



Maternal and Child Health (ACEs) Meeting Summary

Meeting Summary, May 30th, 2018

Support and Backbone Staff: Caroline Sedano – *CHOICE*, Jennifer Brackeen – *CHOICE*, Megan Moore – *CHOICE*, Shannon Linkous – *CHOICE*, Rene Hilderbrand - *CHOICE*

Attendance: Breeanne Laughery – *Upstream, USA*, Beth Mizushima – *Grays Harbor PHSS*, Katie Strozycyk – *Lewis County PHSS*, Gretchen Thaller – *Thurston County PHSS*, Christina Garcia – *Molina*, Lisa Humes-Schuls – *Planned Parenthood*, Mary Goelz – *Pacific County PHSS*, Jennifer Helseth – *Department of Early Learning*, Liz Davis – *Thurston County PHSS*, Suzanne Swadener – *HCA*, Shannon Blood – *HCA*, Alicia – *Technical Assistance for HCA*, Lauren Farmer – *Behavioral Health Resources*

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer welcomed the group, facilitated introductions, and reviewed the objectives for the meeting:

- Introductions
- CPAA Updates
- Reproductive Health Guest Speaker: Bre Laughery - Upstream USA
- Improving Well Child Visits Guest Speaker: Suzanne Swadener – Senior Health Policy Analyst
- Next Steps and Closing

II. CPAA Updates

Jennifer announced that CPAA released a Request for Proposals today, and it will close on July 16, 2018, at 5 pm. CPAA will host a virtual town hall meeting on Friday, June 8, from 1-2pm to answer any questions related to the RFP process. Any additional RFP questions can be directed to rfp@cpaawa.org. Jennifer then reviewed the CPAA 2018 timeline and Medicaid Transformation Timeline found [here](#).

III. Bre Laughery, Upstream USA

Bre Laughery, Regional Director of Partnerships at Upstream USA, provided an overview of this organization’s plan for Washington State, found [here](#).

Upstream USA is a “nonprofit organization that helps health centers across the country eliminate barriers that prevent women from obtaining the full range of contraceptive methods so that all women are empowered to become pregnant only when they want to.”

Upstream USA’s approach has shown promising results. After partnering with the state of Delaware for two years, there was an estimated 15% decrease in unplanned pregnancies among Title X patients.

Upstream USA is offering to provide technical assistance as well as training for providers and support staff in Washington State. Before implementation, Upstream USA’s Quality Improvement (QI) team would conduct a needs assessment at each provider location, register each site with the organization’s software platform, and generate a timeline for implementation milestones.



The following is Upstream USA's planned scope for Washington State:

- Five years of training and technical assistance delivery, starting in 2019
- 40 participating agencies including FQHCs, Tribal and IHS providers, rural health centers, and private providers serving a high percentage of Medicaid patients
- 300 public and private health sites receive training and technical assistance
- 540,000 women of reproductive age reached by health centers served when project is complete

The ACEs group had some questions around success with religious partners.

- Different scale on the beliefs but it varies
 - Have worked with Catholic affiliated organizations in Delaware
 - Providence will provide contraceptive options depending on providers
- Trainings are offered regionally, by location, and half days as well
 - Very flexible

IV. Suzanne Swadener, Senior Health Policy Analyst

Suzanne presented on a pilot project to explore how the Health Care Coordinators can build on their current care coordination activities to support primary care providers to complete opportunistic Well-Child visits by providing documentation of developmental screenings performed at Head Start/ECEAP settings. There is a potential opportunity to build the Head Start/ECEAP and primary care provider partnership in care coordination and service delivery.

- Health Care coordinators who work in Head Start and ECAP must have a public health education background, RN, or a contracted nurse
- Average Head Start children must have 90% completed rate of Well-Child visits
- Suzanne really wants to engage MCOs to build partnerships
- 10% of children are getting screened, but it doesn't apply because the people doing the screenings are not "qualified"
 - Can we change the standard of qualification?

Wants:

1. Help early education sites (ECAPs) bill directly to insurance for eligible services and screenings
2. Bill directly/ facilitate screenings during visits and information sharing, eliminate barriers at the time of the visit
3. Want to look at preventive/developmental screenings, information sharing between providers, and improve the efficiency of Well-Child visits

Suzanne asked the group for their impression/thoughts? Pros/cons? How would this type of project align with the work group and is the work group interested?

Suzanne and her team will create a more in depth and concrete plan of action for the ACEs group to give the requested feedback.

V. Summary and Next Steps

- Next meeting is June 25th, 2018 3:15pm- 4:45pm



- Fairfield Inn and Suites
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