

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Healthcare Workgroup Conference Call
April 18, 2013 (11:00am-12:00pm)**

MINUTES

On the call: Cindy Rackers, Beth Stieferman, Daryl Rothman, Brenda Shields, Mayme Young

- Mayme provided an update of the MCHAP survey, which is now going to be funded by the MCH Block Grant at DHSS.
- Cindy discussed information that she received from the Children's Division at DSS (Sally Gaines) for the Healthcare Oversight Committee. The group discussed this committee and the importance of having someone related to CBEC to become involved with this group.
- Mayme informed the group of the recent grant application for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund (PAF). This grant also provides services for fathers. More information re: this grant will be circulated to the work group members. The grant has not yet been awarded to MO.
- The group then engaged in a general discussion about the ECCS and the connection with pediatricians. Cindy mentioned Dr. Stroud from Columbia, MO, a pediatrician who is part of the AAP and very supportive of DHSS initiatives, particularly in the area of immunizations. Daryl also inquired about the status of the ECCS grant application. Cindy Reese is in the process of working on the grant application and time is sensitive for completion.
- The medical homes element of the strategic plan was discussed. Project Launch has a power point that explains some lower income zip codes and the limited access to medical care, grocery stores, etc. This prompted a discussion by Brenda Shields about the Truman Medical Center's project to raise funds to start a grocery store for a region in KC that does not have access to a grocery store. The group discussed the advantages of being able to have access to healthy foods, produce, etc. with a local grocer as opposed to relying on getting nourishment from local convenience stores.
- Calls will be held monthly and we will reach out to Kathy Brown, our MO HealthNet contact for the work group to ensure that she is part of the next conference call. We will also check with Kathy Brown to see what the status is of the Mo Foundation for Health's medical home initiative.

CBEC Mission:

To ensure that Missouri's early childhood programs and services are comprehensive, coordinated, accessible, adequately funded and of the highest quality to meet the needs and to promote the well-being of all young children and their families. This can be accomplished by (a) developing key partnerships, (b) building collaborative strategies and (c) ensuring equal access to necessary resources, resulting in the implementation of an effective and sustainable early childhood system.