

**Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Early Childhood Mental Health Workgroup
May 20, 2013 from 10:00-12:00
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MINUTES

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.

Participants: Angie Wendt, Mariann Atwell, Emily Montgomery, Cindy Reese, Julie Allen, Beth Ann Lang, Suzie Henderson, Shelley Mayse, Daryl Rothman

1. Updates/Announcements

- a. CBEC Marketing Campaign: Daryl reported that AdZou had completed their ad development and presented it to CBEC. The board decided to take what AdZou provided them and to spend a little extra money and work with Paradowski Creative to refine the campaign. Specifically they will:
 - i. Modify messaging
 - ii. Work on logo
 - iii. Change some pictures to be show more diversity and include younger children
- b. DHSS Online Trainings: Cindy let the group know that DHSS is working on rolling out some free online training for child care providers. The trainings made available this year will revolve around the topic of inclusion. Next year they hope to add some training about social and emotional development.
- c. Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Building Health Through Integration: Cindy reported that DHSS applied for the competitive grant in April and should know about the award in June. The department had to choose one of three strategies to focus on and they chose "mitigation of toxic stress and trauma in infancy and early childhood". Cindy stated that they would be working closely with Patsy in regard to trauma and they plan to continue the local ECCS groups and the Family Leadership Summit. The summit would be in partnership with First Steps and Special Healthcare Needs.
- d. Learning Collaborative: Beth Ann noted that Child Care Aware® of Missouri was awarded a Federal grant from the CDC to address childhood obesity. It is a five year project where they will develop learning collaboratives for child care providers. They will begin building the collaboratives in St. Louis, Springfield and Columbia/Jefferson City with the hope of having them across the state.

2. EPSDT Review

- a. The group revisited the discussion about whether an emerging skill in one age group should then be listed as a minimum skill in the next age group. It was discussed that oftentimes a skill in emerging for quite some time and therefore it would not work to simply move every skill from emerging to minimum at the next age group. The group felt that it was important to ensure that we do not go back and forth listing a skill as emerging, then minimum and then back to emerging. Julie and Patsy will review the current document to make sure there are no skills listed as emerging after they are listed as a minimum skill prior to the next meeting. Since there were several people missing from the last meeting, the group is going to review the document prior to the meeting and bring any questions they might have about the changes/additions made in April. We will do an overall review of the document at the next meeting since the group felt it was hard to review over the phone.
- b. It was suggested by Patsy that the group may also wish to discuss if there are any screening tools for Social and Emotional functioning that we would like to recommend to use as an alternative to the screen, ie. MCHAT, ASQS/E etc. The general consensus was that this would be a good idea but there were some questions about what this would look like. Mariann asked about how physicians would know that they needed to use the screening tools and how they would know when to use them. It was also suggested that there could be a way to tie this in to the marketing campaign in the future when talking to physicians.

3. Next Meeting: June 17 10 am to 3 pm, DMH CPS Conference Room

- a. Continue EPSDT review
- b. Update on DHSS ECCS grant application status
- c. Update on CBEC marketing campaign
- d. Continue discussion about links to additional screening tools