



Sunny Start Evaluation Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, January 7, 2008 1:00 – 2:30

Location: Indiana State Dept. of Health

List of Participants: Michael Conn-Powers (via telephone), Emily Hancock (Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning), Daniel Clendenning, Marian Greene, Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster

Summary of meeting:

After introductions, the committee began to review the latest evaluation report (titled Evaluation Report IV –State Maternal and Child Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant Program – December, 2007). Andrea Wilkes commented that the report is becoming a more useful tool and that the new conclusion page is a positive addition.

Minor cosmetic and or/ typos will be documented in a separate report and e-mailed to Daniel Clendenning so he can make the changes.

Report Discussion Items

General

- ♦ Define what a managed care program is in a footnote. Include information on how we administer it in Indiana and how it compares to other states.
- ♦ Add a paragraph in the introductory section that explains that the evaluation report raises the question on particular trends, but does not necessarily provide an answer as to why.

Access and Utilization of Health Care

- ♦ Indiana's dental rates seem to be low. If there is a trend like this, the evaluation should note that it is an issue; it is up to us to find out why.
- ♦ Compare Indiana's dental rates to national rates for comparison and to show possible trends.
- ♦ RE: Decrease (28%) in enrollment in Children's Special Health Care Services Program – If possible, please include a chart that looks at past years enrollment. – Dr Ganser gave Daniel information on where

to find the data. Daniel will also check the original ECCS Strategic plan as it may be included there.

Source of Payment for Health Care

Information on the new Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) should be included in this section. Emily Hancock will provide Daniel with some statistics on the program.

Resources Support and Development

- ◆ Add information about the developmental calendar to the section on parents understanding their child's development
- ◆ RE: WIC (Women Infant's and Children) Table – Question on 2007 data. Is this estimated data or data based on a fiscal?
- ◆ Obtain national data on expulsions from Deborah Perry to compare with Indiana

Conclusion Page

- ◆ Why the big spike in number of visits to the Early Childhood Meeting Place in June, 2007? Michael Conn-Powers explained that an ad was placed in the Indianapolis Star that month. Michael asked what other things their group could do to increase the number of visits to the site.

Follow Up –

- ◆ Daniel will make all recommended changes possible and send an updated version of the report to Toni. Toni will send the report to the Core Partners along with instructions for them to read it and be prepared to discuss their questions and recommendations at the meeting.
- ◆ RE: Core Partner Survey – Daniel to make minor changes suggested. The document will then be distributed to members of the evaluation committee for comment.