



Sunny Start Evaluation Committee Meeting Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 7, 2010 – 1:00-2:45
Location:	ISDH 8C
Participants:	Missy Hahn, David Roos, Michael Conn–Powers, Emily, Sarah Paterson
Staff:	Judith Ganser, Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer, Rylin Rodgers

Summary of meeting:

IYI

The new project evaluators were introduced and provided information about their backgrounds and experience.

- Sarah Patterson is in charge of IYI’s Kids Counts Annual Data Book. Her background is as a sociologist with a Masters degree from IUPUI.
- Emily Crowser does monthly issue alerts and briefs on childhood well-being and data requests from any entity working with youth in the state. Her Masters degree is from the IUPUI Center on Philanthropy.

State of the Young Hoosier Child Report

The project evaluators led a discussion of the report:

- The addition of the descriptor “young” will help distinguish this report from the existing IYI data book. This information will be accessible to staff, advocates and the public.
- The 0-5 population tends to be “pre-institution” data points which mean less data is available at the local level.
- Many indicators will only have information at the state level so a report will include information about how data could be gathered at the local level, as well as an identification of the holes in data and information.
- The report will start with an executive summary of the highlights the importance of this work and information; each indicator will include a description of its importance.
- Dr. Shonkoff at Harvard has some information on the critical nature of this information and his work could inform what the factors we should be including are.

- Which of the previously identified indicators will be included in the report will be shared as an update on what information can and will be included at Core Partners.
- There is significant interest in addressing better data tracking across early childhood systems in our state. This growing awareness may help increase available of data on the indicators in the future.
- In 2007 a new birth certificate was started in Indiana. Training on the local level is underway to ensure that its important information is collected.
- The Medicaid data is helpful. It may inform some of the indicators and can be included as appropriate.

Committee members discussed whether there are other people who can be invited to Core Partners to be aware of the report? And how will we promote and provide PR about this new resource/report? Would a press conference be a good launch?

This data contained in the report will drive the focus of Sunny Start on issues for the future. It will be important to stay true to the scope of the report to maintain its effectiveness. It will be important to ensure this information and connected documents are posted on the Sunny Start website and the Early Childhood Meeting Place.

The redesign of the ISSIS system will have an impact many of the programs that impact the population highlighted in this report.

Follow-up:

- Andrea will connect Ted Maple (Ted.Maple@uwci.org, former Evaluation Committee member) with the IYI staff about the United Way School Readiness report.
- Maureen will send the Home Visiting Needs Assessment.
- Michael will send data on First Steps.
- Andrea will contact Dana to see who might be a good DOE representative to participate in the Evaluation Committee.

Sunny Start Evaluation Report

The evaluation will be simple, clear and focused. The report will address both outputs and outcomes from programs we impact. This report will highlight the success of Sunny Start in a concrete way.

The State of the Young Hoosier Child will provide a nice statewide view to support the more focused evaluation report. How to frame the issues may be domains, work groups or goals. Emily will be conducting one-on-one conversations to focus the evaluation and have a better understanding of the history or the program and the role of each of our partners. We will share with Core Partners that Emily will be contacting individuals for conversation.

Follow-up:

- Andrea will share ECCS applications and reports from the last three years and the Title 5 needs assessment.
- Maureen will look for the first year's application to share.

Andrea shared the impact Sunny Start has had on Infant and Toddler Mental Health and how this is now part of the block grant application as an example of the outcomes and outputs of Sunny Start.

Previously federal performance measures of ECCS have been infrastructure building to date; future federal outcomes may impact what we include in the evaluation report.

Altarum Institute is doing a national ECCS evaluation; it is not clear when this report will be published. The committee will support the process by giving comments as we go along. It would be helpful to have clear timelines and cutoff for requested data.

OMPP data should be requested from Missy via Christian Moore. It may be necessary to add extra time to our March meeting.