

**ESSENTIALS FOR CHILDHOOD
EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS WORKING GROUP
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
1 pm to 3 pm**

Purpose of today's meeting: to discuss what's needed to inform DMA proposal for Medicaid coverage of home visiting; discuss next steps for alignment process and brainstorm revised strategies for information-gathering and convening

INTRODUCTIONS

REVIEW OF CDC LOGIC MODEL AND EBP WORKING GROUP STRATEGY AND DISCUSSION

Strategy: Increase support for aligning evaluation and RFP processes across agencies and organizations; develop proposal for aligned RFP and evaluation process.
Goals identified: wiser spending of resources, enabling programs to better serve their clients or serve additional clients, ease data sharing, and encourage broader community attribution.

The group reviewed the current work group logic model and tabled further discussion until following the rest of the meeting.

INFORMING DMA'S PROPOSED PLAN FOR MEDICAID COVERAGE OF HOME VISITING:

Questions to answer:

What's needed? (review of items listed in budget)

How can we help?

Who has this information and/or how can we get it?

Division of labor

Timeline

The group discussed the language in the current NCGA budget and identified next steps for informing DHHS/DMA development of a proposed plan.

Discussion Notes:

- Defining "consistent with NFP" – doesn't have to be the same model, evidence-based model consistent with the tenets of NFP, existing NFP programs can continue & bill Medicaid
 - Model Elements – has to be a nurse in the home visit? Would be an issue in rural areas – main difference from HFA (curriculums also somewhat different, but similar content)
- Per Kristin O'Connor (DSS): Next step is establishing a pilot (1) to cover for home visiting by Medicaid/NC Health Choice.
- Local partnerships need time to plan funding.
- Partnership – DMA & SHEPS – research and evaluation, funded by federal match dollars.

- Pay for Success Initiatives (6)
 - Look at SC
 - Get April & Chris Bishop to talk about their work in SC
 - Jeff's group has a project in Spartanburg, SC too.
- Contribute to Item (4) on Private Funding
 - Meaning? Private funding as the State Match?
 - Implications for private funders who have funds freed up by Medicaid coverage?
 - Covering non-Medicaid patients? Starting with pregnancy – mothers likely to be eligible (200%)
 - Child's eligibility/mother's eligibility driving the program eligibility?
- Best way to frame these recommendations?
 - Followed up with SPM, referred NCIOM to Dave Richard, haven't heard back. Need to follow up with DMA re: offer of help with proposal
- Is there overlap with CCNC pregnancy medical home? What are distinctions between eligibility, etc?
- Caveats about sustainability, and exploration of other models re: continuum of home visiting

Next Steps for EBP work group members:

- Follow up with Nancy Henley at DMA about interpreting “consistent with NFP” and definition of (2) terminology. –Michelle Ries
- Recommend using NFP for pilot? (not something new) Other EBPs?
 - Desired outcomes? Heavy lift, programs don't do all of these things.
 - Use the pilot program to identify successful strategies to be used when expanding
- Education on difference in program models needed?
 - Time before November?
- Identify some existing NFP sites to recommend? Don't defeat the opportunity posed by the pilot by implementing program & Medicaid funding simultaneously.
 - April mentioned 2 good rural candidates – Michelle to follow up with April post-meeting
 - Recommend other models? Would need to get Chris involved in the conversation? No – encourage exploration with PAT & HFA after the pilot. “While its important to understand the financing, important to recognize the need for a continuum of programs to meet these outcomes.”
- Acknowledge that NFP doesn't meet all of these benchmark outcomes as listed in budget language? MIECHV programs have to meet these even though they weren't designed to meet these.
- Recommend that eligibility for service determined by child's Medicaid eligibility after birth rather than mother – include some stats about drop off after birth & implications for payment
- Michelle – will draft recommendations and work with follow up with DMA
- Adam – will follow up with Dave Richard to get best protocol for offering the resource. (Copy Kate Berrien)

ALIGNMENT OF EVALUATION AND RFP: BRAINSTORM

Discussion Questions – Review draft of questions for funders

Other strategies for achieving these goals?

Suggestions: qualitative data through interviews; NCIOM and/or DPH convening of funders and program staff; webinar discussion of funders’ questions and/or proposed alignment strategies

Revision of timeline for achieving this goal

Discussion Notes:

- How to start getting similar information in replacement of the Home Visiting Summit?
- Select a different type of program from Home Visiting given recent activity in legislature?
- Catherine talked with TripleP...
- TripleP leadership group – representatives from funders – NCPC, local partnership, DPH – meets quarterly
- Incredible Years – didn’t understand the connection?
- Identifying outcome & process evaluation metrics?
- Other Options like TripleP?
- Still an evaluation & RFP alignment?
- Reinstate the type of collaboration experienced with IY?
- Loop in Zita – Catharine ask Marshall
- PCA engaged with FPG to build implementation support capacity
- Kristin convening internal meeting at DHHS to discuss investment in Triple P
- Opportunities:
 - Aligned RFP
 - Intensive in-home model?
 - Child welfare reform requiring adoption of child welfare practice model (in home service model) 18-19 focus on exploration to identify a model that fits well; intensive family preservation services currently guided by home builders model, eb but not being implemented with fidelity, what other intensive in-home models could we provide implementation support – this one an RFA initiative 4-7Million to invest
 - CW families found in need of services
 - Opportunity to expand community response program
- Consider other things on our list that we could have a greater impact?

Group 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.

- Planning period paired with a longer funding cycle
- Ask everyone to develop 5 bullet points for priorities to include in this proposal. NCIOM will compile into draft 1 page proposal for further refinement.
- Identify who this proposal is to – DHHS, funders? – TDE will adapt what the state does for this
- What has been the roadblock?

- Who needs to be looped in?
- Helping state folks know how to write expansion requests that include planning period
- Educating lawmakers around planning period necessary – i.e., November 1st deadline for Home visiting bill, unreasonable
- Need to revisit educating state agency leadership on implementation science.
- Federal funding provides some of the timing flexibility – except Susan reported 90 day implementation timeframe, state funding is on such a fast annual timetable that this feels impossible
- Get some traction with Cross-System Work Group
- How to support agencies facing 90 day planning/implementation periods?
 - Strategies for supporting in less than ideal situations?
 - KC Families Compression Planning Process?

Next steps:

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

ESSENTIALS FOR CHILDHOOD: UPDATE ON WORK GROUPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Trauma Informed Practices Work Group

Children's Cabinet Discussion

Pathways to Grade-Level Reading: Data Action Team and Data Advisory Council

CDC activities – webinars, collective impact evaluation, technical assistance – anything from the group that we need?

Others?

Michelle Ries gave an updated on other Essentials for Childhood ongoing activities and upcoming work.

REVIEW OF PENDING LEGISLATION – UPDATES

Budget Items related to Essentials goals

Group reviewed August 2017 newsletter listing of budget items related to Essentials goals and recommendations.

NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULING

NCIOM will send Doodle poll to schedule work group meetings through end of 2017 (approx. every 6 weeks).