment and follow-up.

Performance measure: To increase awareness of available mental health services through the creation of a centralized database.

The activities are:

1. Develop a survey of screenings that are currently used that are both mandatory and optional that are commonly used evidenced based or otherwise.
 2. To partner with state agencies who developed the emotional disturbance guidelines.
 3. To explore the development of training for nurses and other staff for mental health screenings and pre-service on the job.
- It was discussed that the "Connections for Families" resource directory is currently being updated. A new tab was created for Mental Health information. The directory is currently going through final review and should be done in April or May. It will be available on the North Dakota Department of Health's website at: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/>.
 - Review developmental screenings tools that have a mental health component and to score them and make a recommendation for uses of the screening tools. Jennifer Schmaltz put a powerpoint presentation together regarding mental health screening tools. The outcome recommended three screening tools by age group.
 - Design a survey to identify what screening tools providers use. It was discussed using Bright Futures state wide.
 - Discussed activities and goals:
 - Fargo is providing trainings regarding the Nurturing Heart program. It is intended for people who deal with children that are more challenging than others. This is a national known program. It has been

	<p>really well received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activity is: Host a training for providers on a Saturday. <p>New goal 5-2: To support the Nurtured Heart community collaborative concept.</p>
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was discussed to have a survey for Bright Futures and to provide screening tools. • It was discussed that people can't find a lot of data on mental health. • Shawna Croaker's agency has a handheld device that patients answer about mental health during their appointments. • The Early Childhood Data Collaborative Getting Started document will go on the ECCS website. The website link right now is www.DataQualityCampaign.com.
Next meeting:	TBD