

Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force

Office of Child Abuse Prevention
Oklahoma State Department of Health
1000 N.E. 10th Street, Room 806
Oklahoma City OK

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jimmy Arias, Don Batson, Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela, Gerri Mullendore (for Martha Buchanan), Lucinda Myers (for Teresa Croom), Char Carter, Maggi Hutchason, Larry Langley, Beth Martin, Tamatha Mosier, Robyn Sears, Barbara Smith, Cyd Roberts (for Debra Andersen)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deborah Shropshire

STAFF PRESENT: Brittany Berry, Kathie Burnett, Annette Jacobi, Kadion Lilly, Chelsie Melkvik, Mildred Ramsey, Persephone Starks, Sherie Trice

I. Call to Order – Maggi Hutchason

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken and quorum was established. Everyone present introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes – Maggi Hutchason

Tamatha Mosier made a motion to accept the October 30th, 2012 minutes as written. Char Carter seconded. Motion approved.

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Cyd Roberts for Debra Andersen	X		
Jimmy Arias	X		
Don Batson	X		
Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela	X		
Gerri Mullendore for Martha Buchanan			X
Char Carter	X		
Lucinda Myers for Teresa Croom			X
Maggi Hutchason			X
Larry Langley	X		
Beth Martin	X		
Tamatha Mosier	X		
Robyn Sears	X		
Barbara Smith	X		

III. Public Comment

No public comment made.

IV. Discussion and possible action on current Legislation – Annette Jacobi

Annette Jacobi reported on the new HB 1063. Copies of the house bill were provided and Annette reviewed the sections of the bill. She also provided background information on the experience with expectations for home visitation services and the program in Connecticut known as “Child First”. Annette wanted to make note that SoonerCare is included in the bill but not sure if CHBS was.

In addition to the annual reports completed by Children First and OCAP, an impact statement will be produced and disseminated. The agency will oppose this bill in its current form. Possible partners to work with in opposition of the bill may be PEW Charitable Trust, Oklahoma Women’s Coalition, OKCEO (Potts Family Foundation), Parent Promise, and Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy.

- Don Batson made a motion that an ad hoc committee be created from the ITF group to formulate a position paper and disseminate it to members and constituents, in order to contact representatives and present a consistent message. Larry Langley seconded the motion. Motion approved. The main duty of the committee would be to gather data and generate the facts for talking points. Committee: Cynthia Bernardi-Valenzuela, Larry Langley, Maggi Hutchason, and Gerri Mullendore.

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Gerri Mullendore for Martha Buchanan			X
Char Carter	X		
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Maggi Hutchason			X
Larry Langley	X		
Beth Martin	X		
Tamatha Mosier			X
Robyn Sears	X		
Barbara Smith	X		

V. Discussion and possible action on 2013 ITF Outstanding child Abuse Prevention Awards (presented in April) – Maggi Hutchason

Packets for solicitation will go out within the next few weeks. Members are encouraged to nominate outstanding work in child abuse prevention and to help disseminate to all. ITF Awards will be discussed, selected and voted on at the next meeting.

VI. Discussion and possible action on a 2013 ITF Retreat – Maggi Hutchason

Next ITF is tentatively on the calendar for November. Request members continue to gather any ideas for speakers or content for the retreat.

VII. Discussion and possible action and work on “The Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect” – Maggi Hutchason

Have contracted with Sharon Neuwald to facilitate and write a draft of the State Plan. Visual Images (OSDH marketing/promotional firm) will provide the layout and produce the final document.

OCCY and ITF will need to approve the Plan by July 1st. It was suggested and decided that the 5/17 ITF meeting be moved to 5/03 at which time the group will plan to make final recommendations on the Plan and hopefully have an almost finished draft to send to OCCY for their May meeting and voting (also scheduled for 5/17).). This will enable more time for the process.

Ms. Neuwald has requested some feedback from the group on formats for structuring the Plan.

The first option - would be staying consistent with current format of the last Plan, including:

1. Infrastructure
2. Primary Prevention
3. Secondary Prevention
4. Tertiary Prevention

The second option - would be reorganizing the Plan, following the Strengthening Families model as a framework for the document.

