

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**



**Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

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**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Rhode Island Parent Information Network**  
**1210 Pontiac Avenue**  
**Cranston, RI 02920**

**In Attendance:** Aguiar, Stacey; Baum-Gupta, Carol; Branch, Christine; Bobrowski, Leslie; Daveluy, Michele; DeRoche, Monique; DuHamel, Brenda; Farrell, Laurie; Gallucci, Ruth; Greene-Bromell, Margaret; Hawkes, Susan; Lafrance, Carol; Magaw, Darlene; Masland, Deborah; Naughton, Eileen; Rivera, Sandra; Rodriguez, Aixa; Townsend, Tara

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Deborah Masland**

**Approval of January Minutes**

**Members**

*1<sup>st</sup> Brenda DuHamel*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Christine Branch*

**Family Outcome Survey Report**

**Deborah Masland**

*With last year’s successful return rate of over 44% we were hopeful that this year’s rate would be higher, as we moved into the electronic age. Unfortunately, this was not the case. It is our supposition that this year’s 30.5% returned rate can be attributed to several factors:*

- *Inadequate preparation and training of the service coordinators and parent consultants in utilization of Survey Monkey and how to best engage families;*
- *Some glitches in the utilization of Survey Monkey by some families. While any glitches were addressed when brought to our attention, we believe there may be more families who were unable to submit their surveys properly and so their responses were not calculated;*
- *Less engagement from some agencies’ EI staff than in the previous years;*
- *Many changes in the RI EI system this past year, including the closing of two EI agencies.*

**Workgroup:** *Workgroup meets again early in 2016, we will be discussing how to better support the use of both electronic and hard copy version of the survey, providing an increase level of oversight and technical assistance. We will be focusing on survey, overall packaging, delivery method and return rate.*

**EOHHS Updates**

**Brenda DuHamel/Leslie Bobrowski,**

**Brenda DuHamel:** *Cedar factsheets on EOHHS website, the change is there no longer color brochure (to keep updates and contact changes). New way will be presented as fact sheets. ABA fact sheets on website.. Nothing has been changed, most of the policies have been updated and minor changes have been done. Going to look at family and child outcome to be clearer on timeline, realized there needs to be some clarification by March 1st. Working on communication with EI and the community (on the EOHHS website), just a description of what EI is and providers. These folders go to pediatricians’ offices, family practices. This is for our referrals to understand what EI is.*

**Leslie Bobrowski:** *RI Early Intervention (EI) is a program to help families support the growth and development of their infant and toddlers, birth through 3, who are delayed in their development or have a diagnosed condition known to cause developmental delay. For more information form is attached. Medical home portal, aims to help those who care for children with special health care needs find reliable information and access to valuable local professional and community resources to improve the care,*

health, and outcome of CYSHCN. Portal provides information to help both professionals and families. Medical home is working with practices to better understand EI. Form is attached. Any questions or concerns, contact Brenda DuHamel & Leslie Bobrowski.

**RI Department of HEALTH**

**Stacey Aguiar**

Next meeting is April, 2016. Grant is up and will be applying/wrote in the grant the 9 medical practices program/have the same information to have much consistency.

**Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Updates:**

**1. Family Visiting**

- HRSA Comprehensive Site Visit on May 10-12, 2016; will need to reach out to community partners to attend portions of the visit
- Submitted Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS Grant); place based (Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket); to improve child developmental outcomes; collective impact approach; will work closely with Early Intervention
- Infant Mortality Workgroup is the Health Department's and Governor's priority; there was an external group last year and reconvening sometime in April 2016.

**2. Screening to Succeed (37-42 practices)**

- Practices who have hit their year mark: 12
- Practices working with us (actively screening) who have not yet hit their 1 year mark: 12
- About to go live (have signed contracts and are currently training, etc.): 6
- Practices who are in the process of signing contracts: 7
- Practices who have expressed interest and are in process of receiving outreach: 2
- Practices who came to the outreach dinner, but have not been back in touch: 3

**3. Newborn Screening**

- NAS task force is meeting on a monthly basis. If anyone wants to join, feel free to send me an email; Need EI representation; Next meetings

**Monday, April 4, 2016**

2:30pm – 4:00 pm

RI-DOH Beck Conference Room

Tuesday May 10, 2016

2:30pm – 4:00 pm

RI-DOH Beck Conference Room

**4. CDCs LTSAE/Act Early State Team**

- Switched to monthly meetings; last meeting 2/25; next meeting 3/24; (meet the 4th Thursday of the month at the CNDC from 8:30-10 am

Last meeting we discussed:

- Act Early List Serve
- Learn the Signs. Act Early. Materials Overview
- Developmental Monitoring within State Systems Grant

**5. Office of Special Health Care Needs**

Office of Special Needs is working on bringing the Medical Home Portal RI. This will be a great resource to families and professionals of children and youth with special needs.

**6. PRAMS** We need to help get mom's to complete PRAMS Survey; If moms get a mailed survey (3 attempts before call), ask them to please complete the survey using the script; survey is sent 2-6 months post-partum; available in English and Spanish; \$5 mail 1/\$10 for non-responders; can follow-up at next meeting Community partners to be present (make some availability for those 3 days).

Child death routine group) Reconvene workgroup (stay tuned). Infant mortality rates are very low in RI, but Nationally African American child deaths are high numbers. Screening to succeed (37 practices participating) goal is 42; the grant is nearing their grants.

Next meeting: Monday April 4. 2:30-4pm

PRAMS: Pregnancy risk assessment monitoring system. 3 mail attempt (\$5 gift card first attempt, second & 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt \$10 gift card).

**RIDE**

**Ruth Gallucci**

**Department of Education:** looking at screening, child outcome, and EI (0-5). Child outreach screening, the child has been screened in all five areas of development and referrals are being made adequately. Have your child screened/pediatricians and physicians to make direct referrals (New program to work with practices). Children need to be screened every year, not just one time. An initiative for dual language

learners to ensure those screening are being done. Evidence based model to support children where they are, setting and environment (helping the teachers/daycare providers/other educators to be involved/be part of the classroom, instead of pulling them out). The goals are for the child not to be taken out of their setting. To have a better understanding of EI, childhood programs (community or private setting). Some districts are very involved/some are not and are waiting to see. Encouraging EI providers to have conversation between programs (families still have rights to least restrictive environment).

### **Subgroup Reports and Discussion**

#### **Child Welfare (CAPTA)**

**Darlene Magaw**

**The ICC Child Welfare Workgroup, March 1<sup>st</sup>. DCYF family visiting pilot review:** Group reviewed results of the one month pilot. Goal established was to improve care coordination between EI, family visiting programs, DCYF and FCCP providers. Responses were received from CCA & Children's Friend. Next steps/plan: Develop targeted questions with pilot providers CCA and Seven Hills that support identifying providers and securing releases.

**Next meeting is on April 5, 2016 at Seven Hills.**

#### **Supports for Children with Autism**

**Subgroup member**

Joanne Quinn from Autism Project should have a draft of "Obtaining an ASD Diagnosis in RI" ready soon. We can send it to the ICC for comment/addition/deletion **Margaret Greene-Bromell** will follow up.

#### **ICC Website**

**Tara Townsend**

Ideas what is the ICC, for a more parent friendly website. Follow up on next ICC meeting.

#### **New Business**

**Members**

**Deborah Masland.** New family representative and vice chairs nominee's, forms to be signed and be part of subcommittee.

#### **Other Updates and Announcements**

**Members**

#### **Adjourned**

*Deborah Masland*

Next Meeting:  
Thursday, May 26, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
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