

Strengthening Families Leadership Team Meeting –3/18/2014

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Members present: Dr. Shepherd, Tal Curry, Lisa Lee, Beth Jordan, Kristy Briggs, Tammie Isenberg, Amy Cooper-Puckett, Paula Goff, Paula Woodworth, Judy Schroeder, Shaun Murphy, Brooke Gill, Joel Griffith, Amanda Flannery, Joe Roberts, Carol Cecil, and MaryBeth Jackson. Each member discussed what brings them here and keeps them engaged in SF.

A. Welcome & Introductions- Dr. Ruth Ann Shepherd

- a. Almost a year ago, March 27, 2013, the first meeting of the leadership team was called together by Terry Tolan to explore if KY wanted to develop a cross-agency initiative for Strengthening Families. The group reviewed the history of family support in Kentucky early childhood collaborations
 1. Half of our families are not in any kind of setting at all
 2. Child Abuse rates are very high in Kentucky
 3. Toxic stress levels and ACEs explain a lot about why these children and families need better supports from agencies and communities.
- b. What has gone well?
 1. Support from many State agencies
 2. Good progress over a short period of time
 3. The energy level and dedication of this group
 4. Everyone sees how it fits and no discussion of an added burden
 5. Necessary discussions done to develop the mission and vision, coming to a shared common agenda.
 6. This team collectively has driven the effort and we are moving forward upon agreed ideas.
 7. We are all still here
 8. Positivity, and all contributing, establishing a sound foundation that we can build upon and aid with sustainability.
- c. Strategic Planning Meeting- Values/Goals/Mission (please see D: Integrated Systems Workgroup)

B. RTT Update- Joe Roberts

- a. RTT Early Learning Challenge Grant: SF was a perfect strategy to support this grant moving forward. RTT, Joe will track progress. March 31st they will tell their partners what they are doing with SF. A staff member has been allocated to coordinate Strengthening Families for RTT, but not sure when that will unfold.

C. Brief Workgroup reports-

1. **Sharepoint site for Strengthening Families is under development but not ready to use yet. Members of the leadership team will get an email when it is ready with instructions on how to access the site. We will have a training at a future Leadership Team meeting. This will make sharing information among and between workgroups easier.**
2. **Messaging/Awareness Workgroup- Diana Koonce /Tal Curry**
 - a. 8 Focus Groups, 138 members total. Hoping for message to be available for April 1st Prevent Child Abuse Month and Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in May.
 - b. Look at putting this language into family friendly terms.

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- c. Any agency that might have staff who could help develop marketing and logo for KYSF, we would welcome that input.

3. Family Informed Systems/Family Support- Laura Beard

- a. Met on March 10, 1-4PM, FRSKYs, First Steps
- b. Reviewed their steps
- c. Parents Advisory Board-discussed qualities they are seeking in this membership
- d. Who will PAB report to?, etc. Logistic questions will need to be discussed with the Leadership Team

4. Training & Technical Support- Brooke Gill

- a. Focused on this two day training first – will use this to “field test” the training materials so that we can develop the official KY SF training later
- b. Discussed fine line between keeping the motivation going and also track presentations.
- c. Taking pieces and parts and embed them into already established presentations currently occurring.
- d. Attempting to decide how to collect and track data.
- e. Focus of next group, “What kind of Buzz have you heard?”
- f. Haven’t decided on technical assistance yet.
- g. At what point does it become SF training? How much needs to be SF?
- h. MaryBeth discussed ECS TRIS and how to log-in and be identified as a provider and she is willing to offer that for SF.
- i. Is there something we want to do to qualify training as SF training? Feel that everything builds from SF best practices and should be embedded in all trainings that touch families. Aligned with and promote SF. Need to do a master train the trainers. How do we measure that participants learned the information?
- j. Discussed fidelity checks to measure progress.
- k. Dr. Minish discussed GA experience with SF training for their QRIS system. Since Jan 2012, Quality Rated System (QR System) SF was embedded when QR first started, Online Overview Course which they then receive points for per staff member who takes it. They are using the National Self- Assessment Tools, which have seven tools total. It’s all online and we could do so with our TRAIN system. Possibility of a YouTube Video for trainings. Parent Cafes training could also be put on YouTube.
- l. Start making a list of things of what we need right now. (“I wish I had this”)

5. Shared Measurement Evaluation System- Tom Lottman

- a. Patty Clark, Terry Tolan, and Tom Lottman
- b. Discussion about how is evaluation a part of all the work groups. Isn’t really looking at a long extensive measurement, Two things: Knowledge Acquisition and how to utilize that.
- c. Collective Impact Model- Want to measure what is happening across all agencies and the collaboration piece of the System of Care changes.

