



# Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Work Group Meeting

## Meeting Summary, 5/19/2017

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

**In Attendance:** Caitlin Safford – *Amerigroup*, Cristi Heitschmidt – *Centralia College*, Danette York – *Lewis PHSS*, Greg Endler – *BHR*, Gretchen Thaller – *Thurston PHSS*, Hugh Ewart – *Seattle Children's*, Katie Strozyk – *Lewis PHSS*, Kolbi Peach – *Coordinated Care*, Laura Alfani – *WA DEL*, Liz Davis – *Thurston Thrives*, Mackenzie Dunham – *The Child & Adolescent Clinic*, Mary Goelz – *Pacific PH*, Melissa Taylor – *Lower Columbia CAP*, Michael O'Neill – *Cowlitz HHS*, Mike McIntosh – *Grays Harbor PHSS*, Mitzi Hamp – *Sea Mar CHC*, Vicki Brown – *Mason General Hospital*

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Vic Colman welcomed the group, facilitated introductions, and reviewed today's agenda and meeting objectives. The primary goal of this meeting is to develop a specific recommendation to submit to the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance (CPAA) as they move forward in the process to decide priority projects to pursue through the Medicaid Demonstration Transformation (MTD).

### II. Frontiers of Innovation Application Update

The Frontiers of Innovation is taking extended time to figure out the best way to move forward. It was agreed that if they do end up providing technical assistance, it would be beneficial to have help with the process of asset mapping and developing some kind of standard referral system for home visiting programs. ACEs workgroup members are encouraged to attend the WA FOI event on June 21<sup>st</sup>, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Shonkoff.

### III. Review Workgroup Charter

Vic provided a draft of the ACEs workgroup charter, which the group looked over briefly. Workgroup members were asked to look over the charter in the next couple of weeks and send feedback. Vic also proposed the idea of narrowing down the ACEs member list to create a tighter-knit, more focused group, which attendees will take into consideration.

### IV. Review Strategy Matrix

Vic asked the group for their thoughts on prioritizing strategies while considering the program data listed on the updated Strategy Matrix. The group agreed that it is difficult to analyze the data in the matrix with the volume of information listed. It is also difficult to determine specific population needs and how to address them. To move forward, the group would need to identify what population to start with, and what service providers are available in the region. Michael O'Neill spoke to the group about the "Pathways" model being explored by the Care Coordination Workgroup, and how it creates a useful data collection tool which could be helpful in this endeavor.



Laura Alfani, the Home Visiting Project Manager at the State Department of Early Learning, provided an overview of the how the DEL is partnering with Thrive Washington to support home visiting programs throughout the state. The DEL is also partnering with the HCA to work on financial sustainability options. They are looking for ways to access more Medicaid funding to expand home visiting options, including through the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration Project. After carrying out an outcomes analysis among home visiting programs, the DEL found that Family Spirit and the Nurse Family Partnership were the most promising home visiting programs when it comes to health outcomes.

## **V. Affirming Priorities – Recommendations**

The workgroup unanimously agreed to recommend the Reproductive & Maternal Child Health project to the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance (CPAA) to pursue through the Medicaid Demonstration Project. Caitlin will present this recommendation to the Council during their next meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The workgroup is open to exploring all three sample approaches provided in the Project Toolkit.

## **VI. Next Steps & Closing**

- Workgroup will provide feedback on the Charter draft by Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Support staff will schedule a meeting for the second half of June
- Caitlin will present the workgroup's recommendation to the CPAA Council on June 8<sup>th</sup>