



Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

October 5, 2016 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Radisson Colonial Hotel Helena, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena

October 5, 2016

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
<u>Business of the Council</u>	
Objective: Welcome and BBAC Overview.	
8:00AM-8:30AM	Sign-In and Networking
8:30AM-9:30AM	Welcome, Introductions, Objective Review <u>Sally Tilleman</u> and <u>A.C. Rothenbuecher</u> , <i>BBAC Co-Coordinators</i> <u>Sarah Adams</u> , <i>Early Childhood Services Bureau Administrative Assistant</i> Mission Moment: It's Not Good Enough
<u>Work of the Council</u>	
Objective: To learn about current work supporting expectant and parenting teens, discuss strategies for continuity of care for teen parents statewide, and learn about family serving systems.	
9:30AM-10:00AM	Workgroup Update & Call for New Workgroups <u>Jill Christensen</u> , <i>Montana Preschool Specialist, OPI</i> <u>Miranda Briggs</u> , <i>MT Project LAUNCH Young Child Wellness Expert</i> <u>Leslie Lee</u> , <i>Child Care Quality Program Manager</i>
10:00AM-10:15AM	Break
10:15AM-11:15AM	Teen Parent Panel & Q&A <u>Shannon Stevens</u> , <i>HMTTP Coordinator</i> <u>Brooke Gondara</u> , <i>Sacred Blessings/Raven Feathers Consulting</i> <u>Barb Burton</u> , <i>Florence Crittenton</i> <i>Two teen parents</i>
11:15AM-12:15PM	Activity on Teen Parent Supports <u>Shannon Stevens</u> , <i>HMTTP Coordinator</i>
12:15PM-1:15 PM	Family Serving Systems <u>Jamie Palagi</u> , <i>Human & Community Services Division Administrator</i> Lunch Provided
<u>Work of the Council</u>	
Objective: To learn about current work in the state to support infants, toddlers and families.	
1:15PM-1:30PM	Activity
1:30PM-2:45PM	Infant, Toddler & Family Supports in MT Panel & Q&A <u>Kate Girard</u> , <i>WIC</i> <u>Rachel Donahoe</u> , <i>Children's Special Health Services</i> <u>Dianna Frick</u> , <i>Federal Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)</i>
2:45PM-3:00PM	Break
3:00PM-4:30PM	Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships Panel & Q&A <u>Alma Young</u> , <i>Head Start, Fort Belknap</i> <u>Bev Matsko</u> , <i>Head Start, Opportunities, Inc.</i> <u>Colleen Bosch</u> , <i>Early Head Start, AWARE, Inc.</i> <u>Jeanne Christopher</u> – <i>Head Start, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe</i>
4:30PM-4:45PM	Public Comment
4:45PM-5:00PM	Closing

Upcoming Meetings

January 25-26, 2017

June 7-8, 2017

October 25-26, 2017

All Meetings will be at the Radisson Colonial Hotel in Helena

Meeting Notes

Welcome, Introductions, Objective Review

Sally Tilleman and A.C. Rothenbuecher, BBAC Co-Coordinators

- The October meeting involves past and future members
- BBAC meetings are public meetings
- A survey will go out after the meeting so participants can provide feedback

Non-Employee Reimbursement

Sarah Adams, Early Childhood Services Bureau Administrative Assistant

- Contact Sarah Adams for an invoice template, blank non-employee expense voucher, blank W9, or if there are any questions about the reimbursement process
 - Sarah Adams, 406-444-9120, sadams2@mt.gov

Mission Moment: It's Not Good Enough

- [The Case for Science-Based Innovation in Early Childhood](#)

Workgroup Update & Call for New Workgroups

KIT Workgroup

Jill Christensen, Montana Preschool Specialist, OPI

- Current goal: develop a state recommended process for kindergarten entry
- Review the grant goals and purpose at each meeting
- Last meeting was on September 14th
 - Jill spoke with kindergarten teachers at the summer institute and reported to the work group
 - A survey has been created to go to school districts in the sub-grantee areas
 - Journey map process in small groups
- 4 sub-groups
 - Defining school readiness
 - Tools
 - Transition
 - Community and services
- Timeline: Piloting tool pieces by Fall of 2017
- Asking for transition plans from sub-grantees

