



## Sunny Start Medical Home Committee Meeting

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>         | Thursday, August 23 , 2007 8:00 – 10:00  |
| <b>Location:</b>             | Riley Hospital   |
| <b>List of Participants:</b> | Julia Brillhart, Judith Ganser, Darlene Kardatzke, Kim Minniear, Lynne Sturm, Julia Tipton-Hogan, Maureen Greer, Toni Harpster |

**Summary of meeting:**

The meeting began with introductions by Dr. Judith Ganser. Kim Minniear, a new committee member from the State Department of Health described her role and integrating systems of care. Following the introductions, the group began with agenda item number one.

**Agenda Item #1 – Preliminary Results of Physicians Survey**

Dr. Kardatzke shared the findings of the survey regarding developmental and social and emotional screening that was distributed to Primary Health Care Providers. Unfortunately, the response to the survey was less than what was expected. However, setting that aside, the survey indicates that people in practice would like more training in developmental screening. Lynne Sturm asked if we could find out who is actually providing the primary care for children birth through age five. Is it primary family practitioners, or pediatricians?

Based on the survey results, the group thinks that a multiple approach to training primary care providers on developmental screening including on-line, cd, teleconference would be best. Dr. Ganser stated that she will check with Indiana University to look at the asthma training that was funded by the State Dept. of Health to see if we can incorporate what they have learned into what we can do in the future. Dr. Kardatzke will check to see what type of training is already being done for primary care providers in this area.

The group also discussed working with a medical practice that already does developmental and specifically social and emotional screening to see how they incorporate it into their practice. Maureen Greer will check with DeKalb County and Toni Harpster will check with pediatric and family practice in Hancock County as it is believed it is being done there. Julia Brillhart will

check with Don Trainer and Dr. Ganser will Check with Dawn Haut on what is being done in their practices as well.

### **Item #2 – Role of Committee in relation to other Sunny Start Initiatives**

The group discussed continued pursuit of supporting developmental and specifically social and emotional screening in the medical home as it ties directly to what is being done in the way of social and emotional training for providers by the Sunny Start Training and Technical Assistance Committee. This will be the focus along with support for the concept of a medical home in general. - - In managed care, Medicaid has increased the amount of reimbursement for the medical home. Julia Brillhart suggested that if this is specified more clear in the contracts, more would be done in practices to support the medical home concept.

To help support this, it was suggested that we find a physician that currently is a champion for medical home. Physicians need to learn how to document this properly and how to bill for it. She will discuss this with Dr. Marilyn Bull from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The goal of the committee is make sure that there is an infrastructure in place regarding supporting the concept of medical home once the Sunny Start funding is gone.

### **Next Steps-**

Based on the results of the physician's survey, members of the committee are asked to research ways to provide training to primary care providers on the importance and implementation of developmental and social-emotional screening for young children. Members are also asked to research what is already being done in this area so that we do not duplicate efforts that are already out there.

The group will also look at providing support for the concept of medical home by looking into clarifying ways to bill for it and by educating families and providers on the importance.

Dr. Ganser suggested that the group meet again in November or December and that we focus on these two topics.