

Social and Emotional Health Subcommittee

November 4, 2009-Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Denise Arbaugh, Easter Seals; Amy Heincelman, OCCMHA; Donna Lackie, GSC-O; Margo Clarfelt, Oakland County Youth Assistance; Karen Anthony, Oakland Schools; Jennifer O'Connor, Oakland Schools; Susan Bartley, Lake Orion Head Start

Action Agenda

We reviewed the year three action agenda. A couple of revisions were made. The agenda was approved upon the inclusion of the revisions.

Subcommittee Considerations

Budget Update-Donna shared the GSC-O budget update. ECIC has a new process for funding GSC's which includes funding for core work (i.e. scope of work and work plan areas) as well as a new "implementation pool". This new pool of funding will be used for implementing projects associated with our strategic plan/action plan. This new process will include more accountability and measures of success. While many specifics are not final at this time (e.g. amount of funding available, specific guidelines for projects, etc.), ECIC's priority is to have a process for application for these funds in place by November 30th (with the goal of awarding grants beginning shortly after January 1, 2010). Areas in our Social and Emotional Health Action Agenda that might be considered for additional funding would be our physician outreach work for both social/emotional screenings and post partum depression and possibly some areas of professional development.

New Meeting Structure-As we move into year three, Lisa suggested that we consider a new meeting structure which would allow for more action on individual projects. Also, given everyone's more hectic and demanding schedules this will hopefully alleviate the need for some meetings. For this new suggested meeting structure, our full subcommittee would not need to meet as often. As a group we decided that for now every other month would work well. However, in order to accomplish more work in between meetings, Lisa suggested that we develop Task Force Groups for individual projects. Meeting times for each of these groups would vary based on project needs and may be in person, via email or over the phone. Subcommittee members would sign up for each project based on the level of involvement they would like to have with each task force. Levels of involvement would include (1) those that would like to help *carry out* the work and (2) those that would like to be *consulted* about the work. A third level of involvement, being *clued in* about the work would include all subcommittee members because our bi-monthly meetings would include updates from each task force group. Some suggested task force group projects include the professional development and parent support plan/training work, the Project Star Grant, post partum depression work and social emotional screenings work. Lisa will be sending out a survey for

subcommittee members to choose the level of involvement they would like for task force group projects.

Possible Additional Subcommittee Members-This group had some great suggestions for additional subcommittee members. A parents voice is definitely missing from the table. Also, someone from the DHS/Foster Care system, someone from OU's nursing program, and someone that could also sit on the post partum depression task forces that already exist (a suggestion was made as to who this might be). In addition, specific task force groups might choose to include members for specific work that is being done.

Additional Co-chair-A special thanks to Jen O'Conner who stepped up to serve as co-chair alongside Denise Arbaugh. What a team!

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2010 from 1:00-3:00. Because Easter Seals will be in the process of moving to a new building, Susan Barley has offered to host the meeting at CERC. The CERC building is located at 455 E. Scripps Rd; Lake Orion, 48360. Susan has advised that you park in the north parking lot of CERC (behind the building-follow the signs). She has also advised that you NOT park in the bus lanes as they will be dismissing during our meeting. The meeting will be held in room 108. Task force groups will be formed and work will be done on individual projects prior to this meeting.