



**ESSENTIALS FOR CHILDHOOD  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 16, 2017  
2 PM TO 4 PM**

Meeting Notes

**2:00 – 2:05**            **Introductions**  
Michelle Ries

**2:05 – 2:10**            **Vision and Strategy Review, Intro to new NCIOM website**

Michelle provided a brief review of the Essentials for Childhood vision and mission and presented the new NCIOM website, including where to find all Essentials for Childhood meeting materials, Task Force recommendations, and other resources.

**2:10 – 2:30**            **Working Group and Other Activities Updates and Planning**

Steering Committee reviewed updates as listed below. Catherine also discussed the upcoming issue of the North Carolina Medical Journal. Co-sponsored by Essentials for Childhood, this issue will focus on childhood trauma and community prevention strategies. The issue will be guest edited by Kelly Kimple (Section Chief, Women’s and Children’s Health Section, Division of Public Health) and Susan Kansagra (Section Chief, Chronic Disease and Injury, Division of Public Health).

Evidence-Based Practices Work Group:

The Evidence-based Programs Work Group is working to increase support for aligning evaluation and RFP processes across agencies and organizations, starting with a home visiting program pilot project.

The work group will provide comments and feedback to the Department of Health and Human Services re: development of a plan to implement Medicaid coverage for home visiting programs for pregnant women and families with young children (NCGA SB429 2017).

As of last meeting in September, group came to consensus: Continue to focus on alignment, but with initial draft of proposal to focus on planning, readiness & assessment, capacity building, & sustainability planning – included in RFP funding. Next steps include:  
NCIOM to follow up with group members on 5 bullet points; NCIOM will compile into cohesive document that aligns with group members’ thinking.  
Build this document into broader strategy for leadership buy in and outreach on implementation science and implementation of EBPs across state agencies, private funders, etc.  
NCIOM to revise work group logic model to reflect adjusted goal and strategies  
CJ to speak with DPH leadership about this strategy

### Pathways to Grade Level Reading and Strategies for Shared Measurement

Working with Pathways measures to identify shared measures for Essentials for Childhood – see exercise later.

### Pathways - Data Action Team

NCIOM will be working with NCECF to facilitate a gaps analysis re: data collection for Pathways. Scope of work includes:

- Facilitate a gaps analysis process that reviews what data we have and what data we are missing. For each missing measure or each measure that has only poor quality data, the Agenda will include:
  - Why it is not available/poor quality
  - How it could be collected/improved
  - Who would collect it/improve it (agency)
  - What that would take (resources – time, money, personnel)
  - What would need to happen to trigger data collection (e.g., legislation, agreement with state agency)
- Make recommendations to the Data Advisory Council on prioritization of data collection/improvement.

### Trauma Informed Practices Work Group

We held the first meeting of this group on 10/4, focusing on sharing best practices and innovations and starting to develop consensus and recommendations around common language. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9 and will focus on evaluation processes and challenges and opportunities for dissemination.

### Children's Cabinet Discussion:

On July 28, NCIOM convened a group of over 30 stakeholders to discuss potential models and strategies for the development of a state-level leadership body to lead policy decisions for child and family serving agencies and organizations. The goal of this meeting was to develop a shared understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of such a body, a shared vision for the optimal structure for North Carolina, and consensus on next steps of the discussion. Stakeholders, including representatives from state agencies, philanthropic partners, advocacy organizations, and family/youth representatives, reviewed models from other states, participated in an environmental scan to identify existing groups with similar or overlapping goals, and identified challenges in the state that may necessitate a cross-system leadership body. Participants discussed potential benefits, roles, structure, and charge of a statewide leadership body.

The Child Well-Being Transformation Council (established by S.L. 2017-41 / H630) was discussed as a starting point for development. In the course of this discussion, participants raised several concerns and suggested considerations for strengthening the Council and clarifying its scope and goals.

The following considerations summarize common themes that emerged as opportunities to build upon the Child Well-Being Transformation Council's vision to promote child and family well-being across the state:

- Common mission and vision
- Defined scope of work and flexible action plan
- Diversity of membership
- Process for involving local communities
- Dedicated staff
- Relationship with existing initiatives
- Cross-system data-sharing
- Aligning public and private funding

Collective Impact Learning Network, Jordan Institute of Social Work, UNC-CH  
Michelle and Anne continue to participate in the Collective Impact Learning Network.

#### Violence Against Children Survey

We received word from Allen Dellepenna that the CDC would like NC to be involved in the pilot launch of this survey going forward. At an earlier meeting, DHHS and other stakeholders identified Essentials for Childhood/NCIOM as a potential good fit for convening a stakeholder advisory group to inform the CDC's launch of this survey in NC. Adam, Michelle, and Anne will be speaking with Greta Masseti, CDC PI for the survey, on October 20, to discuss the scope and goals of this convening, whether we would be a good fit for the work, and next steps/timeline.

#### Child Fatality Task Force

On Oct. 10, Adam and Meghan presented to the Intentional Death Committee of the CFTF on the link between childhood trauma and opiate use and encouraged the committee and broader task force to recommend expanded "upstream" prevention strategies, in addition to current action items re: opiate use.

### **2:30 – 3:00                      Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina: Policy Update** Sharon Hirsch, Karla Buitrago

Sharon and Karla presented on PCANC's policy strategy and community child maltreatment prevention plans. The committee discussed next steps for community engagement, strategies, and the ways that PCANC's policy strategy aligns with Essentials for Childhood's activities.

### **3:00 – 3:55                      Exercise and Discussion: Shared Measures for Essentials for Childhood**

Goal: To map Pathways measures to CDC Essentials for Childhood outcomes, NC Essentials goals, and Task Force recommendation, in order to inform prioritization of these measures and development of concise set of metrics to evaluate progress on Essentials for Childhood goals.



Group members broke into pairs, and each pair discussed 10-12 of previously-identified measures and prioritize which are most relevant to Essentials for Childhood. Evaluation criteria included relevance to CDC long/short term outcomes of initiative, and direct/indirect connection to Task Force recommendations.

**3:55 – 4:00**

**Next Steps and Scheduling**