

**California Statewide Screening Collaborative:**  
*Promoting Health, Developmental, and Early Mental Health Screening*

**Meeting Date:** December 1, 2009

**Location:** First 5 California - Sacramento, CA

**Attachments:** Participant List and Meeting Packet Handouts

**Agenda & Meeting Notes Summary**

**9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**      **Welcome and Introductions – Agenda Overview**  
*Mike Fuller, Education Administrator, First 5 California*

**Follow-Up**

**9:30 - 9:45 a.m.**      **Update on California Screening Initiative & Screening Information Website @**  
[www.first5ecmh.org](http://www.first5ecmh.org)  
*Patsy Hampton, Program Associate, WestEd Center for Prevention & Early Intervention*  
*Janet Hill, Health Program Specialist, MCAH Program, Policy Division*

SSC Power Point and Materials Review – See handouts attached

**Discussion/Recommendations for Website**

*Website review generated interactive discussion – possible changes & recommendations included:*

1. Identify strategies and funding to address the need for updating websites– possible ECCS and other special project funding to maintain website while longer term strategies are identified
2. “Buy” new website name – one that would be easily thought of - that would link to sites
3. Insert the Early Start Family Resource Centers, Social Service Family Resource Centers and Family Empowerment sites as resources under each level of concern – insert into all areas\*\* and link to FRC websites
4. Establish section for child care/child development providers - provide connection to allow child care providers to comment and ask questions regarding screening Link to Child Development programs - child care providers –the R& R’s, etc
5. Link to SSC/CSI, First 5 Ca and WestEd websites
6. Link to each county First 5 Commission website
7. Link to the various state departments supporting the SSC/CSI
8. Link to Head Start
9. Establish link to MCAH Statewide Collaborative site and billing information

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1. Representatives to SSC to log on to Website prior to next meeting and send comments to Patsy Hampton ([phampto@wested.org](mailto:phampto@wested.org)) – cc: to Janet Hill - Include comments about what was helpful; suggestions for change, how to link with other agency
2. Send kudos and “thanks to Janet, Patsy and Moira Kinney (who else) for all the work they’ve done to get this going!
3. SSC/SCI Planning Team to meet with First 5 Association regarding above recommendations prior to March Meeting – will present updated website at next meeting

**9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Project LAUNCH - Janet Hill, Health Program Specialist, MCAH Program, Policy Division and Janis Burger, Deputy Director, First 5 Alameda County**

Ca. is one of 8 states in US to have been awarded this SAMSA grant in this round (cohort 2) - a public health approach to screening that only MCAH programs could apply for. This is a partnership between MCAH and Alameda Co to actualize the vision and “strengthening families” core values statements.

### Discussion/Recommendations

1. How to track services and outcomes?
2. Currently lots of services available but not coordinated and not tracked in the delivery – how to change this
3. What will be impact of coordination – desired outcomes?
4. “Social marketing” is needed – will wait to hire consultant to advise
5. How will success be evaluated?
6. Issues of sustainability – how to plan for sustainability
7. How will funding be tracked – generated and sustained
8. Data is critical and needs to be planned/coordinated – what will be collected
9. How to manage, coordinate and use the data as a way to measure impact
10. Look at existing data sources as baseline: bring together the information from other key sources and discuss what does the data tell us at this time? In the future?

### Follow-Up

1. SSC Members to review project overview for next meeting discussion – see attached
2. Participating Agencies to send Completed Memos of Agreements to Janet Hill asap
3. Provide brief updates on Project LAUNCH at each SSC meeting (update on above recommendations, etc)

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Addressing the Data Findings: Report from Sub-Committees on Data and Evaluation**  
*Laurie Soman, Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital, Richmond Rada and Pat Sardo, Department of Health Care Services and Alyce Mastrianni, Children and Families Commission of Orange County*

**Discussion -** Medi-Cal data offers a lot of information to consider – almost too much! May want SSC to focus on and provide TTA on the following:

### Discussions and General Recommendations

1. A summary sample of denied claims as examples of why denied
2. Compile & analyze sample of documentation that points to what is needed/required
3. Provide list of standardized tools considered “acceptable” and track use
4. Disseminate information on existing approved providers who can bill –
5. Confirm that system is adding licensed psychologists as independent providers,
6. Clarify that licensed clinical social workers can bill if associated with approved agency

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7. Clarify that FQHC's cannot bill because they have an all inclusive rate but can bill under some circumstances (?? ) to enhance screening

### **Priorities for Follow-Up to Be Considered by SSC Evaluation and Data Sub-Committee Prior to Next Meeting**

1. Convene focus groups of physicians re billing and billing problems
2. Provide TTA on screening, resources/benefits and funding to health plans
3. Outreach to private sector - get data on these plans and follow-up
4. Consider and track Fee for Service claims county/county 0-5
5. Study patterns and upward trend in 96110 and 96111 codes submitted and paid
6. Follow-up with local CHDP providers – what guidance are they offered

