

Best Beginnings Advisory Council (BBAC)

March 15, 2018

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
<u>Business of the Council</u>	
Objective: Re-Orient members to the council while establishing our new structure.	
8:00AM - 8:30AM	Sign-In and Networking
8:30AM - 9:30AM	Welcome, Introduction and Council Updates <i>Sally Tilleman and Leslie Lee, BBAC Co-Coordinators</i> Mission Moment – <i>Kathy Rich, Head Start Collaboration Director</i>
<u>Information for the Council</u>	
Objective: Inform council about work within state agencies and stakeholders affecting the early childhood system.	
9:30AM - 10:15AM	Public Health and Safety Division <i>Kristen Rogers, Family and Community Health Bureau Chief</i>
10:15AM - 10:30AM	<i>Break</i>
10:30AM - 11:15AM	Human and Community Services Division – Child and Family Services Division <i>Jamie Palagi, Human and Community Services Division Administrator and Laura Smith, Deputy Director/Branch Manager</i>
11:15AM - 12:00PM	Preschool in Montana – <i>Siri Smillie, Governor’s Policy Advisor for Education</i>
12:00PM - 1:00PM	<i>Lunch Provided</i> Montana Comprehensive Literacy Project – <i>Terri Barclay, Literacy Program Manager</i>
<u>Work of the Council</u>	
Objective: Brainstorm the positive steps the state, community, and agency can take within a changing system by hearing about and providing information for the CCDF State Plan, preschool, and coalitions	
1:00PM - 2:15PM	CCDF State Plan – <i>Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief</i> Small Group Discussion – <i>Jill Christensen, STARS Preschool, Early Education Specialist</i>
2:15PM - 3:00PM	Reports: Work Group activity Market Rate and Childcare Assistance: <i>Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief</i> Family Engagement: <i>Darla Dexter, Young Child Wellness Expert</i> Infant Toddler: <i>Julie Bullard, U of M Professor of Early Childhood Education</i>
3:00PM - 3:15PM	<i>Break</i>
3:15PM - 4:00PM	Early Childhood Project – <i>Caitlin Jensen, MT Early Childhood Project Director</i>
4:00PM - 4:45PM	Work of the Coalitions in a Changing System – <i>Sara Corbally, Deb Halliday and Brie Oliver</i>
4:45PM - 5:00PM	Public Comment Closing Remarks – <i>Sally Tilleman and Leslie Lee</i>

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions

- Review of folder
- Review of agenda
- Non-employee expense voucher instructions and reminder
- PPT – Sally
- Activity – walkabout

Mission Moment

- Review of BBAC mission

Deb – Intro of Brenda (Headwaters)

- Headwaters association
- 2-4 million a year
- Improve health of children and families in Western Montana
- Up on website in May
- Focus on advocacy and policy
- Would love to hear from BBAC members with their local experiences and efforts

Patty Butler

- Thank you to this group
- Introduction of Kristen Rogers

Presentation – Kristen Rogers

- Q&A
 - Insurance billing group statewide has been created with the coalitions
 - How can coalitions collaborate at the state level about home visiting?
 - Connect conversations
 - Advocacy?
 - We want this data to share and advocate for better policy
 - Home visiting with foster families – who is getting the home visiting?
 - Birth mom's home
 - Foster mom's home
 - Variety of methods of support

Break

Presentation – Laura Smith

- Our work comes in at the beginning chapters of life, not the end
- Review of Ombudsman report
 - Fatality review
 - 14 deaths – 10 under the age of 1, 12 under the age of 2
 - Many involve suffocation, sleep environment issues, drugs
- CFS

- First Year's initiative
 - Public/Private partnerships
 - Partnering with organizations to enhance collaborations with health care (social workers, hospitals)
 - Over 60% of CFS cases involve drugs
 - 60% of that involves meth
 - In 5 counties right now
 - Beaverhead, Madison, Gallatin, Great Falls, Kalispell
 - Phase approach
 - Under existing infrastructure
 - Looking at PAT and Safe Care
 - Goal is at least 1 home visitor per county
- Support and partnership team with drug-involved families (ART)
 - Teams partnering with CFS case workers
 - Connecting with HMHB
 - RFP will be coming out
 - Location and number of partners is based on response
 - Roll out around July
- HB-303 Protect Montana's kids
 - Abuse and neglect commissions
 - Recommendations for policy, education, and system evaluation
 - Group met last month
 - Next meeting is in May
 - Opportunities in this group to participate
 - Public education campaign
 - Question from Ned -Anti-stigma approach?
 - Making it okay to be okay
 - Montana-focused approach
- ECHO- Billings Partnership
 - Partnership with medical and CFS experts
 - Video-based tele-mentoring platform
 - Billings Clinic supports the state to work on topics and discuss cases
- Q&A
 - Concerns with mental health centers closing
 - How are we making mental health available statewide with these recent closures?
 - Substantial cuts to our department
 - Deepest cut to an agency in state government
 - Decisions start with local legislators

