

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Working Group



May 23rd, 2023 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM MDT | Via Zoom | [Agenda](#)

Minutes

Meeting Objectives

- The Prenatal-to-Three Policy Impact Center presents on the Colorado Roadmap and answers any questions attendees have on the strategies and policies they outline.
- Provide time for implementation teams to continue work and incorporate learning from the family engagement framework presentation.
- Gather public comment on the CO-ECCS Project, including feedback and ideas for the project and relevant resources related to the project.

Attendees


Christina Walker, Tanya Weinberg, Anna Neal, Ashleigh Kirk, Claudia Strait, Brace Gibson, Cassi Niedziela, Chris Meyer, Courtney Thornton, Deborah Young, Ebony White, Erin Schneider, Heather Craiglow, Heather Tritten, Iesha Mitchell, Jenni Mortimeyer, Jennie Munthali, Kim McDevitt, Kristina Heyl, Laura Freeman Cenegy, Lauren Dorn, Lenita Hartman, Lisa Blake, Lynne Fabian, Marisa Gullicksrud, Mara Holiday, Meghan Leclerc, Melissa Buccholz, Michele Ebendick, Michele Coates, Sarabeth Upson, Shannon Wilson, Shawn Taylor, Theresa Rapstine, Theresa Kledzik, Tiffani Domokos, Amanda Culbertson, Carsten Baumann, Cristina Bejarano, Dawn Newby, Jessica Stoker, Kim Denning, Kristen Lang, Marian Bussey, Paul Presken, Rachael Reichenbach, Suman Mathur, Yinka Ajirotutu

Welcome & Review Meeting Objectives

Led by Dawn Newby

Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Led by Dawn Newby

 2023.04.25 ECCS Working Group Minutes - APPROVED

Participants were asked if there are any objections or edits that need to be made to the notes. No

objections were made. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Medicaid Continuous Coverage Unwinding Presentation

Presentation by Dr. Cynthia Osborne, [P-3 Policy Impact Center](#)

Slide Deck:  [05.23.23 P-3 Policy Impact Center Presentation.pdf](#)

Recording: [05.23.23 ECCS Working Group Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

Public Comment

Led by Dawn Newby

CDEC - Kristen Lang: Shared opportunities to participate in focus groups for the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Needs Assessment. Opportunities for early childhood workforce (esp. Health providers) and for parents & families are available through June. Will be shared in the May CO-ECCS Project Newsletter

Any additional public comment to be recorded in the notes can be emailed to Dawn Newby: dnewby@illuminatecolorado.org

Implementation Team Breakouts

Participants selected their implementation breakout:

1. [Coordinated Intake and Referral Systems](#)
2. [Early Childcare and Health Care Partnerships](#)
3. [Equity Planning](#)

Coordinated Intake and Referral Systems Implementation Team

Debrief Prenatal- 3 Policy Impact Center Presentation-

- Connections made to all the work CDPHE is doing
- Connections made to Blueprint for Hunger expansion of SNAP work

Reviewed [DSR e-Referral Phase One Summary](#)

- Going to have a larger report about the pilot
- Overlap with Office of eHealth Innovation Social Health Information Exchange (SHIE) project
- Feedback gathered on the 1-pager

Questions re: the DSR e-Referral Pilot Project

- **Q:** Is it specific to medical providers or to other providers?
 - **A:** The pilot came out of a larger project to test success between healthcare providers

and Early Intervention (EI)

- **Q:** Are mental health providers included?
 - **A:** Not yet

Comments re: the DSR e-Referral Pilot Project

- Overall excitement around taking this pilot statewide and seeing a coordinated system
- Getting family feedback is important, especially in the child welfare system

Suggestions re: the DSR e-Referral Pilot Project

- Including mental health providers - can be main contact for families in child welfare, can determine neglect vs. developmental issues
- Ability for Doulas to access information to better help families?
- Inclusion of outside hospitals/ health providers
- Connection to SNAP, Medicaid, and WIC

[Family Engagement Checklist](#)

- Highlighted that there are 2 items left for the Equity section that need to be rated
- Full review tabled for next meeting - not enough time to talk about

Action items:

- Rate the last 2 items in the equity section of [Family Engagement Checklist](#)

Early Childhood and Health Care Partnerships Implementation Team

Debriefed P-3 Policy Center presentation

- At this time, no sub-state level data available
- [PN-3 Policy Clearinghouse](#) has information on policy that has differential impact on subgroups
 - Much more work to do on Birth Equity
 - Evidence-based home visiting programs were selected because of their emphasis on parenting outcomes.
 - Early Head Start (EHS) is standalone because funding and evidence base are different
- State examples:
 - WA state using Preschool Development Grant (PDG) to address paid family leave, SNAP and child care
 - WV doing categorical eligibility between SNAP and child care
- Why do we have 6 month eligibility on SNAP?
 - Perhaps a welfare mentality - to touch base with them every 6 months
 - This would require only a rule change
 - Feds require check in at 6 months, but content/ease of check-in is determined by states (i.e. interview vs. quick email/call)
 - Denver Human Services provides services onsite
- Feds have shared CO is out of compliance with [CCCAP](#) rates
 - Concern about tradeoff serving providers/children well versus serving more children
 - CO approaches:
 - Advocacy group forming to figure out how to address the increased cost
 - CDEC has state plan to increase reimbursement rates by Oct. 2024

- P3 Policy Impact Center supports:
 - Gathers info from state & county departments
 - Will be estimating, if everyone used [NAEYC standards](#) and [MIT cost of living](#)
 - Helping states show impact of investments over time
- Doulas will be added to the P-3 Policy Impact Center Roadmap
 - Considerations: additions of midwives
 - Need for more research here because it's the only option for a lot of women
- P-3 Policy Impact Center [webinar on tax credits to support families](#)
 - Hispanic families are least likely to sign up for the credits they are eligible for
- Will paid family leave result in less need for the infant/toddler slots?
 - Something to consider
- We can reach out to PN-3 center for additional support; would like to see the report from VA

Action items:

- Continue to compile list of policy agendas:** [List of Policy Agendas/Ideas](#)
Purpose: Understand what's been done and create short list of policies the team will recommend. Then, figure out what is appropriate for advocates v. state agencies.
- Prepare for refresh of the ECCS strategies in the Colorado Shines Brighter Strategic Plan at June meeting.**

Equity Planning Implementation Team

- Did breakouts to finish work on prioritizing [focus group questions](#) and [organizations/contacts](#)
- Reviewed Discussion Guides:
 - [Community Script_Final.docx](#)
 - [Org Leader, Staff Script_Final.docx](#)
- Reviewed next steps:
 - May - July: Conduct focus groups/interviews
 - July-August: Finalize SWOT
 - August- October: Action Plan Training

Action items:

- Sign-up and reach out to focus groups to complete by end of July.

Next Steps & Adjourn

Closed by co-chairs in implementation team breakouts

Actions for participants to do following the meeting:

1. Provide Immediate Feedback to May's Meeting
2. Any tasks set in implementation teams

Resources	
<u>ECCS Working Group Charter (21-22)</u> <u>Logic Model</u> <u>Final ECCS-CO Grant</u> <u>System Asset and Gaps Analysis</u> <u>Strategic Plan - Jan 2023</u>	<u>ECCS Working Group Website</u> <u>ECCS Working Group Shared Folder - (Agendas, Notes & Meeting Materials)</u> <u>ECCS Working Group Member List</u> <u>CO-ECCS Webpage</u> <u>Enrollment Form</u> There are <u>20 grantees</u> .