

Local Leadership Group Notes
7.6.2016 12:30pm-2:30pm
Harley Franks Educational Center

Members Present Michelle Nicholson, Jamie Yeomans, Christina Redmond, Dorothy Cooks, Isa Solis, Emily Brewer, Kelly Uhlmann, Jodi Spicer, Kristen Donnelly, Fran Jozefowicz, Jessica Baker

Parent Recruitment/Meeting Structure

How can we make meetings more parent friendly in the next fiscal year? This will be discussed until October implementation.

Should we move back to the Family Growth Center? Should we consider a time change is the early afternoon time hard for parents? What would it look like to meet in the morning from (an example time given was 9:30-11:30)

Should phone conferencing be an option? How do we incorporate different levels of involvement? Will this facilitate engagement and “count” towards reporting?

Should we split the meeting into two parts (1 hour business/1 hour parent work)

There was discussion about sending notes in the mail, a small gift for new changes such as a new job or life transition, and a regular schedule for a staff member to make montly care calls to check in on families.

Wendy’s email blast has been deemed valuable; LLG members have been using it, Effie has forwarded it to parents because of the information inside the email. It was brought up that we should ask if we can add the current parents to the GSC email group so they can be looped in to current email blast.

There should be a loop that connects parents who attend play group parent cafe to have the home visitor mention LLG.

The HulaFrog blogger could be a “spotlight” as well as any other resource friendly worker for parents and LLG members would also benefit to take back the information to their programs.

In addition, there was discussion around creating standing agenda items for new format that would be discussed every LLG meeting:

1. Dialogue and open discussion about the current or recent home visiting program . A parent or staff member can give monthly highlights on programs and tie it to question used for parent café each meeting.
2. Social connection/engagement support questions would be asked each meeting. Some examples given were: Where do you get support? Where do you seek out support? Who is in your support circle? What do you value? Are there any barriers or resources, stressors, or missing pieces you need taken care of right now?
3. Parent Voice/parent story that will be documented such as photo voice project/story telling (check in with MC)

There could be a parent hot seat where problem solving occurs but this could be overwhelming/intimidating. Bryn Fortune has an exercise that may be helpful in place of this for problem solving. Effie will talk to Naiamah about different parent engagement activities to incorporate into meetings.

PMDD Training Update

Houston we have a training day! Date confirmed 9/16/16 9:30-2pm Grace United Methodist Church. A flyer will be available next LLG meeting. The speaker is Nancy Roberts from Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids. Nursing contact hours will be available (3.5).

HFA Outreach Update Jodi Spicer

HFA had site visit and it's been confirmed there is a much more limited scope for the program to city of Lansing for families to participate. HFA is making the request to get the audience broadened based on the new community needs assessment to ISD area instead of exclusively Lansing.

Right now, HFA will enroll a pregnant mom or baby under 3 months of age, and have 2 or more risk factors while living in the city of Lansing.

Summer Place is an outreach point to share flyer and info. Language barrier could be there so there may be some issues with communication.

How do we help with coordination as an LLG to aid both EHS and HFA to fill program slots? HFA is probably more of a focus because EHS is well known.

HFA Pinehurst Townhomes, Waverly Park, La Roy Froh, all the Jolly and Waverly 2 of them are 48911 Early Headstart needs to target

Jodi will loop back with people who took posters and see if we need to order more. Kristen will connect others outside of HFA service area through CareHub.

Dana Watson is coordinating from health department outreach table events and will put info out to all the different programs including HFA.

General Updates

Kristen Donnelly shared the CHAP program can accept community referrals from any doctor office.

There was a wonderfully done healthy start update packet and Isa Solis shared that three community health workers cannot serve 499 families. Right now priority is pregnant moms and kids under a year old. Goal is to transfer families out and there will be future discussion about gaps between programs and how that need can be met. The most recent document with program lists and limitations will be shared at a future meeting with conversations about what the community needs for gaps.