



# Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Work Group Meeting

## Meeting Summary, 8/23/2017

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**Support and Backbone Staff:** Jennifer Brackeen – CHOICE, Megan Moore– CHOICE, Shannon Linkus- CHOICE, Liz Arjun and David-HMA

**In Attendance:** Caitlin Safford - Amerigroup, Nicole Giron - Mason General Hospital, Mike McIntosh - Grays Harbor PHSS, Jack Slowriver, Julie Nye - Rn Child and Adolescence Clinic, Michael O'Neil - Cowlitz HHS, Gretchen Thaller - Thurston County, Katie Strozyk - Lewis PHSS, Hugh Yewert - Seattle Children's Hospital, Garry Burris- Child Action Council, Dian, Greg Endler - BHR, Kirsten Johansen- Planned Parent Hood, Jennifer Helseth , Mary Goelz - Pacific County Health and Human Services Dept.

### **I. Welcome and Introductions:**

Jennifer Brackeen, Program Director at CHOICE, welcomed attendees and Caitlin Safford facilitated introductions. Liz Arjun from HMA then walked through the desired outcomes of the meeting agenda which were understanding the role of projects in supporting the CPAA vision, an ACE's overview and proposed work plan for a completed application, review of data and implications for target populations, and further discussing target populations amongst the group.

### **II. Sub-Workgroup Activity on Parent Education and Home Visiting**

The ACE's work group would like to work on adding additional partners so they can expand their view on the group and also analyze data to determine target populations.

- Added Planned Parent Hood to the Work Group
- Next time, we want to increase pediatricians attending future meetings

### **III. Medicaid Transformation Demonstration – Maternal & Child Care Projects**

The Request for Qualifications is out for interested providers, it is just trying to get a sense of others outside of this work group that have new ideas or would be interested in joining. For updates, the YBHC and YMPEP are currently being implemented regionally and the CPAA brought on Health Management Associates (HMA) to help with successful project planning and developing agendas for future meetings.

The CPAA council has not yet decided to vote for 6 projects or pursue the full 8. If they decide to pursue only 6, other projects could absorb Oral Health or ACE's into a sub category. Although other regions have decided not to pursue ACE's, it is a priority for the CPAA.

### **IV. Review of Funding**

As for funding, the group inquired how the demonstration funds would be divided when received. Although there are many interested parties, ultimately the CPAA has control on how



the funding gets distributed. This means that the CPAA can vote on specific areas of focus and create flexibility on the distribution of funds and the funding does not have to be tied to any specific stipulations. Further details will be provided once the information becomes available.

## **V. Review of metrics and decided target population**

The group was provided with a detailed list of target populations developed by HMA. One area of focus was on the homeless population. Specifically, 18-24 yr. old families because statistics demonstrate an increase in the number of homeless families. Anecdotally, some counties cited percentages as high as 40%. Although all decisions will be discussed and brought back and forth between the group and the council for redrafting and feedback, the ACE's workgroup developed a deeper focus on what they thought were targeted populations.

- Target populations:
  - Girls and women that are on Medicaid
  - People in the Kinship Care System-mental health penetration, child wellness
  - High Risk OB
  - Homeless families
  - Women and Men
  - Going through coordinated entry for housing

Once the group had more specific target populations, they then brainstormed ideas for solutions.

- Solutions for target populations:
  - Telemedicine or traveling clinics
  - Warm hand off between homeless shelters and providers
  - What about other workgroups? -Connecting different workgroups and seeing the overlap to build on each other while developing a work plan for the council and board

## **VI. Prep for Frontiers of Innovation Site Visit Interview**

After a follow up phone call with Frontiers of Innovation to help identify work force strategies related to trauma informed communities, there seemed to be an area of confusion. Pacific County was informed that they were going to be the first priority in receiving technical assistance but CPAA was also told that they were going to be provided assistance. This will need further follow up.

Gary Burriss from the Child Action Council also informed the group of other groups in the community that have a similar goal to ACE's.

- Frontiers of Innovation is working with Washington State Essentials for Childhood and the Public Health Improvement Plan
  - Vision is that all children in WA state thrive in safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments



- Five year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, build on pioneering work education about, and working to prevent impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Book “Cradle to Kindergarten” by Ajay Chaudry builds on evidence of an investment plan in early learning for every child to succeed
  - Senator Murray’s Office looking for communities to work with to implement an investment plan

## **VII. Next Steps & Closing**

- CPAA will develop a more detailed plan and get it back to the workgroup, talking about partnering providers
- Draft strawman proposal
- CPAA will pull data together to show information on patients within the Medicaid system
- Invite primary care to ACE’s workgroup for the next meeting
- CPAA will meet with MCO’s and key primary care providers and bring information back to next meeting.