

**State Interagency Team (SIT) /  
California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) Workgroup  
MEETING NOTES: May 12, 2016**

**Participants: CA Dept. of Developmental Services (DDS):** Elise Parnes; Jessica Dailey-Keithline; Sharon DeRego; **Family Resource Center Network of California:** Debbie Sarmento; **First 5 & Race to the Top:** Erin Dubey; **Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Action Representatives:** Cindy Wilson, Pauline Richardson, Jeanne Smart; **Children Now:** Giannina Perez, **CA Head Start State Collaboration Office, CDE:** Stephanie Myers; **California Project LAUNCH:** Sarah Rock; **Center for the Study of Social Policy:** Amy Fine;  
**American Academy of Pediatrics California (AACPC Chapter 3):** Pradeep Gidwani; **CA MIECHV Funded Tribal Organizations:** Priscila Jensen; **Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS): American Indian Health Initiative:** Patricia Lavalas-Howe; **Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Recovery & Treatment:** Monica Barba; **CA Dept. of Public Health (CDPH): CHVP:** Kristen Rogers, Karen Shevlin, Nichole Sturmfels, Robin Pleau, Jennifer Gregson, Ameera Kidane, Anina Sanchez, Kim Byrne, Gina Gordon, Sosha Marasigan-Quintero, Lorie Miller, Catherine Gilmore-Zarate, Monica Perez; **MCAH:** Paula Curran;

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Kristen Rogers, CDPH/CHVP Branch Chief, opened the meeting and welcomed participants to the SIT CHVP Workgroup meeting. Kristen and staff reviewed the agenda and provided highlights about CHVP implementation:

- Since CHVP implementation, CHVP has completed close to 100,000 home visits and enrollment is at 95% program capacity.
- Kristen and Karen will be attending the MIECHV Annual All-Grantee meeting in Washington DC in June 2016.
- MIECHV, the federal funder for CHVP revised the benchmark constructs from 32 to 19. Evaluation staff is in the process of developing measurements and forms to capture the new constructs.

Kristen provided update about the 2016 California Home Visiting Summit taking place on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 in Sacramento, CA. This year HV Summit is titled “Innovate, Integrate, and Transfer”.

- Registration is now open.
- There will be a panel of local and State experts discussing Scaling and Sustainability of home visiting.
- Workshop topics include CalWORKs and Motivational Interviewing.
- There will be a viewing of Jamie Redford’s documentary, “Resilience” with a reception following it.
- Summit partners include California Department of Education, California Department of Social Services, California Department of Developmental Services, First 5 California, California Head Start Association among others.

Sarah Rock, California Early Childhood Comprehensive Services (ECCS) and California Project LAUNCH WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention, provided a Project LAUNCH update. Project LAUNCH is a 4-year technical assistance grant that replicates the work of the previous LAUNCH grant in three CHVP counties, Butte, San Francisco and Fresno where the Project is now in the planning phase. The Project will learn what it takes to integrate mental health services into home visiting programs and will share that information statewide.

- The group reviewed the fact sheet for Project LAUNCH; the project runs through 9/30/2019.
- Project LAUNCH will report progress on grant objectives, and share barriers for consideration, with the SIT Home Visiting Workgroup in order to promote the integration of early childhood systems and the coordination of needed resources to successfully replicate LAUNCH strategies.
- The purpose of Project LAUNCH is to replicate the success of Alameda County and replicate it in Butte, San Francisco and Fresno counties by integrating mental health into home visiting, having Parent Cafes and working on improving systems integration.
- 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.

Elise Parnes provided information about the Early Start Program administered by the California Department of Developmental Services. She provided an overview of the referral process to regional centers, eligibility requirements, and the service delivery system.

- Families whose infants or toddlers have a developmental delay or disability or an established risk condition with a high probability of resulting in a delay, or “at high risk” conditions may be eligible to receive an "Early Start" services in California. Teams of service coordinators, healthcare providers, early intervention specialists, therapists, and parent resource specialists evaluate and assess infants or toddlers and provide appropriate early intervention and family support services for young children from birth to three years of age.
- Home visitors easily screen and refer, but there is an issue with the timeliness in which the client receives services.
- Brochures are provided in many languages; “Reasons for Concern” available through DDS website; a “Know the Signs, Act Early” handout on the CDC website will be sent out in the June Home Visiting Connection.
- Child outcomes are measured by putting in the child’s functional age in the system at the time of entering and exiting. There is no actual measurement to show whether the early intervention worked or not.
- DDS has chosen a State identified Measureable Result (SiMR) to improve the social emotional outcomes for Early Start participants in the next few years.
- The presentation was followed by a lively discussion around barriers experienced by CHVP home visitors when referrals are made to Early Start on behalf of the families and how the state systems can improve access.
- Follow Up Action Items:
  - Elise Parnes will forward information about training to Ameera Kidane to send out in the Home Visiting Connection and CHVP

### **Adjournment**

Kristen Rogers thanked the workgroup members for their participation and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is on September 8, 2016 at California Department of Public Health 1615 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA 95814.