



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

**MEETING NOTES: May 7, 2015
Approved September 3, 2015**

Participants: CA Dept. of Public Health (CDPH): CHVP: Jennifer Gregson, Karen Shevlin, Ameera Kidane, Chris Borges, Charles Sims, Erica Wilhelmsen, Linda Macomber, Moreen Libet, Cheryl Hunter-Marston, Gina Gordon; Black Infant Health (BIH): Robin Qualls, Catherine Lopez, MCAH: Lorie Miller; Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP): Sangi Rajbhandar, Cielo Avalos, Ashley Franklin, Lissa Pressfield; American Academy of Pediatrics (AAPCA) Chapter 3: Kim Thomas; Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS): American Indian Health Initiative: Patricia Lavalas-Howe; Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Recovery & Treatment: Theresa Safley; CA Dept. of Developmental Services (DDS): Elise Parnes; CA Dept. of Social Services (CDSS): Kären Dickerson, Jessica Lopez; First 5 & Race to the Top: Erin Dubey; Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Action Representatives: Suzanne Bostwick, Cindy Wilson, Elizabeth Chicoine, Pauline Richardson; CA Dept. of Social Services CDSS: Steven Fong; State Interagency Team (SIT) Liaison/Consultant Support: Toni Saenz Yaffe

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Welcome and Introductions	<p>Jennifer opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants.</p> <p>The Meeting has two key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CHVP Team will provide an overview of the Systems Integration Work Plan for Workgroup feedback including the follow up to the January Mental Health Workgroup Discussion • Kären Dickerson, CDSS, Chief CalWORKs Employment and Eligibility will present an overview of the program highlighting services and support available to CHVP clients and their children <p>The Workgroup reviewed and approved the January 29th 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 efforts.</p>			

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	<p>Karen provided CHVP Implementation Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,500 families have been enrolled in CHVP-funded home visiting programs and over 65,000 home visits have been made • Funding has been allocated for CHVP expansion in Tehama, Yolo and Sonoma • CHVP client graduations will soon occur in Sacramento and San Diego • Quarterly site visits to local programs continue and are exciting and sobering as staff hear about successes and challenges at both the client and program level • The CHVP Team was recognized by DPH with a Public Health Acknowledging My Efforts (PHAME) Award for Excellence in Collaboration <p>The CHVP-created <i>Housing as Part of a Comprehensive Spectrum of Services</i> information brief was distributed. The brief was informed by: input from the local sites about the serious challenges many HV clients confront in securing safe and affordable housing; Workgroup feedback; and, partnership with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the CA Homeless Youth Project at the CA Research Bureau. This is an outstanding example of the value of collaboration.</p>			
<p>Mental Health Discussion; Update</p>	<p>Chris provided an update on the ongoing Workgroup Mental Health discussions and the Mental Health Systems Integration Work Plan.</p> <p>CHVP recently submitted a federal grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for a Project LAUNCH expansion grant. The grant process will be very competitive - only five grants will be awarded nationally. SAMHSA asked the CHVP to select two strategies from the original grant application and develop a plan to expand those strategies into new communities. CHVP selected expanding mental health consultation into home visiting and Parent Cafes.</p> <p>If awarded the CHVP will be able provide TA to three new communities related to these strategies and will also be able to develop and share resources and materials statewide to support the implementation of mental health consultation</p>	<p>Provide update on Mental Health activities stemming from participation at the Headstart conference, workgroup input and informational interviews.</p>	<p>C. Borges</p>	<p>Sept.</p>

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	<p>into home visiting. This will be a 4-year grant. The grant has an October 1 start date, and we will probably be advised of awards late Summer.</p> <p>In April Jennifer Gregson, Rita Lang, Alameda County and Jeanne Smart, Los Angeles County made a presentation on Home Visiting and Mental Health at the CA Headstart Association Health Institute conference. The presentation was well received. They shared what the State CHVP and local sites have learned about the complex mental health needs of HV clients and described the service barriers and promising practices implemented in several counties to overcome those barriers and service systems issues. They highlighted key factors for success the importance of collaboration and relationship building, spoke of the results Alameda and Los Angeles have achieved and suggested what could be done to improve the mental health system of care for HV families.</p> <p>Jennifer noted that the counties have identified the problems related to mental health access, and, in many instances promising strategies to address the problem. The State's role is to apply research and evaluation resources; identify funding sources; strengthen systems responses; build cross agency partnerships and support the local site efforts.</p> <p>As part of the MH Systems Integration Work Plan the CHVP will continue to look for promising practices and case studies in California and across the country to share with the local sites.</p>			
CalWORKs Presentation	<p>Kären Dickerson, Chief CalWORKs Employment and Eligibility, CDSS provided an overview of the CalWORKs program highlighting aspects that relate to services and supports for HV families. This included welfare-to-work participation requirements; available supportive activities such as childcare, transportation, ancillary expenses; exemptions available to program participants (including pregnant and parenting mothers), and the options to volunteer for welfare to work activities even if exempt from participation. She also reviewed 2015 program enhancements resulting from legislation, which allocates \$20 million for 20 counties to support homeless families and expanded eligibility for pregnant women.</p> <p>Kären explained how CalWORKs engages with clients to identify and build on their strengths and aspirations for themselves and their families and support them</p>	Send to sites via eblast information about CalWORKS ancillary services, exemptions from Welfare-to-Work activities, statutory changes for drug felons, and housing resident specialist.	A. Kidane	June

