

TECC Child Growth and Development Work Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held Thursday, October 15, 2015 Called to Order at 9:00a.m. by Anne Giordano, Co-Chair

In Attendance: Lisa Candels, Laura Dubreuil, Donna Labbe, Jan Lyon, Elaine Hanscom

Minutes from our September 17th meeting were approved as printed, while it was noted that the Two Hearts Housing Project is still in the planning stage, not up and running.

Birth to Three Update

No service changes for families at this time. Now under the Office of Early Childhood. 65% of kids covered by Medicaid and payment is moving to a per visit rate. Providers will need to meet state Medicaid credentials.

TECC Community Plan Update

Work is fully funded for 2015-2016 fiscal year. Help Me Grow campaign is underway, reaching out to parents not enrolled in home visiting programs. Safety Fair is November 14th, discussed advertising and event offerings. Discussed the Ages & Stages questionnaire and the barriers to using it in the pediatrician's office. Will ask the local doctors to introduce the tool to parents at the 2 month well child visit.

LICC Grant

Grant renewed. Looking for ideas for parent sessions. Suggestions included Toileting, IEPs, Sign Language, Sensory Integration

Parents as Teachers/Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting

Site visit will be December 3rd. Feedback from this group is needed in regards to implementing program components.

CHILD FIRST

Pushed back on benchmarks: 80% breastfeeding moms & the # of ER visits by mother and child, due to high population of substance abusers and barriers with transportation. Referrals to this program are based on risk. The average family is engaged for 11-13 months. There is now a prenatal depression group at Center for Youth & Families.

Community Sharing

Can we add screening services to the playgroups for Birth to Graduation at Kids Play Museum?

Would like to see a town wide calendar of events on the web.

Next Meeting: November meeting cancelled. December 17, 2015 and future meetings will be held at Brooker Memorial.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Hanscom, TECC Secretary