Family Strengthening/Engagement Workgroup (new)

Miranda Briggs, MT Project LAUNCH Young Child Wellness Expert

- First task: decide the name of the work group
- Miranda has outlined strategies and goals for the work group, but they are flexible
- Meetings will be in person or on the phone based on the group's needs
- Workgroup application will be emailed to BBAC attendees

Infant Toddler Workgroup (new)

Leslie Lee, Child Care Quality Program Manager

- Goal: To identify strategies for supporting infant and toddlers in Montana through cross-sector coordination and collaboration.
- Workgroup application will be emailed to BBAC attendees

Teen Parent Panel & Q&A

Shannon Stevens, HMTTP Coordinator

- The [Healthy Montana Teen Parent Program](#) utilizes a community based approach to provide services to expectant and parenting teens (ages 14 – 24) and their children through contracts with school and community-based providers.
- HMTTP serves expectant and parenting teens 14-24, and their families
- Serving 9 contractors throughout the state
- The panel introduced themselves and shared their experiences with HMTTP
- The panel answered questions relating to outreach, access to HMTTP services, access to child care, family supports, and community involvement

Activity on Teen Parent Supports

Shannon Stevens, HMTTP Coordinator

- BBACC attendees formed small groups and answered the following questions:
 1. What works well in your communities to engage and support expectant and parenting teens and their families? Please share evidence-based practices and interventions.
 2. What supports are missing within the community? What are the gaps in services for expectant and parenting teens and their families?
 3. What strategies can you share to increase and cultivate fatherhood engagement among expectant and parenting teens?
 4. What ideas do you have for reaching expectant and parenting teens and their families across Montana; in particular, rural areas?
- Shannon will compile the small group responses and send to the BBAC attendees

Family Serving Systems

Jamie Palagi, Human & Community Services Division Administrator

- Jamie presented on the [TANF Strategic Planning Process and next steps](#)
- Additional resources: [Washington State Early Learning Plan](#), [Washington State Early Learning 5 Year Report](#)

Infant, Toddler & Family Supports in MT Panel & Q&A

WIC

Kate Girard, WIC

- [WIC](#) is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. This public health program is designed to improve health outcomes and influence lifetime nutrition and health behaviors in a targeted, at-risk population. Nutrition education is the cornerstone of the WIC Program.

Children's Special Health Services

Rachel Donahoe, Children's Special Health Services

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Public Comment - in accordance with 2-3-103 (1), MCA, the Department will hold a public comment period. Please note that this is the public's opportunity to address the work of the Best Beginnings Advisory Council

- [Children's Special Health Services](#) (CSHS) is charged by the Federal Maternal Child Health Bureau to: "Support development and implementation of comprehensive, culturally competent, coordinated systems of care for children and youth who have or are at risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally."
- The [Medical Home Portal](#) is a unique source of reliable information about children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), offering a "one-stop shop" for their:
 - Families
 - Physicians and Medical Home teams
 - Other Professionals and Caregivers

Healthy Montana Families

Dianna Frick, Federal Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)

- [Healthy Montana Families](#) is a network of programs around the state that provide voluntary, family-centered services in the home to expectant families and families with new infants and young children.
- The home visiting models implemented in Montana as a part of the Healthy Montana Families are evidence-based, which means that research shows the models have positive outcomes for families. The models implemented in the state include:
 - [Parents as Teachers](#)
 - [Nurse-Family Partnership](#)
 - [SafeCare Augmented](#)
 - [Family Spirit](#)

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships Panel & Q&A

Bev Matsko, Head Start, Opportunities, Inc.

Colleen Bosch, Early Head Start, AWARE, Inc.

- [Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships](#) enhance and support early learning settings to provide comprehensive and continuous services. It increases access to high-quality, full-day, full-year child care, including family child care, for low-income working families.
- The panel answered questions relating to staff turnover, crosswalk of policy, funding, service contracts, and collaboration with other local child care programs

Public Comment

- Linda Best, Deer Lodge Best Beginnings Local Coalition, wanted to let the BBAC organizers know they did a great job with the meeting.