



**State Interagency Team  
California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) Workgroup**

**MEETING NOTES: November 5th, 2015  
Approved February 5, 2016**

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<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p>Kristen opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.</p> <p>The Meeting has two key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Mockler, Executive Director of CA Head Start Association, Stephanie Myers, CA Dept. of Education, Head Start Collaboration Office and Stacey Scarborough, Early Head Start Director Venice Family Clinic will provide an overview of the Head Start/Early Head Start Program.</li> <li>• Erin Dubey, Child Development Consultant First 5 California will provide information about First 5 IMPACT.</li> </ul> <p>The Workgroup reviewed and approved the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Notes. The notes will be distributed to MCAH Directors, Supervisors and Managers of CHVP-funded programs to keep them informed of the Workgroup's effort.</p>			

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	<p>Kristen provided the following CHVP Implementation Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federal reporting was completed.</li> <li>• Over 4,200 families have been enrolled in CHVP-funded home visiting programs since its implementation. CHVP is at 95% of program capacity, which places CHVP among the top MIECHV-funded programs in the country in terms of capacity.</li> <li>• The CHVP is planning a Home Visiting Summit in August 2016. Summit partners include the Department of Education, Department of Social Services, Department of Developmental Services, First 5, and Children Now.</li> </ul> <p>Ameera reviewed the 2016 Meeting Calendar, which is included in the meeting packet. Teleconference access will continue to be available for members who are not able to attend in person.</p> <p>Sarah Rock, from California Early Childhood Comprehensive Services (ECCS) and California Project LAUNCH WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention, provided information about Project LAUNCH.</p> <p>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) has awarded a Project LAUNCH Expansion grant to CHVP. Project LAUNCH is a 4-year technical assistance grant that replicates the work of the previous LAUNCH grant in three new counties, Butte, SF and Fresno. WestEd, Alameda County Maternal, Paternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MPCAH) and First 5 Alameda County are the required technical assistance partners. The LAUNCH team will be working closely with each county MCAH and home visiting program to implement models that can eventually be shared statewide.</p> <p>Project LAUNCH will replicate the following three strategies to promote the social, emotional, developmental and physical health of children 0-8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Integration of mental health consultation into (any) home visiting program</li> <li>2. Strengthening families through Parent Cafes</li> <li>3. Promoting the integration and coordination of early childhood systems at the state and local levels.</li> </ol>			

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	<p>There are several parent café models; LAUNCH will be working with Be Strong Families’ model based on the Five Protective Factors. The strategy of parent cafes has been shown to strengthen parenting and parent leadership skills.</p> <p>Sarah will provide more information about parent cafes in the future.</p>			
<b>Head Start Presentation</b>	<p>Ameera reported that Head Start (Stephanie Myers) and CHVP have started a state level collaboration to provide "warm hand-offs" for children who graduate from CHVP and can attend Head Start after their graduation. The plan is to have a written agreement and warm hand-off collaboration.</p> <p>Stephanie Myers, Rick Mockler and Stacy Scarborough provided an overview of Head Start and Early Head Start Programs (HS/EHS). HS and EHS provide comprehensive, family-centered, family-focused child development services. Both programs are interested in pursuing opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>There are two pre-school groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Head Start: Serves children from birth to 3 years old. Early Head Start is divided into Center Based and Home Visiting services.</li> <li>• Head Start: Services children from 3 to 5 years old.</li> </ul> <p>HS and EHS follow the National Performance Standards.</p> <p>The Program has eight components: 1) Early Childhood Education; 2) Parent Education; 3) Child Health, Safety and Wellness; 4) Nutrition Services; 5) Dental Services – children and pregnant women; 6) Mental Health Services for Children and Families; 7) Referrals to Community Resources; and 8) Individualized Services for children with disabilities.</p> <p>The Home-Based Services consist of a comprehensive program. The home visitors conduct a 1.5-hour weekly home visit to support child development and the parent-child relationship. It provides play groups/socialization groups twice a month for the children and parents.</p> <p>The prenatal option includes regular visits with the home visitor. Home visitors follow the “Partners for Healthy Babies” Curriculum.</p>	Rick may participate in CHVP Summit.		

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	<p>HS and EHS are required to have a mental health component. They have a LCSW that observes the children in the classroom and writes a report about the observations. The mental health staffs are trained in Infant Mental Health and have expertise working with children. HS and EHS contract with a person from outside to provide reflective supervision.</p> <p>Family Engagement is an important component of the program. There is a parent committee, Policy Council and a Board of Directors in which parents participate.</p> <p>HS and EHS serve 10% children with disabilities.</p> <p>(The presentation is attached).</p>			
<b>First 5</b>	<p>Erin Dubey provided information about the IMPACT Initiative, which will support a network of local quality improvement systems to better coordinate, assess and improve the quality of early learning settings. First 5 is focusing more in systems work and collaboration rather than on direct services.</p> <p>The Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is a framework for a rating and improvement system. It is an objective system and has five research based standards.</p> <p>The focus of QRIS is to improve the quality of programs in 3 areas: 1) Child Development and School Readiness; 2) Teachers and Teaching, and 3) Program and Environment.</p> <p>If anyone is interested, Erin suggests calling the County and advising them of their interest in participating in IMPACT.</p>			
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Kristen thanked the Workgroup for their participation and input and adjourned the Meeting.</p>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Date: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  Place: California Department of Public Health  1615 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95899  Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00pm, Room 625</p>			

Attachment