



Together For Kids and Families

Early Care & Education Work Group Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Welcome & Introductions

Jen welcomed new members, Courtney and Linda with ECS, Omaha

Attendees

Lynne Brehm, Jen Goettemoeller, Melody Hobson, Joan Luebbbers, Tiffany Mullison, Courtney Pfeifer, Linda Reddish, and, Eleanor Shirley.

Review Meeting Summary from April 30, 2014

The group accepted the Meeting Summary as presented.

Work Plan Updates

- Jen walked the group through the current work plan. Members offered updates and feedback on Strategy 7. The group noted many past efforts surrounded a QRIS and offered suggestions for incorporating the new focus on toxic stress.
- Jen, Tiffany, and Mary Beth will polish the plan so the group can review Strategy 7 and engage in discussion on Strategy 8 at the November meeting.

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Update

- Tiffany shared that a Toxic Stress Steering Committee was launched in July, comprised of cross sector leaders, who will develop a strategic plan around toxic stress.
- CD-ROM's/brochures on toxic stress will be available after final edits are approved.
- Early Childhood Integrated Skills & Competencies for Professionals – indicators for each competency and a Self-Assessment will be completed in December 2014.
- The ECICC has invited TFKF Co-Chairs to present at their quarterly meetings. Early Care & Education is scheduled for May 2015. This is an additional way our TFKF work aligns with the ECICC.

Member Sharing – All

- Step Up to Quality – Eleanor and Melody provided updates. Programs are able to register. Orientations have taken place across the state. Feedback is positive.
- Circle of Security Parenting – Lynne shared 114 attended the four day intensive COS-P training. Efforts to support Reflective Supervision, a Parent Education Professional Community, and promotional efforts for educators are underway.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 12th, 2-3:30pm at First Five.