Discussion included the following. While group members think Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors are necessary inclusions for the Plan, they thought it might be a complex process to arrange all components based on that model as well as it taking more time than is available to create it in that format... especially when it might not make sense once the process began to divide the material up that way. The final decision was to keep it very simple and utilize either the first option or whatever seemed to make the most sense for the contents that will go into the Plan.

VIII. Program News & Updates

MIECHV presentation – Kathie Burnett

Kathie explained the six documents currently being produced for reporting on the grants. She also described the contractors known as “Community Connectors”, which includes six total contractors, five under Smart Start Oklahoma and one under the Tulsa City-County Health Department.

The Community Connectors host monthly coalition meetings to address issues including duplication of services. They are currently working on a hybrid Strengthening Families training.

Kathie also mentioned the ripple affect the role of the Community Connectors are having as a unique extension of services. Other counties and even states are asking questions about our Community Connector program and how it works.

CAP Action Committee – Sherie Trice

Once again for 2013, the CAP Action group will promote April and child abuse prevention efforts with the theme, “It’s Your Turn – Make a Difference in the Life of Children”. There will also be some continued inclusion of pinwheels either in artwork design or activities. The CAP Day at the Capitol will be Tuesday, April 9th with the mini-conference immediately following. The CAP Day theme is “Connect the Dots for Oklahoma’s Children”. Everyone is encouraged to get involved with the planning efforts. Still a tremendous amount of work to be done, and the next CAP Action meeting is just around the corner.

Sherie shared a new creation of the CAP Action committee, which is the monthly Prevention eBlast/newsletter. Various programs and agencies host a month’s content and connect a specific topic or target group with child abuse prevention. Anyone can sign up to sponsor a month. Thus far, the eBlasts have covered Domestic Violence (October), Strengthening Families (December) and Sex Abuse Prevention (will be January).

Everyone is encouraged to participate in child abuse prevention social marketing. “Like” us (Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention) on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sites are maintained and administered by Jennifer Emfinger of CASA.

Email sheriet@health.ok.gov for more information on any of the CAP Action items.

Office of Child Abuse Prevention – Persephone Starks

Monthly supervisor’s calls are continuing on a regular basis. There are plans for a mid-year meeting for contractors. Work continues to be done on the OCAP database to improve the reporting and data gathering process.

Children First – Mildred Ramsey:

Children First is in the middle of an internal program evaluation. Additionally, the agency has initiated a cost benefit analysis. The program evaluation will be in two phases with phase one already complete. The report should be complete by the end of June 2013.

The Children First annual report was submitted in January. The MIECHV grant has enabled hiring of additional nursing staff.

Children First has also implemented a quality assurance project that involved improvement, enrollment and retention of clients. Turning referrals into enrollees and retaining clients after the birth of baby both seem to be hurdles of the program. The quality assurance project involves promoting research throughout the program to find areas of improvement, where the successes are, and how to expand that across the program.

IX. New Business

No new business

X. Announcements

Smart Start annual conference will be April 18th at the Skirvin Hotel in downtown OKC.

January is “Human Trafficking Awareness” month. There will be a rally at the South Plaza of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building on Friday, January 25th at 6:00p.m.

Family Builders is hosting a train-the-trainer for recognizing and reporting child abuse. Call 232-8226 for more information.

The Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is hosting a Cross Cultural Learning Collaborative Training to gain a better understanding of the Historical Trauma concepts and its impact on the mental wellness of American Indian populations, gain a better understanding of how to work effectively with American Indian populations, and meet contacts and supportive partners for Tribal Nation resources. Training will be February 21st at the OU –Tulsa Schusterman Center from 9:00am-4:30pm.

The Systems of Care “2013 Children’s Behavioral Health Conference” will be held at the Renaissance OKC Convention Center Hotel on March 27th-29th.

The Children, Youth & Families Picnic Celebration will be held at the North Lawn and Plaza at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Monday, April 22nd.

The 2012 Child Guidance annual report and fact sheets are now available on the website and look for it being sent out on list serv.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 11:49am.