

Early Childhood Mental Health Workgroup
Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
June 30, 2011

Dept. of Mental Health CPS Conference Room

Present: Patsy Carter, DMH; Laine Young-Walker, MUPC; Suzie Henderson, Burrell Behavioral Health; Cindy Wilkinson, DHSS; Judy Saurage, UCCC; Sanaria Sulaiman, CCA/MOCCRN; Angie Wendt, FPC/UMC;

Absent: Shelly Mayse, Family Conservancy; Julie Germann, Monett Schools

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and provided information on their role in Early Childhood Mental Health. Specifically Cindy Wilkinson provided an update on the Home Visiting grant applications and Dr. Young Walker provided information on the Boone Co. LAUNCH grant

Structuring the Work/Reviewing the System

Information was provided based on past work and achievements in the area of Early Childhood Mental Health. Specifically reviewed outcomes from the Early Childhood Mental Health Summit convened in 2008 and the work completed under the ECCS goal #5. Patsy also handed out matrix completed by CSMT on early childhood screening done in statewide programs. Identified a number of models including SWPBS, Devereaux, CSEFEL and the common framework these models provide. Identified areas of focus include universal, at risk and young child with identified mh disorders and need for individualized services. Missouri has several successful efforts in the first two areas but need to work on the connection to the expertise of early childhood mental health. Also identified need to insure infant/toddler models and expertise

Identifying Priorities

The following areas were identified based on the extended review and discuss noted above:

- Awareness – Community Awareness and provider awareness; both on the importance of s/e development and resources available
- Finance – initial need was to be able to identify the multiple funding streams available to the state including federal, state and local dollars. Discussed need to identify and possibly contract for expertise in this area to identify fiscal resources
- Screening – discussed multiple screening tools being available, but may depend for what program is screening. Discussed need to develop guidelines/protocols for early childhood s/e screening.
- Prevention – discussed in context of universal services regarding healthy social/emotional development
- Early Intervention

Outlining Next Steps

- Patsy to send group Evidence Base practice definition endorsed by the interagency, governor appointed Mental Health Transformation steering group
- Patsy will obtain list of DESE approved curriculums for early Childhood
- Patsy will contact MHD for member to join this group
- Daryl will send out future meeting dates...generally agreed that the 2nd Thursday every other month would be a face to face meeting, with alternating months having an hour call to stay up to date.
- Next meeting set for August 11, 10-3 at DMH