Presentation – Jamie Palagi

- Video on HCSD
- Budget
 - Complex at the state and federal level

- Outreach packets have been created
- Online services at apply.mt.gov
- Champions at the local and state levels
- 90,000 people eligible for health care through Medicaid expansion
- This group has the ability to advocate
 - Many conversations will be happening at the next session

Presentation – Siri Smillie

- HB639
- Testing multiple delivery models
- Classrooms have anywhere from 3 to 20 kids
- starspreschool.mt.gov
- Programs have a commitment towards using funding for training and PD for classroom staff
- Continued advocacy
- Q&A
 - Thank you, Siri, and Governor Bullock, for supporting early childhood

Presentation – Terry Barclay

- Handout
- Wants coalition input and information sharing

Presentation – Patty Butler

- Possibility of additional CCDF discretionary funds
 - \$8 additional for Montana over the next two years, serving 500 more children
 - Comment from Marion – contact your federal legislators and ask to vote yes

Activity – Jill Christensen

- Whole group discussion
 - Support for children with disabilities?
 - How do we support health needs?
 - Look at ECHO model for statewide support
 - Funding to support providers who need additional training
 - Part B/C supports
 - Eases transitions
 - School district support

Work Group updates

- Patty Butler
 - 12-month eligibility
 - Grace period
 - Graduated phase out
 - Ages
 - Rates

- Darla Dexter
 - 15 entities in group
 - Met 6 times
 - 3 since January
 - Survey went out to the group
 - Family engagement definition draft
 - Working on guiding principles
 - Project LAUNCH
 - Info sheet in packet
- Julie Bullard
 - 14% turnover rate
 - We ask providers in STARS through PAS and BAS – do we collect the data?
 - There are 2000-2500 infants and toddlers on waiting lists in MT (2345)
 - This data came from 632 programs
 - Infant care is usually higher than a family's average rent
 - An infant care teacher pays around 47% of their salary to pay for their own infant care
 - Zero to three
 - Missoula had a letter in the paper last week

Caitlin Jensen

- Innovative methods throughout the country to support the workforce
 - Example: Income tax credit
- Redefining what it means to be in this field
 - Conversations happening at the national level and state level
- Group Discussion
 - Concerns with so many additional people joining the registry
 - Timeframe to be on the registry
 - ECP is looking at staffing and trying to mitigate concerns
 - We like the idea of an income tax for providers
 - Child care should be seen as good for all people in a community and supported as such
 - Julie: EHS teacher wage average \$2581 a month (with a degree) elementary \$5394 (with a degree)
- Patty: Discussion with the afterschool alliance
 - Licensing track for school age programs
 - PD for school age teachers
 - Interest from Kristen Lundgren

Work of Coalitions in a Changing System

- 2016 – Sara Corbally visited coalitions for stakeholder interviews
- Data partnership kickoff with coalitions 3 weeks ago
- Collective impact trainings by Deb
- If there is interest in being a part of the grant stakeholder group, let Sara know

- Hope measures – positive measurement outcomes for children
- Dr. Lingenbauch and Dr. Sagey – part of grant work
- Slide - #3 connectedness is huge – work through coalitions is important
- Data = wet lasagna noodle. Always moving – have to be comfortable with the imperfections of our data
- Q&A
 - How can agreeing on ten common measures help us advance children's health in Montana
 - Setting guidelines
 - Shared language
 - Increases conversations about cause and effect
 - There are a lot of data available and even more that is not readily available. What are some criteria we should use to select the ten measures?
 - Data should be easily and consistently collected across the state
 - Community buy-in
 - Connecting priorities to local priorities
 - Cross-domain data
 - Data is being collected and moved towards a dashboard
 - Give data back to communities
 - Used to improve quality
 - Moveable at a local level

Public Comment

- No public comment given