



**Home Visiting Investment Task Force**  
**May 18, 2023 9:00 - 11:00 am**

Links: [Implementation Plan Tracking Document](#), [Home Visitation Investment Progress Report](#), and [May Meeting Agenda](#)

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**1. Welcome from Chairs**

- Ida Rhodes welcomed the group.

**2. Introductions**

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

**3. CDEC Updates**

- Aaron Miller from CDEC introduced Rebecca Vlasin, the Division Director for Early Childhood Workforce
- Updates from Legislative Session -
  - The group can celebrate the [Medicaid Continuous Eligibility Bill](#) (which creates opportunities for 0-3 year olds to be able to stay on Medicaid).
  - Senate Bill 2 (prompting HCPF Medicaid to reimburse community health care workers - implementation will take place in 2023)
- Julia Anderson announced that a new marketing vendor - [Amelie](#) - has been selected to support the work of the Task Force
- ECLC Strategic Plan - Shannon Wilson from ECLC provided an overview of the strategic planning process. [Click here for a link to more information.](#)

**4. Preschool Development Grant Needs Assessment**

Suman Mathur ([MathurS@coloradohealthinstitute.org](mailto:MathurS@coloradohealthinstitute.org)) from the Colorado Health Institute presented. (See attached slides). She shared goals/outcomes of the PDG grant, the research questions that are driving CHI's needs assessment work, and facilitated a discussion with the group on quality, sustainability, and family engagement. (See recording for more of the discussion details.) She invited Task Force members to upcoming focus group sessions:

- [RSVP](#) for a Virtual Focus Group for the early childhood workforce (child care providers, educators, home visitors, mental health consultants, EI specialists, case managers, and more!)
- [RSVP](#) for a Virtual Focus Group for parents or caregivers of Colorado children age birth through 5 on June 7, 2023

## 5. Updates on Expansion Plans/Site Changes

- HIPPY Expansion Update - Jackie Cordova  
Part of SB 2213- extend HIPPY across state. Plan for phase 1- RFP process to select new sites (existing sites to expand) review committee 6 applications out of 10 sites- JeffCO HIPPY and Spring Institute selected. Also part of phase 1 - HIPPY manager hired. Each site will hire one new HV (serving 13 families)
- Child First Expansion Plans Update - Lisa Hill- Iesha Mitchell -Community Partnerships- Child First has expanded to 5th and 6th site. Solvista Health - Lake, Chaffee, Fremont, Custer. Paragon Behavioral Health Connections - Otero, Bent, Crowley, Moffat, Routt, Weld -Hub and Spoke model. Summit, Pueblo, looking to expand to Eagle and different areas of Denver
- Nurse Family Partnership- Lisa Hill- Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas - new providers (since Tri County split) 4 corners- still identifying partner due to politics of health dept. - not sure if it will be county system or private.
- Family Connects - Jade Woodard - Eagle fully implemented at Vail Health working on Valley View and Aspen Health; Boulder fully implemented at Boulder Community Health, launching Avista Health and Longmont United this summer; Denver & Jefferson in talks with Lutheran Hospital and Denver Health. Jeffco has hired nurses and support staff - Denver about to hire.
- Healthy Steps- Melissa Bucholz- 2 new satellites- Flo- Crit at Denver Health, Every Child Pediatrics (Samaritan House) well child visits using mobile unit to support unhoused families. 2nd site in Grand Junction, La Junta, Co Springs (1st site).

## 6. Work Group Report Outs

- Availability, Collaboration, and Innovations
  - Deb Daro presented. The workgroup has recently focused on expanding HV capacity and extended access to culturally/linguistically appropriate services - this includes ongoing work with Jen Bellamy from University of Denver. The workgroup wants to create a platform of outreach and support at time of birth and let parents know they are not alone. The group hasn't done much to integrate data, but will continue the effort. Across models, 8,500 families are being served - need to increase numbers to achieve expansion goals.
- Finance and Funding Opportunities WorkGroup
  - Lisa Hill presented. She said the group discussed the financing survey at the last meeting. The ESSA and TANF fact sheets are out. The group continues to table the tax/fee structure conversation, but some counties are working on this and the workgroup will start moving into these conversations soon.
- Qualified WorkForce
  - Angela Ben-Zekry presented. The group is focused on PDG grant activities - they are engaged in implementation planning for mileage reimbursement and apprenticeship programs. They have tabled discussion on SB 22-213 funding and will resume when PDG work is farther along. Aaron Leavy also shared a

summary of the presentation done at the Parent Possible conference on various HV workforce issues. The presentation generated productive conversations.

- Outreach and Advocacy
  - Laura Knudtson presented. The group has focused on communications and marketing this past year. The group has been reviewing how other states are communicating on different topics and how messaging changes with different audiences. Amelie will get debriefed on info already collected.

**7. Workgroup Discussion**

HVTF meeting attendees formed small groups to: a) draft information (workgroup achievements/goals for the coming year) for annual presentation (with content from each workgroup is due by June 23) and to b) schedule upcoming workgroup meetings (if not already scheduled)

**8. Public Comment/Other Announcements**

- No public comments were made.
- Kendra Dunn thanked individuals from the Task Force who participated in the CDEC stakeholder conversations on next year's budget and policy development

**9. Suggestions for Agenda Items for July Meeting**

In July, have an updates on projects/services that got funded

**10. Closing**

Kendra Dunn closed the meeting, sharing that she is proud that the work of the HVTF has become a model for how this work can be done.

**Upcoming meeting dates (9:00a.m - 11:00a.m.)**

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

November 2nd, 2023 9:00-11:00 **New Date!**