



Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Friday, October 31, 2008 – 1:00 – 3:00

Location: ISDH – 8c

List of Participants: Rylin Rogers, Jennifer Akers (via conf), Darla Cohen, Mary Jo Paladino, Rebecca Kirby (via conf), Cathy Beard (via conf)
Staff: Andrea Wilkes, Toni Harpster

Attachments

Summary of meeting:

Financial Fact Sheets

Sixteen fact sheets have are now completed in draft form. There are six new ones which are available for review today (First Steps, Assistive Technology, Section 504, Resource Organizations, Indiana Autism Mandate and Medicaid Disability. Changes to the new sheets should be sent directly to Mary Jo Paladino by November 15th. Five of the fact sheets have been sent to agencies for vetting and five more are ready to go out. Kate Bowen the Acting Director of Children's will review the document for their agency.

We are considering doing an inexpensive postcard that can be placed in stakeholders offices that explain the Fact Sheets. Toni will send Rylin a link that she has where postcards similar to this can be ordered for a low cost.

Medical Passport for Children with Special Healthcare

The group began with a discussion as to whether we should recommend an already existing version(s) of the passport as it seems that there are some very good options now available. After much discussion it was determined that the group wished to proceed with the Sunny Start Version as much time has already been invested in the project.

The group then began reviewing the draft passport that was developed by About Special Kids. Rebecca Kirby highlighted information that was specific to Children with Special Health Care Needs. The group compared that information to information in the General Passport along with the recommended changes.

There were multiple questions surrounding the general passport and how the passport process would work in general. Andrea reviewed the history of the project and how we got to this point. She explained that the goal was to produce an external storage device that included the passport, at least one addendum and the developmental calendar. This would hopefully be distributed to those in the foster care system. The group decided that it would be helpful to see the General Passport with all the recommended changes prior to creating the addendum for children with special Health Care Needs.

Andrea will try to locate the original artwork for the passport and will send to Cathy Beard. Toni will send the recommended changes that have been submitted and Cathy will try to get a draft put together by the next meeting.

At the next meeting, we will re-visit the addendum for Children with Special Health Care Needs and discuss the draft of the General Passport. The group would also like to see what other addendums are planned.