

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Working Group

April 6th, 2022 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM MST |Via Zoom

Minutes

Meeting Objectives

- Orient members to the ECCS grant
- Identify members to form goal-specific implementation teams
- Determine and invite additional members from identified sectors to serve on the working group and/or implementation teams

Attendees

Heather Craiglow; Jillian Fabricius; Dawn Newby; Eileen Auer Bennett; Jennie Munthali; Jenni Mortimeyer; Kendra Dunn; Laura Knudtson; Carsten Baumann; Jane Wilkinson; Adeeb Khan; Lisa Jansen Thompson; Kristina Heyl; Jessica Stoker; Amanda Culbertson; Sondra Ranum; Tealyn L-S; Marian Bussey; Susan Steele; Esmeralda Santillano; Lucinda Burns; Alisha Lacombe-Emile; Deborah Young; Lauren Dorn

Welcome & Introductions.

Heather Craiglow and Dawn Newby introduced themselves to attendees.

Attendees entered their introductions into the chat with Name, Title, Organization and a memento from when they were younger.

ECCS Grant Overview

History

- Colorado had previously held this grant
- Colorado is one of 20 other states awarded
- Had a steering committee moving the work forward since being awarded the grant

Roles & Responsibilities

- Federal Project Officer & TA Provider through HRSA
- Grantee – CDHS, Office of Early Childhood (OEC) - Contracted with Illuminate Colorado to Facilitate and Colorado Health Institute (CHI)
- Evaluator – Dept. of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Team
- The ECCS Working Group = the advisory group for ECCS work.
 - o Operates under ECLC’s Program Quality and Alignment (PQA) Subcommittee

Grant Goals

GOAL 1 [Presented by Eileen Bennett]

Increase the engagement of new stakeholders, such as families and health providers in the system of wrap-around supports for families during pregnancy through the first three years of a child’s life.

- Eileen is cofacilitating w/ CDPHE a CO Early Childhood Screening and Referral Policy Council
- The Policy Council has found:
 - o Families rely on pediatricians as primary source of developmental information.

- Of those referred about 50% don't make it through an intake, and a smaller percentage of those finally end up receiving services.
- Focused on:
 - Increase family and community awareness about importance of early developmental milestone and caregivers (family and providers) critical roles
 - Fostering meaningful conversations and shared decision-making between caregivers of children and childcare professionals.
 - Reducing disparities in screening, referral and service use

GOAL 2 [Presented by Jenni Munthali]

Align early childhood and maternal child health systems to advance the sustainability of multi-generational preventive services and systems.

- Needs assessments have already been done by multiple groups, now wanting to do a cross walk of assessments out there to:
 - Explore types of services available
 - Understand barriers to access
- DSR E-Referral project through CDPHE created a closed loop referral w/ health providers
 - Goal is to increase number of kids and increase number of providers providing referrals
- Single system starting in May for Early Intervention.

GOAL 3 [Presented by Heather Craiglow]

Advance health equity by creating an Early Childhood Health Equity Action Plan focused from the prenatal period through the first three years of a child's life.

- Hope is to bring together health equity plans and create one with focus on the P-3 population
- Creation of a plan that is innovative, actionable, as a living and breathing document

Evaluation

CDPHE Team: Lead by Carsten Baumann, with Jessica Stoker and Marian Bussey

- Creating an evaluation that is useful to all of us – what do we want to learn from this project?
- Evaluation will help us know what do we want to do more of, what needs to be stopped, or how can we adjust to get better results
- Big questions:
 - How did the ECCS working group collaborate?
 - To what extent did stakeholders participate in the CIRS pilot and what were the barriers and opportunities?
 - To what extent are public payer systems used to fund services

Structure & How to EngageECCS Working Group Charter

- It is an advisory group for the ECCS Grant

3 Implementation Teams – [Sign Up Here](#)

- Naming of the 3 teams are still being developed. Ideas shared:
 - Health Care/Early Childhood Partnerships
 - Community Referral Infrastructure
 - Early Childhood Health Equity

Brainstorm: Who Else?

- There has been great brainstorm by previous Steering Committee - [Jam Board to add to](#)
- Consideration of the groups outlined in the Working Group Charter
- Share Implementation Team Interest Form with those who you invite

Public Comment

Time observed and no public comments made

Next Steps & Adjourn

1. Sign up for an Implementation Team: <https://forms.gle/Hnhaya4fUyUbA1p16>
2. Get acquainted with the ECCS webpage: www.earlychildcolorado.org/eccs

Next meeting in May is TBD as co-chairs and structure is finalized

- Anticipate correspondence will come from Dawn Newby, Illuminate Colorado for future meetings

Next we will:

- Establish norms & review our charter
- Identify & celebrate co-chairs
- Begin meetings of goal-specific implementation teams