

Home Visitation Work Group Meeting – Friday March 20, 2015

In attendance: Valeri Lane, Cindy Reese, JoAnn Ralston, Pam Thomas, Lana Brooks, Melinda Ohlemiller, Cindy Burks, Stacey Owsley-Wright, Justin Logan

The Home Visitation definition issue was brought up. A conference call was held in February with DESE representatives to discuss the definition. The definition was settled without any issues.

- Decision to have two documents instead of a “one-pager.”
 - First doc: Educational in purpose – include the definition of home visiting and connections to CBEC strategic plan. Help all stakeholders understand how HV fits within and contributes to an overall early childhood system.
 - 2nd doc: lay out approach to recommendations in the report on HV completed in 2014.
- The plan, 3 parts:
 1. Report to CBEC the definition and timeline
 2. Educational Piece – definition and connection to the strategic plan
 3. Approach to educate stakeholders
 - In April CBEC meeting, the plan is to propose #1 and provide #2 as support. Will receive feedback from #2 to develop #3. #3 will be the recommendation.

Discussed the ECDEC audit and the matrix on how it was used in the State Audit from Children’s Division. DESE had the same issues with the State Audit and how the funding is allocated. Due to a question raised in the ECDEC Audit DSS recommended to the workgroup that the matrix be reviewed for efficiencies. Workgroup agreed to take the recommendation under advisement. Workgroup included members from DHSS and DESE.

Discussed asking Emily Koenig to join the workgroup since Patsy has stepped down. Everyone agreed she should be part of the group.

There was a discussion on sustainability if funding was to end and the different funding options available.