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6. Integration of Concepts into Organizational Cultures- Joe Roberts
 - a. Joe has asked for a replacement to chair group
 - b. From the Strategic Planning meeting in January, this “workgroup” tasks were the Leadership Team tasks, so the Leadership Team is functioning as this workgroup

- D. **Integrated Systems Workgroup/Leadership Team-** A small group has worked on the “values” and “guiding principles” lists that were a page long still needed to be refined from the strategic planning meeting. The condensed version of the lists were on the agenda and reviewed by the group. Everyone agreed to move forward with these as they are written:

We have a shared commitment to:

- Promoting strong families and healthy development for families prenatally through age five
- Partnering with all families and celebrating differences
- Using protective factors as a strengths-based philosophy to buffer for toxic stress
- Building knowledge and skills for individual and system change
- Creating safe, stable and nurturing environments for people to have responsive and caring relationships

As we build this framework we will:

- Increase access to a comprehensive array of supports and skill-building for providers and families across generations and throughout the lifespan. [Training and TA]
- Promote commitment to the Collective Impact Model with: Common Agenda, Continuous Communication, Mutually reinforcing activities, Shared Measurement, and Backbone Organization, [Messaging/Communication]
- Utilize effective and efficient collaboration and shared-decision making with families. [Family-informed systems/supports and Parent Advisory Council]
- Contribute to evidence-informed policy review, development, and implementation at the family and policy level [Integration into Systems]
- Identify measures to assess progress and impact of the work of the group. [Evaluation]

- E. **“One Pager” on KY Strengthening Families:**

The group also reviewed the “one-pager” on KY Strengthening Families (like the model from GA) which included a brief description of the project and the mission, vision, protective factors. Any additions or changes to the “One Pager” for Kentucky Strengthening Families should be sent to Tal at Tal.curry@ky.gov. The goal was to have something to use to begin talking about Strengthening Families during activities for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, and May is Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month.

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F. Developing the Partnership Group: The Ready Kids Conference might be a great place to recruit.

1. What do we want it to be?
2. What do we want it to do?
3. Dissemination and Spread – How do we roll it out and engage more and more people. Build a capacity to make sure other agencies (besides the ones represented today) are integrating.
4. Need a point person for each group.
5. Packet or video to engage originally. They could then request attending a meeting .
6. Looking at individual agencies could become overwhelming and huge.
7. We need to ask people in the field what makes sense, due to the fact that our roles are different and really need input from “on-the-ground” staff.
8. LIAC and RIAC could be a platform to include others.
9. Similar to Partnership for Kentucky (utilize a listserv).
10. Make a listserv and track its participation.
11. Facebook KYSF page.
12. Leadership Team agreed to start simply with signing people up for a list-serve to get more information and have that sign-up happen at the Ready Kids Conference

G. Ready Kids Conference

- a. Planning for a plenary and three break out sessions on Strengthening Families:
 1. Overview
 2. Building Strong Families – Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Concrete Supports
 3. Building Strong Children – Nurturing and Attachment, Knowledge of Child Development, and Social-emotional development of children
- b. Asked for Volunteers to do these sessions. Carol Cecil, Beth Jordan and Judy Schroeder offered to provide speakers.

H. Formal Launch of KY Strengthening Families -- Kids R Worth It! Conference (PCKA)

- a. Next big event for a more formal SF Launch --Joel says this is doable and feels it is a match. Will have our messaging and content more refined by then.
September 8th & 9th, Louisville Crown Plaza

I. Establish future meeting dates through 2014-Finalized

- a. May 15, 10-12
- b. July 10, 12-12
- c. September 11, 10-12
- d. November 13, 10-12
- e. Jan. 8, 9-4, 2nd year Strategic Planning