



Committee Summary Report

January 2011

Childcare & Early Education – Jean Garratt & Linda Herbert

- **Kindergarten Observation Survey** – We have received all 185 surveys from both Hartland Lakes and Pinckney Country Elementary Schools. Jean passed out survey results, which were both consolidated and separated by schools. Overall, we need to see where the children are succeeding and where they need more help.
- **Meeting with Principals** – The Committee will be meeting with elementary principals & curriculum directors on February 10th to present the Kindergarten Observation Survey results. We will also be inviting the kindergarten teachers who participated in the survey along with non-public school principals/administrators. We would like to begin building a relationship between county preschool programs and the districts. Also, is this something we can begin doing annually county-wide?
- **Quality Rating System** – The QRS in Michigan is currently on hold. Linda will still continue to work with the 5 centers from Livingston County & 10 from Genesee. Linda will hopefully have more information on QRS at February's meeting.

CALL TO ACTION: Still looking for more parents to be on our committee.

Family Support – Donna Gehringer & Patricia Murphy

- **New Mom's Check List** – Continue to fine tune the details on this check list. Donna will be working to get pricing on magnets and/or other possible distribution avenue.
- **Community Connect** – Goal 1: Committee will be represented at this event as a part of our goal to ensure awareness & promote our message.
- **Survey** – We will be conducting a 2 question survey at the Community Connect to coincide with our New Moms Checklist. We will be asking "What are your biggest concerns regarding your newborn's needs, both in the hospital & once you come home?" and "Where do you access your information?" We plan to compare this to the items on the New Moms Check List and the locations we plan to distribute.

CALL TO ACTION: We are looking for Collaborative members who have personal contacts with OB/GYN's in the county to distribute the New Mom's Checklist. These personal contacts will likely be more effective than cold-calling an office. Also, we are a small committee and would welcome additional members!

ICC (Interagency Coordinating Committee) – Gina Coopersmith

- **Early Intervention Mapping System** – Continue to review the flow of Early Intervention services across the agencies for eligible children & their families to identify gaps and redundancies in the system.
- **Brainstorming Measurable Links (Goal 1)** – We had a very good brainstorming session as to identifying measurable activities that could link our Early Intervention system with the K-12 community, hospitals, libraries, etc. to support our goal.
- **Collaborative Coordination/Community Sharing** – Reviewed the current Early On Authorization to Share Form. This form is state mandated. We can have a universal county-wide form, but need to find out how many other agencies have state-mandated forms. We also need to find out how big of a barrier the lack of a universal form is.

Parent Leadership – Jennifer Lange & Holly Ward-Lamb

- **Collaborative "Parent Leadership Academy" effort** – Robin Schutz, Jennifer Lange, Holly Ward-Lamb, Lindsay Beaudry, and Kim Batche-McKenzie (CMH Services Wraparound Coordinator) are working on planning a parent leadership academy. Curriculums from other leadership trainings are being reviewed. The goal is to create a 'pool of parent graduates' who will then be matched with agencies and organizations needing parent representatives. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 3.

Pediatric & Family Health - Elaine Brown & Gina Coopersmith

- **'Steps to Building a Relationship with Your Child's Doctor' Document** – Document is almost complete. Just need to add logo, website information, etc. and then determine which offices we will begin sending to. We will include in Early On packets and will also forward to Family Support Committee to include with their New Moms Packets.

- **Identify existing networks** - Currently compiling the list of existing networks, contacts and description. Goal is to improve the relationship with Pediatric offices and the Early Childhood Community.
- **Review GSL Website** – Currently reviewing the website for accurate, easy-to-use information on development & advocacy. Need to continue to review for corrections and what information and links we would like to have on our PFH site without it being overwhelming or cluttered.
- **Michigan Care Improvement Registry** – Agreement between Head Start & LCDPH to share immunization information with parent consent to further enhance MI Child Immunization Registry. Collaborate with early childhood organizations/systems to implement a process for submitting immunization records to LCDPH for children (19-35 months of age) who do not have a complete official immunization record in MCIR. This is a goal on the Work Plan.

Social & Emotional Health - Jeri Lea Kroll & Courtni Holst

- **Key Messages and Public Awareness Campaign** – We continue to work on crafting our key messages and brainstorming ways to deliver them to the general public and target audiences. At our most recent meeting Kim Root, PR & Marketing Contractor for LESA, joined us to learn more about our goals and to see how she may be able to help. She has agreed to draft 2-3 key messages/concepts to present at our next meeting on February 24, as well as help us create a plan for delivery.
- **Postpartum Support Group** – Creating a sub-group to address the lack of community resources for women suffering from postpartum depression. We are looking to create a team to share the responsibility of facilitating a local postpartum support group. Those interested in participating in the planning and creation of this group are welcome to join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, February 2 at 11:30 am at the Family Resource Center.

CALL TO ACTION: Looking for other professionals (nurse, lactation consultant, doctor, allied health practitioner) who may be interested in helping plan, facilitate or be a resource to the Postpartum Support Group. Please share this opportunity at your next sub-committee meetings as well as the 2/2/2011 meeting date/time. For more information, contact Jeri Lea Kroll (810-623-5737 or jerileakroll@hotmail.com).

Finance - Donna Gehringer & Scott Menzel

- **“Livingston Promise”** - Goal is to create a universal preschool opportunity for children in Livingston County. This committee is already working with a couple local businesses. Need to find key people in each of the 5 communities to get this program off of the ground. Working to get corporate sponsors and get businesses invested to see ‘what’s in it for them’. Bill Millett will be coming back at the end of April to speak to businesses.