

## AECCC Full Council 13 January 2016

### Attendees:

Commissioner Hanley, DEED

Anji Gallanos, DEED

Abbe Hensley, Best Beginnings

Debby Baldwin, RuralCAP/Headstart

Stephanie Berglund, Thread

Dee Foster, Anchorage Community Mental Health

Gail Trujillo, Alaska Infant Learning Association

Sherrell Holtshouser, DPH Nurse Consultant Nurse Family Partnership

Monica Luther, ILP

Marcey Bish, DPA Childcare Assistance

Veronica Plumb, UAF

Christina Hulquist, DPA Childcare Assistance

Matt Hirschfeld, South Central Foundation

Brian Holst, Juneau Economic Development Council

Gennifer Moreau, OCS, ECCSP

### UPDATES:

- Commissioner Hanley update: Pre-K program defunded, Parents as Teachers budget zeroed out. State budget cuts minimizing children's exposure to early learning opportunities. Trend appears to be that if a program did not exist ten years ago it is likely to be cut. However, the federal government re-authorized No Child Left Behind revised as Ever Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA provides opportunities to leverage federal funds for early learning, and Anji/DEED are pursuing federal grant opportunities under ESSA. In order to bid competitively for grants AECCC will play a role, QRIS, ELG, and SEED will be important. Data sets for the impact of early childhood learning on school success are needed, and the indicators need to align with standards and assessments.
- Matt Hirschfeld/SCF update: SCF expanding pediatric clinic, addition of therapies PT/OT, Speech. Working with Stephanie Birch (DPH) on state wide neuro-developmental program targeting autism, TBI. Formal partnership with Ronald McDonald house, expanded pediatric unit bringing in women with high risk pregnancy. Alaska pediatric partnership emphasizing ACEs and focusing on child abuse prevention and supporting families. Sitka piloting a positive parenting program. "Help Me Grow" active case management through a grant from DPH and MHT. Alaska Pediatric Association meets with legislators in February.

- Brian Holst/Juneau Economic and Development: Private sector working with Joy Lyon AEYC to leverage municipal funding sources (Juneau). Feb 8 and 9 economic summit. Focus on Return on Investment for early learning. Karen Pittman presenting on youth investment will attend the forum. Collective Impact collaboration work ongoing with business community. Working with suicide prevention network in JNU. Delivering innovation speeches on ACEs.
- Stephanie Berglund/Thread: Distributed Economic Impact of Early Care and Learning Report issued by McDowell Group. Thread hosted the economic summit. Commissioner Hanley and Davidson supported the study. Images from the report are available for use. The report can be used to demonstrate critical impact of early care. Technical assistance is available from the federal office of childcare services for further analysis of cost models, true cost of care, and market price study of providing childcare. Update on Omnibus Bill and impact to childcare. Childcare Development Block Grant has new regulations on screening. Updates on ongoing Thread projects: childcare referral website, pilot program with state council on the arts, obesity prevention. Alaska IN! transitioned case management from Thread to CCPO. SEED and ROOTS in last 18 months of grant. Discussion of increasing requests for behavioral supports and professional outreach for high needs behaviors. Rep. Tarr a possible sponsor for a legislative lunch and learn.
- Abbe Hensley/Best Beginnings: 2016 legislative priorities due, priorities may be the same as last year. Advocacy group meets every Friday. Caren Robinson and Alaska Children's Trust meeting in JNU in February. Other February meetings include Head Start and AFN Abbe will be presenting to them. Policy development underway with a focus on policies to support families and children that do not cost money. A policy focus is a connected data system for EC. Best Beginnings funding cut from \$900,000 to \$300,000. Down to 3 staff. Partnering with ARISE, 90 by 2020, and United Way.
- Debbie Baldwin/RuralCAP and Headstart: New omnibus bill increase head start funding. Headstart also received the first COLA increase in years. Sen. Lisa Murkowski is monitoring Head Start services. Headstart working with childcare programs on professional development strategies. Parents As Teachers runs through Headstart, has 17 requirements and 75 additional standards with mandatory monitoring for fidelity. Four state grantees doing PATs. RuralCAP looking in to telehealth strategies to support families.
- ANJI/DEED: ESSA update – early learning not called out specifically but appears frequently throughout the Act as an embedded priority. Federal guidance forthcoming, but at first read ESSA appears to offer state greater flexibility in early learning funding. Emphasis on including early learning and enhancing transitioning services for children from Part C to Part B. Discussion of collaborative effort required between DHSS and DEED for pre-school development grants. Action plan forthcoming.
- Monica Luther/Infant Learning Program: Part C Coordinator position hiring authorized and recruiting will begin soon. ILP moving to SDS. ILP focus on social emotional development of children. Systems improvement plan is in phase 2. ILP has high turn-over for staff in rural areas. The Governor's Council funds professional development for ILP staff. ASQ administered by ILP.

- Gail Turujillo/AILPA: Target is ages 0 – 3. Target population has shifted from children experiencing disabilities to a focus on children who have experienced child abuse or trauma. This results in needs around attachment and regulation. AILPA continues involvement in Alaska Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health initiative. Beginning to endorse people who meet competencies and goal is to have ILP providers endorsed at level 2.
- Dee Foster/ACMH: Largest community mental health center in Alaska. Serves 2 – 12 year olds. Work with Alaska Trauma Center. Added a classroom for 2-3 year olds. Uses ARC model: Attachment Regulation Competency. Partnering with MHT and Thread on professional development and MH consultation. Has a grant to train mental health providers in trauma related care. ACMHS does 2 intensives per year training on the ARC model and will do assessments of classrooms and individual children.
- Sherrell Holtshouser/DPH: Reported on Maternal Child Health nurse consulting program, such as newborn hearing screenings. Also updated for Help Me Grow program, and Nurse Family Partnership, home visits for first time pregnant women from 28 weeks to 2 years. Healthy Start in the North Slope coming to end of grant, and looking to transition to Tribal Targeted Case Management. Update on Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT).
- Veronica Plumb/UAF: Reported on full classes in early childhood development. Program is currently in a review year. Learn and Grow is an Alaska quality improvement project and is in phase 1. Thread has information about Learn and Grow on Thread website. SEED and Administrators credentialing program endorsed by school boards.
- Christina Hulquist/Learn and Grow: Phase 1 rollout in July 2016. This will include levels 1 & 2 including compliance in childcare licensing and enrollment in SEED registry. Competency training for administrators to support success for the program.
- Marcey Bish/DPA: New CDBG law includes core competency trainings. DPA regulation package forthcoming revising licensing regulations. Also moving to 12 month eligibility for assistance. DPA focus is “child focused, family friendly and provider fair.”
  - *A question was raised by the group about childcare assistance funded through OCS. Apparently providers have been trouble getting paid in instances where a child moves to different foster families.*

#### ACTION NEEDED:

Need to get approval from Commissioner Hanley and Commissioner Davidson to break out tasks (such as by-laws) to sub-committees.

Post Economic Impact study on AECCC website and livebinder.

#### NEXT MEETINGS:

April 28 (web-ex)

July 28

November 3