



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Work Group Meeting

Meeting Summary, 1/4/2017

Support and Backbone Staff: Jennifer Brackeen – *CHOICE*, Robbi Kay – *Uncommon Solutions*, Laura Spoor – *CHOICE*, Victor Colman – *Uncommon Solutions*

In Attendance: Afsaneh Rahimian – *Sea Mar*, Caitlin Safford – *Amerigroup*, Cristi Heitschmidt – *Centralia College*, Gary Burris – *Child Care Action Council*, Greg Endler – *BHR*, Gretchen Thaller – *Thurston PHSS*, Jennifer Helseth – *ESD 113*, Katie Strozyk – *Lewis PHSS*, Mackenzie Dunham – *Child & Adolescent Clinic*, Mary Goelz – *Pacific PH*, Michael O’Neill – *Cowlitz HHS*, Mindy Davis – *Children’s Home Society of WA*, Terri Sutovich – *Child Care Action Coalition*

I. Welcome and introductions

Victor Colman greeted the group and reviewed the objectives of today’s meeting. The first goal is to ensure that everyone fully understands the criteria process and the language used in the Criteria Tool document. The group will then refine and prioritize the current list of strategies in smaller groups and as a whole. He asked for any external updates since the last meeting. Jennifer Brackeen reported that the Global Waiver has been submitted and contract is expected to be signed soon. The Project Toolkit is still subject to change and comments are being accepted until February 2nd. Liz Davis informed the group about other potential sources of funding besides the Global Waiver to pursue the group’s goals.

II. Criteria for Prioritizing Strategies

The group reviewed and approved the Threshold Criteria bullet points which, Victor explained, are paramount when it comes to the process of narrowing down strategies. The focus then shifted to the Staging Criteria which are meant to further narrow ideas down and encourage thoughtful conversation about each strategy. Liz Davis expressed concern about the need to have data and evidence to articulate need, the first listed staging criteria, since this information may not be available for each strategy. Robbi Kay Norman suggested that the group should circle back to this question after going through the other criteria first, instead of eliminating strategies right away if this data isn’t yet available. The group agreed to this solution. Finally, each strategy must provide a specific role for the CPAA and also align with its mission and values. Since not all work group members are familiar with the CPAA, Jennifer Brackeen provided an overview of its purpose and goals.

III. Deploying Threshold Criteria

The group reviewed each strategy while considering the Threshold Criteria, with the leads providing clarification and answering questions about each one. The group decided that strategies 3 and 4 (*Play & Learn Groups* and *Universal Access to Home Visiting Programs*) should be rolled into strategy 2 (*Parent Education*). It was also agreed that strategy 7, (*Therapy in Pre-Schools*), will be combined with strategy 9 (*CPAA Youth Behavioral Health Coordination Project*). To save time, the group will not review or discuss the former, since it is already set to take place. Strategy 10 (*Behavioral Health/Primary Care Integration*) will either be combined with Strategy 9 as well, or transferred to the Care Coordination Work Group strategy list. Strategies 11 and 12 (*Racial Equity* and *Support for LGBTQ Youth*) were removed, as the



group agreed that these should be overarching values that inform each strategy. These will be added to the *Health Equity Staging Criteria*.

IV. Deploying Staging Criteria

The workgroup split into two smaller groups to narrow down the remaining strategies using the Staging Criteria, and then shared their findings. Together, both groups decided on a total of four strategies to pursue (not including the Youth Behavioral Health Pilot):

- Parent Education
- Kinship Care
- ACEs Training/Speaker's Bureau
- Expand Evidence-based and Informed Home Visiting Program

V. Next Steps

- Support staff and Chair will revise the Strategy Matrix
- Volunteers will gather more information about the remaining four strategies and send to CHOICE staff by Friday, January 13th
- Jennifer Brackeen and Liz Davis will gather information about the pilot project
- Next meeting is Wednesday, January 25th, 2017 from 1:00pm-4:00pm
Location: Lacey Fire District 3, 1231 Franz St SE, Lacey, WA 98503