### **Funding and Billing Issues - Common Reasons Why Payment May be Denied**

No report at all

No documentation that a specific screening was actually conducted

### **Discussion/Follow-Up:**

1. Request SSC put together a list of commonly accepted screening tools to put into policy so that they are a guide for claims that should be paid
2. Clarify concerns regarding claims that are submitted electronically - how can screening reports be submitted –scanned or submitted as paper claim
3. How do include concerns from some clinics and physicians that use a billing service and that aren't set up to add needed documentation
4. Clarify what exactly needs to be in the report/claim – can the SSC provide that information?
5. Coordinate SSC team with MCAH to decide what we would like in the new policy re acceptable tools and content of report – Volunteers: Renee Wattle, Alice Mastrianni, Penny Knapp
6. What can the SSC do to enhance information needed for/by providers - - how to add to website, AAP bulletin, CHDP guidance, etc
7. What is specifically needed in order to successfully bill under code 91101
8. Is the CMA an appropriate source of information/dissemination? —the IPA's would have more information than the plans – Plans are not data source but more a place for policy changes
9. What data can Mr MIB provide – policy issue is important to consider – how best to proceed
10. Is there a need to plan for longer term implementation – changing people's behavior needs some incentives; what could be a new incentive via continuing education as maintaining certification requires DS
11. What are CHDP nurses using for screening – how to gather this date and how to note this on the new reporting forms

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12. Do medical practices purchase whole screening kits or packets per patient or group?
13. Can publishers help track and provide data on what practices have purchased which tools?
14. How could we celebrate and acknowledge those who have transitioned to using standardized screening tools
15. **Note:** Re Medi-Cal Claims - Richmond is leaving 1/31 & would like to address above points before he leaves; He will advise his replacement on activities to date and suggest that the SSC recommendations go to the Policy Group for approval- we can then help clarify and disseminate information on what is needed for billing and a general publication can be provided

**Introduction to the Health Assessment Guidelines – refer to website on CHDP –included language to clarify language on reimbursement for screening to assist about 5000 providers who are now being advised that they can bill**

**Follow-Up Questions, discussion points, recommendations**

1. Is there a special code to identify/track screening for children in foster care
2. Are there different #'s of CHDP providers in different parts of the state and if so, what is impact of this
3. How can we encourage that all the pediatric residency programs, family practice physicians and medical schools to include training on screening, funding and billing? How can we connect with the AAP in this area
4. How can we best coordinate with DDS on screening – how does the use of standardized screening tools impact Early Start? How about working with the newly established Prevention Program?
5. How to coordinate with DDS on data collection via the new Prevention unit – i.e. NICU babies used to be automatically referred to the Regional Center; how will the change in eligibility affect screening resources in local communities

**Proposal to Evaluate the Impact of the SSC/CSI - Alyce Mastrianni prepared draft for discussion – it will be revised based on the groups' input –**

**Follow-Up**

The SSC subcommittee will update matrix to reflect SSC comments – Focus: to track the progress of the SSC and what impact has the SSC had on the policies and practices of participating agencies

**11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Use of the CEDD Sharepoint website as a tool for SSC communication**

*Gina Guarneri, Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (CEDD), MIND Institute*

How can we best communicate and share information among SSC participants? SSC members wondered if another email/communication community is needed

**Follow-Up –**

Defer to Later Date - Demonstration of Sharepoint is available is needed (insert url) *if we choose to do it- people will sign on and suggest follow-up use*

**11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Updates on Screening and Related Activities**

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**Healthy Families**, Shelley Rouillard, Deputy Director, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) – Currently asking the plans for their 2010-11 rates and implications for the future - Possible key questions that will be addressed include:

*How many members, how they are encouraged to do screening, incentives, how many times cpt codes used, would discount on tools help, does plan have a plan of QI, measures used, rates for screening ?*

**Follow-Up** –report back at March meeting

**12:15 – 12:30 p.m.      Agenda items for March 2 meeting**

1. Request SSC members share meeting information and materials with constituency - publicize and track dissemination of information on the SSC and Screening Initiative and related activities - report back at next meeting (*all*)
2. SSC Evaluation/Data Committee to suggest ways to measure/evaluate SSC/SCI impact at next meeting (*Alyce Mastrianni et al*)
3. Update on Project LAUNCH (*Janet Hill/Janice Burger*)
4. Update on Healthy Families and Survey of Plans (*Shelley Rouillard*), Deputy Director, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB)
5. Update on Medi-Cal Funding, Billing and Data Analylis (*Navid Sabati, Pat Sardo, Robin Qualls*)
6. Update on CHDP (*Robin Qualls/ Jill Abrahams*)
7. SSC members to log on to Developmental Screening for California's Children @ [www.first5ecmh.org](http://www.first5ecmh.org) website prior to March meeting – Pls. send comments to Patsy Hampton ([phampto@wested.org](mailto:phampto@wested.org)) – cc: to Janet Hill - about what was helpful; suggestions for change, how to link with other agencies

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8. Begin discussion regarding SSC recommendations for policy changes regarding screening for children throughout California