

## Home Visitation Workgroup Teleconference

January 6, 2011

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

Present by phone: Valeri Lane, Jean Craig, Sue Stepleton, Sharon Rohrbach, Pam Thomas, Stacey Owsley, Cindy Wilkinson, Linda Gramblin, Lana Brooks, Patsy Carter, Melinda Ohlemiller, Cindy Reese

There will be a national HV Summit in Feb. – Melinda Sanders, Sue Stepleton, Linda Guskin (PAT) will attend.

#### **Special Event: The National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs (Feb 16/17; Washington, D.C.)**

Registration is open for the [National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs: Connecting Research to Policy and Practice](#), an interactive forum for home visiting researchers, program leaders, and policy makers concerned about improving home visiting system quality and family outcomes. Co-sponsored by Every Child Succeeds, the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and the Pew Center on the States, the Summit will be held February 16-17 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Re Guidance for the HRSA HV initiative – Sue's info is that the guidance is at OMB. Still awaiting official word.

Discussion of the HV Matrix –

- Question (Patsy C.) – should we add outcomes to the matrix?
- Cindy W. – should keep in mind the indicators that are in the guidance that we do have so far. What programs are able to measure what indicators? What indicators are the feds going to ask us to monitor?
  - Premature births
  - Improved maternal & newborn health
  - CA/N
  - Reduction in emergency department visits
  - (more...)
  
- Additional discussion points included:
- Perhaps start collecting info on the evidence behind the models we are including.

- This ties back to outcome question. A difference between what is the evidence and what are your outcomes.
- The issue we will hit around outcomes ... [discussion of lack of rigor, depending on model, who is measuring, etc.]
- There are different levels in IDEA – both Part B and C report to federal outcome areas. We don't have standard tools... also look at the question, "Did the individual child improve?"
- A challenge in any HV program, variables [in home settings] are so "variable." Especially when compared to preschool where schools have more control--but there are standards of practice no matter where applied.
- Considerable research in EI about this gold standard. Not necessarily what's the best practice for home visitors, but what is the best for kids. Had to move away from HV and more into the population of children.
- Are some of these questions related to what the advisory group will do?
- Should perhaps be waiting until guidance, but perhaps could start some of it now-- maybe we could look at outcomes now.
- Whatever group decides – not opposed to begin asking about outcomes and some targeted indicators... we are holding off on a stakeholder meeting.
- Question was asked should we go ahead and present as is to board as an interim report? Feeling was, yes – and also describe complexity.
- Point was made that as much as we are all waiting for guidance, we should remember that we began before the law passed.

Cindy W – Jackie Counts is coming on Tuesday (federal officer)

Question – should we include Healthy Start as one column in the matrix?

Answer – Yes.

What about map? OSEDA – Bill Elder – ask Kathy Thornburg for contact & info.

ToDo –

- Ask to add outcomes
- Begin thinking about evidence-base
- Report as is to CBEC on Monday – after this conversation, reassess next steps, then send out request for outcomes and set date for when due.