



Home Visiting Investment Task Force - Meeting Summary

July 20, 2023 9:00 - 11:00 am

Links: [Implementation Plan Tracking Document](#), [Home Visitation Investment Progress Report](#), and [July 20 Home Visitation Task Force Participant Agenda.pdf](#)

1. Welcome from Chairs

Kendra Dunn welcomed the group and introduced new members: Behavioral Health Authority Representative, Chris Meyer; Child Welfare Representative, Alysia Chang, and Mile High United Way Representative Kelly Bowes.

2. Introductions

Meeting co-facilitators asked meeting attendees to post their names and organizations in the chat. There were 44 attendees.

3. CDEC Updates

- Early Childhood Colorado Framework Refresh: Shannon Wilson from the Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC) presented and shared that ECLC is near the end of the process of updating the framework. It was created in 2015 and lots has happened since then - the refresh is intended to reflect new knowledge and research as well as changes in the state of Colorado. Links:
 - [2023 Refresh Draft](#)
 - [Memo explaining all of the shifts](#)
 - [Slide Deck detailing the process and shifts](#)
 - [Link to ECLC Meeting Recording](#)
- ECLC Strategic Plan - changes in terminology: Shannon Wilson from ECLC also introduced some proposed changes to language in the ECLC strategic plan - the suggestion to make changes came up during the May Home Visiting Task Force meeting. Task Force members still have concerns about the revised language so Shannon will convene a group to discuss further and identify different terminology.
- Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) Strategic Plan: Joyce Johnson of CDEC provided an overview of the information included in the recently released [CDEC strategic Plan](#). CDEC is also working on an equity action plan that will complement the strategic plan and provide additional information on family engagement approaches.
- CDEC Update on Task Force Membership: Joyce Johnson (CDEC) informed the group that she has been working to update the task force membership roster, which has resulted

in the addition of members (noted above). She will continue to work with the task force to ensure that all seats are filled.

4. Amelie Presentation

Christine Cowan from Amelie provided an update on their home visiting communications project. Amelie's work includes three types of research: individual interviews, focus groups, and statewide surveys. Research information will then be used to identify key messages and develop creative assets that can be used to promote home visiting in Colorado. Materials will be available in English and Spanish. If anyone is interested in participating in ongoing conversations about the project contact Christine at christine@ameliecompany.com.

5. Home Visiting Funding Sources Presentation

- Trent Lalonde from CDEC presented on the home visiting funding sources survey - including the data collection approach and the main findings.
- Next steps:
 - Bring together a small group of data-minded people to think about what else might be done with the year-over-year data. *Reach out to Kara Schmitt (kara@positivechange.org) or Betsy Kummer (bkummer@elevate-co.com) if interested in joining the data discussion.*
 - Incorporate feedback from the discussion into the analysis. (See recording for specific recommendations provided by meeting attendees).

6. Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems (ECDHS) Presentation: Evidence to Impact Center to Advance Equity- and Family-Centered Early Childhood Systems

Eileen Bennett informed the group about a new grant to advance equity- and family-centered early childhood systems. The work will focus on locations with high levels of poverty. They are setting up an implementation team with representatives from a range of organizations/agencies. Links:

- ECCS resources: <https://illuminatecolorado.org/project/eccs/>
- Information from Zero to Three: <https://www.zerotothree.org/news/ecdhs-site-selection>

7. Workgroup Report Outs

- Availability, Collaboration, and Innovations - Heather Tritten reported that the group is in the process of putting together a purchase order for University of Denver to continue its work on best practice standards in adopting virtual service delivery methods and tailoring services to unique needs of underserved populations and areas of state
- Finance and Funding Opportunities: Joyce Johnson reported that the group is exploring funding streams that could support home visiting (such as TANF and ESSA) and connecting with foundations that don't know about the task force implementation plan. Ideally foundations could step in and fund research (e.g. a cost modeling study.)

- Qualified Workforce - Angela Ben-Zekry reported that CDEC just executed a contract for the home visiting apprenticeship program. Partners in that work will start joining the qualified workforce workgroup. The workgroup also kicked off the mileage pilot to increase mileage reimbursement rates to the federal level. (They will be regrouping to determine what to do with remaining funds).
- Outreach and Advocacy - Laura Knudtson reported that group's main focus will be in supporting and informing the communications work of Amelie

8. Update on 2023 Presentation Slides

Betsy Kummer thanked the task force for its contributions to the annual presentation slide deck and informed them that they will receive an electronic version of the slide deck for review. Feedback will be incorporated and a final vote (by email) to approve the presentation. Email vote for final version - during the week of 7/31

9. Public Comment

No comments.

10. Close

Ida Rhodes closed the meeting, thanking everyone for their participation and reminding them of the next meeting on November 2nd and of the ECLC presentation on August 24th.