



Sunny Start Social Emotional Training/Technical Assistance Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Wednesday, October 31, 2007 1:00 – 3:00
Location:	Indiana State Department of Health – Conf. Room 8C
Committee Chair:	Stephan Viehweg and Angela Tomlin
List of Participants:	Anita Allison, Anita Doctor, Judy Ganser, Azar Hadadian, Lois Hutter-Pishgahi, Darlene Kardatzke, Jan Katz, Darlene Logan, Lynne Sturm, Angela Tomlin, Stephan Viehweg Staff Members: Maureen Greer (via telephone) and Toni Harpster
Attachments	

Summary of meeting:

Dr. Ganser opened the meeting with introductions and proceeded with the first agenda item.

Agenda Item #1 – S/E Training Analysis Survey Update

The group reviewed the latest version of the survey and after some discussion decided that the wording on item two (Is attendance of the intended audience required?) needed to be changed. It was also suggested that “Distance Learning” and “Web Based” be added as a modality. All proposed changes were documented and will be sent to Maureen Greer to update the document. The committee agreed that they did not need to see the document again as the recommended changes are minimal.

Once the document is in final form, it will be sent to the Bureau of Mental Health where it will be transferred to their survey software. When that is complete, it will be sent to those entities listed on the Sunny Start Social-Emotional Training Matrix for completion. The goal is to have this distributed by the end of the year.

Steve Viehweg agreed to write a draft of a cover letter that will go out with the survey explaining the purpose of the survey. He will use the same language that is in the narrative of the Consensus Statement as a basis and will confer with Maureen Greer.

Agenda Item #2 – Training Activities for the Current Year

The group began by listing ideas for future training. The focus on the training should be sustainability, or something that can continue if the Sunny

Start Project ends. Ideas for training included:

- ◆ Another 5 day Institute for Mental Health Professionals
- ◆ Web Based Module on Social Emotional Development in young children
- ◆ Adding another day to the Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health Conference
- ◆ Regional Trainings/Meetings that are incorporated into an existing entity so people can learn more about what resources exist in their local community

The group also discussed possibilities for their target audience which include:

- ◆ Mental Health Professionals
- ◆ Physicians
- ◆ Nurses
- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Child Care Providers
- ◆ First Steps Providers
- ◆ Head Start Personnel
- ◆ Pre-School Teachers
- ◆ Health Families Home Visitors
- ◆ CPS Workers
- ◆ Foster Parents and those who train them

After much discussion, the group concluded that adding another day to the Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health (IAITMH) would be cost effective as many from their target audience would be in attendance and it would save money on registration, etc. Angela Tomlin will lead the planning committee for this and will solicit help if needed.

The committee also agreed that in addition to adding the day to the IAITMH conference, it would be beneficial to proceed with some type of regional training to benefit parents, foster parents, Child Protective Services workers, and others in the level one competency segment, from all areas of the state. Jan Katz agreed to chair the "regional committee". Jan will begin looking into what groups are currently meeting in different regions so that we won't have to re-create the wheel when it comes to planning, logistics, etc. The curriculum should be identified based on gaps that surface as a result of the survey and most likely an existing module can be used. The outcome(s) of the training will be to:

- ◆ increase the knowledge about child development, and more specifically social emotional development in young children
- ◆ Give participants information on when and where to get help in their local community.
- ◆ Help communities to develop a local network for support around social and emotional issues in young children.

Discussion on the topic of regional trainings will continue via conference call with Judy Ganser, Jan Katz, Angela Tomlin, and Maureen Greer in the near

future. The outcome of this discussion will be shared with the group prior to the next meeting.

Next Steps

- ◆ Survey will be modified and put into survey software with the target distribution date being the end of 2007.
- ◆ Steve Viehweg will draft a cover letter which will be distributed with the survey
- ◆ Angela Tomlin will work on adding a second day to the IAITMH Conference and will solicit help from the group if needed
- ◆ Jan Katz will chair the regional training committee and will meet via conf call with team to continue coming up with strategies for making this happen.
- ◆ The next meeting will be scheduled for early 2008.