



Together For Kids and Families

## Medical/Dental Home Work Group Meeting Summary Monday, June 16, 2014

**Attendees:** Nina Baker, Jessica Ball, Margaret Brockman, David Brown, Dannie Elwood, Tonna Gilbert, Kathy Karsting, Shelley Konopasek, Samantha Kusek, Vicki Mossman, Tiffany Mullison, and Deb Schardt

**Welcome & Introductions** – Nina Baker welcomed attendees and all present made introductions.

**Review of Agenda & Additions/Changes** – Kathy Karsting  
Members had no additions or changes to today's agenda.

**Review Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2014** – Nina Baker  
Nina asked members to review the April meeting summary; the group accepted as presented.

**Recap of Work Plan dated 2/26/13** – Nina Baker  
Nina provided an overview of the former Work Plan. Comments included continuing interest in distribution of dental hygiene supplies to young children. Clarification the Oral Health Strategic Plan has not been finalized.

### Updating the Work Plan: Review & Discussion

Kathy and Nina met and brainstormed on possible updates to the Work Plan. These are presented today in order to stimulate engagement and discussion (*see attached*).

- **Strategy #1: Implement and sustain the dental/medical home as a standard of care.**

**Proposed are four key action areas:** promote the dental/medical home approach; provide education about the dental/medical home approach; gather current information about the various medical home approaches being developed and delivered in Nebraska; and specifically examine cost and policy issues key to making a medical home approach feasible to implement.

### Comments/Discussion:

- This action step would include revising and updating the existing medical home brochure developed by TFKF.
- This is the portion of the work plan where this work group identifies a specific objective around toxic stress (i.e. communicating the role of the pediatric medical home in addressing toxic stress; identifying strategies for medical and dental homes to incorporate trauma-informed practice)
- There is definitely an ongoing educational need for families and providers to understand what is meant by the approach.

- Medical home approaches are included in several models in Nebraska now, not limited to Medicaid. Some are staffed by parent-peers for care coordination, some by professional-level staff (nurses or social workers).
  - This group may have a role in assuring new medical home approaches are appropriate for serving the young child, as well as adults with chronic disease.
  - Several FQHCs have or are seeking accreditation.
  - Patient-centered medical home approaches are included in recent Nebraska legislative language: LR 422, introduced by Senator Gloor. Hearing is scheduled for November 2014.
  - Discussion on what families need to know to ensure high quality services.
- **Strategy #2: Promote the development of infrastructure and systems to assure access to preventive oral health care for young children.**

**Proposed are four key action areas:** Promote access for children aged 0-8 years; align workgroup activities with the NE Oral Health Strategic Plan (when finalized); promote preventive dental care in the pediatric medical home approach; increase utilization of dental services by Medicaid-eligible and enrolled children aged 0-3.

**Comments/Discussion:**

- There is a high level of interest in continuing to distribute dental health promotion supplies for young children if available.
- Dental services in Medicaid will soon be rolled into managed care contracts.
- More information is needed on EPSDT: who says how the timetable is followed? Who educated families and monitors providers?
- What barriers to preventive dental health do young children and families face?
- Managed care providers issue newsletters to enrollees. They may be receptive to including dental health promotion content in their newsletters. This may be a non-threatening way to reach families. Suggestion of inserting a coupon in the newsletter for toothbrushes (if available). Dannie can communicate with the managed care providers on content.
- School nurses are facing changes with regard to required screenings.

**Plan for Finalizing Updated Work Plan:**

Kathy and Nina will review based on comments today; Tiffany will send out another version prior to next meeting for all to review. If possible, we will discuss and arrive at consensus for changes at our next meeting. All agreed to work together on setting our next directions and moving forward.

**Charge to the Workgroup – Nina Baker**

- Nina asked all work group members to stay immersed in what is developing in terms of dental and medical home approaches for children and families.
- We're in consensus that our vision will be that children's needs are met.
- We have an important role in providing education to families in order to help meet their needs.

**Establish Meeting Schedule – Tiffany Mullison**

- Tiffany suggested the group meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in January, March, May, July, September & November; the group consensus was to not meet this July.
- Tiffany will send out a scheduling poll for time of meeting. **Dates: 9/11/14 and 11/13/14.**

### **Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Update** – Tiffany Mullison

- ECCS update: the federal grant award is for \$140,000/year, time frame is August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2016. For 10 years beginning in 2003 Nebraska has received funds for early childhood comprehensive systems-building. Focus 2013 through 2016 now shifts from comprehensive systems-building to a focus on “identification, prevention, and mitigation of toxic stress in 0-3 year olds.” A Steering Committee will convene in July to address the new toxic stress focus. Initiatives around selecting a screening tool to recommend for use with 0-3 population in the medical setting is in process by the Mental Health work group. Though the work of Together for Kids and Families, Nebraska continues the work toward comprehensive systems for optimal early childhood outcomes.

### **Member Sharing**

- David Brown, College of Dentistry
  - Panhandle Dental Day was June 6-7. 230 children received services at an estimated cost of \$100,000.
  - Mission of Mercy will be in November at Center for People in Need in Lincoln. Screening will be completed at Clinic with a Heart.
  - Clinic with a Heart is not considered a medical home because of 3 visit limit; families may be referred to Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department.
  - Smile with a Heart links those in need to a dentist.
  - Toxic-stress and trauma informed care are not covered in the dental college curriculum.
- Jessica Ball, Office of Oral Health
  - Jessica and Dr. Craft have been traveling the state and discovering needs.
  - The next meeting of the Oral Health Advisory Group is August 18.
- Vicki Mossman & Dannie Elwood, Medicaid
  - Dental services are moving to managed care next year.
  - A challenge is Medicaid eligible families not keeping their appointment and being dropped from a provider. Better communication between offices and families of CYSHCN may benefit both.
- Margaret Brockman is with Community & Rural Health, she has accepted the position formerly held by David Palm.

### **Next Meeting:**

In order to achieve the objective of updating our group knowledge about medical home approaches and issues in Nebraska, several guest speakers for future meetings are suggested: Heather Leschinsky from Medicaid & Long Term Care; Dr. Bob Rauner on policy and payment topics, Margaret Brockman on policy efforts; Dr. Craft on the Office of Oral Health.

Tiffany will send a doodle poll to confirm the time of the next meeting, planned for Sept. 11, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to all for attending and participating.