

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS



Executive Office of Health and Human Services

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INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
Thursday, September 15, 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; Barrett, Leanne; Baum-Gupta, Carol; Branch, Christine; Bobrowski, Leslie; Carr, Joseph; Daveluy, Michele; Del Vecchio-Gilbert, Linda; DuHamel, Brenda; Eastman, John; Farrell, Laurie; Greene-Bromell, Margaret; Hawkes, Susan; Kollett, Michelle; Lafrance, Carol; Ortiz, Evan; Magaw, Darlene; Masland, Deborah; Novak, Donna; Rivera, Sandra; Townsend, Tara

Welcome and Introductions

Deborah Masland

Approval of July Minutes

Members

Deborah Masland 1st
Carol LaFrance 2nd

Lead Program Presentation

Kathy Kuiper

Details are in the booklet. Lead is a heavy gray metal that has many uses and can be harmful if it gets into the body. Before 1978, lead was used to make paint. Many old houses are painted with lead-based paint. You can get lead into your body in various ways, including by ingesting or breathing dust from lead paint, ingesting lead chips, drinking tap water that has lead in it, eating fruits or vegetables that have lead on them from the soil, and eating food that has been prepared or stored in dishes made with lead. Anyone can get lead poisoned. However, lead is most dangerous to children younger than six years old. Lead poisoned children are likely to suffer life-long consequences. Even a small amount of lead can have a negative effect on a child's development and can cause serious health problems, including learning disabilities, loss of IQ, and reduced attention span. Fortunately, parents can take actions to protect children from lead poisoning. Lead poisoning is completely preventable. The Center for Healthy Homes and Environment coordinates state-wide efforts to eliminate lead poisoning and reduce lead exposure.

Ways to do outreach are through home visiting programs & Early Intervention. Last year, the unsafe blood lead level range was lowered to anything greater than 5, with 15 being the threshold of lead poisoning and for investigation and legal actions. Childhood lead exposures affect the entire state, but disproportionately impact RI's core cities, where the problems of vulnerable families of health, safety and welfare are greatest. RI core cities include Providence, Central Falls, Pawtucket and Woonsocket. Rhode Island universal screening requirements yield high quality data that serve as credible basis for policy and regulatory decision.

John Eastman. Lead program Coordinator-Legal document. RI housing is funded by RIDOH. This new grant will focus on the core cities and form team to actively find problems. A YouTube video will be created to educate on how to spot lead and effectively screen (duration of video will be 10 min).

EI can help by educating and reminding families to get tested, while monitoring families and following up. Foster children monitoring and following up regarding lead testing criteria. Every foster home needs to have lead certificate to be eligible for foster care.

Brenda DuHamel. Any child that is presenting concerns regarding milestone/development should always be referred to EI

EOHHS Updates

Brenda DuHamel

Brenda will be leaving her position as part C coordinator. Donna Novak will be the interim Part C Coordinator. Leslie Bobrowski and Pat Maris will continue to provide TA to the EI system.

RIDOH

Stacey Aguiar

1. Family Visiting

- *Family Home Visiting Bill was passed. There was a ceremonial signing on 9/6; there is no funding associated with the bill, however a legislative report is due annually on October 1st.*
- *Infant mortality month- contact Stacey Aguiar if you would like materials and information (i.e. post videos).*
 - *Safe sleep for grandparents and other caregivers:*
https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sts/news/videos/grandparents/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=EB&utm_medium=GrandparentVideos&utm_campaign=STSCCommunity &
<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sts/news/videos/abuelos/Pages/default.aspx>
 - *General recommendations on Safe Sleep:*
<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sts/news/downloadable/Pages/default.aspx>

2. Screening to Succeed

Total number of primary care practices participating: 39

- *7 practices have Mental Health Consultation*
- *5 practices are participating in Reach Out and Read (literacy program): 1-2 practices are in the process of signing on*
- *4 groups total - Incredible Years (parent education program) have been completed; 2 new groups starting right now.*

Deborah Masland. *Looking into what EI is doing to educate on safe sleeping (what are we providing and are all EI agencies are providing the same information) it's something to bring up during EI association meeting.*

3. Newborn Screening

- *Hearing Grant- Due on October 15th. Taking a new direction to focused on children with hearing loss and services they are getting (i.e. coordination with EI; partnering with parent to parent programs).*
- **Screening to succeed-** *Is developing ASD social and emotional behavior. It's a way for providers not to wait and see, but to put into motion and act up on screening & evaluate.*

RIDE

Pat Maris

Work on the comprehensive project has continued, professional development so everyone is on the same page (common language), creating manual and will be posted on the website to be accessed for everyone.

Subgroup Reports and Discussion

Child Welfare (CAPTA)

Darlene Magaw

DCYF/Family Visiting Coordination Pilot: Darlene reports this month CCA First Connections put out 13 calls to DCYF (after release was in place) and received 12 return calls. This is significant improvement over last month (3/12). SHRI EI reports more timely follow up as EI service coordinators moving more quickly to involving DCYF supervisors and/or Fran.

NAS Task Force: meeting next week and several members of this workgroup will attend. The Task Force subgroups are at work on specific efforts that hope to result in more effective engagement of parents in recovery and consistent tracking of children with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

Tracking Lead Exposure for Children in Substitute Care:

The ICC will be hearing a report on lead exposure prevalence and current household interventions from RIDOH at its next meeting on 9/15. Our committee agreed that following the referral path and coordination of care is the responsibility of all who serve these children. It was noted that licensing Kinship foster placement settings happens during the time that children are already in the home. Non-relative placements require lead safe certificates before licensing. A care coordination pilot for pediatric

practices and DCYF is recommended. Darlene will ask Woonsocket Thundermist Health if they might be willing to participate.

CAPTA Policy update: Joe continues to push forward with approval, despite the challenges presented by the transitions in leadership within DCYF. He continues to work with Susan St. Jacques on completing all levels of review of the revised policy. Joe stated he and Fran will move forward with training investigators and then hold regional trainings once final approval of the policy is confirmed. He is hopeful this may happen by the fall.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 1pm at Seven Hills in Cranston

Brenda D. Children those are born or diagnosed with NAS are automatic eligible for EI or to be referred.

Supports for Children with Autism

Leslie Bobrowski

Subgroup support children and families with ASD. We have gone through those recommendations' we are working on putting a training together to educate and trained (learning the sign and recognizing the red flags). And making sure to appropriate referral are made. Currently piloting a training,

ICC Website

Tara Townsend

Brief changes. Early Intervention provider's list is updated and posted on RIPIN website. The link goes to EOHH current minutes and agenda. If you want to add to page, just send us an email.

New Business

Members

We bring lead poisoning to the EI association and how we can be eyes and ears, to better educate.

Noticed out, to present or speak in the ICC meeting regarding any concerns. Have a formal way to bring your concerns forward and maybe find solutions/recommendations. Always do your research and what are things that are being done. Ask the questions/get recommendations/act on. Create form for requests. Starting in January.

Other Updates and Announcements

Members

Adjourn

Darlene Magaw

*Brenda DuHamel 1st
Tara Townsend 2nd*

**Next Meeting:
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