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	<p>in achieving their goals and long-term financial security. The presentation was followed by a lively discussion about the CalWORKs goals and how the services and supports would benefit HV families.</p> <p>Kären's presentation is attached.</p>			
<p>Systems Integration Work Plan Status</p>	<p>Jennifer reported that the Systems Integration Work Plan activities are focused on defining the problem, identifying the solution and determining what the State can do to address the problem. CHVP is gathering information and learning from the local sites about their practices, service needs, system barriers and successes. This will inform the development of action steps that the State and the local sites can take to promote promising practices and support the development of tools and processes.</p> <p><u>Warm Transitions</u> Ameera Kidane reported on the Warm Transition (WT) Work Plan activities. The Purpose of this Focus is to provide a standardized transition plan for the local sites to ensure a continuum of services for families graduating from the CHVP. The Goal is to improve this transition process through early discussions and planning with the clients.</p> <p>To better inform the WT Work Plan actions the CHVP asked the local sites about how they plan and provide transition support. This is what we learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most sites explore discharge planning about post home visiting services with their families. Ten of the 22 sites have this discussion when the child is between 15-18 months old. About five sites have continuous discussion about WT at the pregnancy, infancy and toddler stages. • Most sites do not have a formalized plan to address transitioning into post home visiting. • 12 sites mention working with Early Head Start/Head Start in some capacity. Of those 12 sites eight have or are in the process of developing written agreements with Early Head Start/Head Start. <p>Ameera met with CA Department of Education (CDE) program Consultant Stephanie Meyer who provides guidance to CA Head Start to share information about our respective programs, our shared population and ways to strengthen</p>	<p>Review with the internal SI team local WT efforts and practices to develop recommended WT policies and tools.</p> <p>Convene follow up call with MIECHV funded Indian and other HV programs serving Indian populations to continue to identify ways they may support and learn from each other.</p>	<p>A. Kidane</p> <p>R. Pleau</p>	<p>June</p> <p>June</p>

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	<p>WT. CA Head Start Association and CDE have accepted our invitation to present at an upcoming Workgroup Meeting. The next step is to explore with the internal Systems Integration workgroup the development of WT tools.</p> <p><u>Indian Home Visiting Collaboration</u> The Purpose of this focus area is to develop collaborative relationships with MIECHV funded Indian and other HV programs serving Indian populations so that they may support and learn from each other.</p> <p>On March 29th CHVP held a conference call with the MIECHV funded tribal organizations. The purpose the call was to begin to identify opportunities for collaboration. Participating in the meeting were two tribal funded sites Lake and Alameda County, Marilyn Powell, MCAH Director for Humboldt County and SIT/CHVP Workgroup member Pat Lavalas, Indian Health Program, DHCS.</p> <p>The Tribal Programs are interested in learning more about available services for their HV clients. They have been added to the Workgroup and will be included in the MIECHV email blasts. There was also some discussion of providing an educational workshop for them.</p> <p>The next call is in June and Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian HV programs have been invited to participate.</p>			
Evaluation	<p>Ameera thanked the Workgroup for the input they provided at the January Meeting about what they liked about the meeting process and recommendations for improvement. Feedback was positive with the attendees indicating that they were especially interested in hearing about, discussing and providing input to the Mental Health information brief and recommendations.</p> <p>Suggestions for improvement included addressing the technical problems with the teleconference reception and considering reducing the meeting time from three to two hours. CHVP is following up on both recommendations.</p> <p>Ameera asked the Workgroup to provide input on this Meeting.</p>	Evaluate meeting processes regularly and improve as needed	A. Kidane	Ongoing

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Adjourn	<p>Jennifer announced that the date for the next Workgroup Meeting in August needs to be changed due to an unanticipated scheduling conflict. The Members will be notified as soon as the new date is identified.</p> <p>Jennifer and Karen thanked the Workgroup for their participation and input and adjourned the Meeting.</p>			
Next Meeting	<p style="text-align: center;">Date: September 3, 2015 Place: California Department of Public Health 1615 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA, 95899 Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00pm</p>			

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