

Texas LAUNCH Early Childhood Committee  
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- I. Welcome and Introductions (Ramah Leith)
- II. Workgroup Breakout
- III. Workgroup Presentations
  - a. Family Strengthening Workgroup (Linda Wiley)
    - i. Linda Wiley provided an update on progress and goals of the Family Strengthening Workgroup. Ideas were presented to reach out to birthing classes, Head Start, CPS, and hospitals. It is part of the Head Start framework to provide parenting classes, but it is unknown what parenting programs are being facilitated across the state.
  - b. Developmental Screening Workgroup (Ramah Leith)
    - i. Ramah Leith provided an update on workgroup members, midterm and long-term goals, and current progress. Current work includes obtaining cards for conferences from THSteps promoting their On-Line Provider Education (OPE) Developmental Screening (DS) modules, collecting early childhood development websites and regional resources for parents, acquiring THSteps DS module pediatrician usage data, setting up a meeting with WIC to discuss DS, Medicaid to send out mass mailing to Medicaid providers about THS DS modules, accessing ECI referral data, PEI-HV collecting DS data for FY '17 will be available in FY '18, Parents Guide to Raising Healthy Happy Children updated with DS timelines and info, and providing ASQ training kits to 60 childcare providers.
  - c. Workforce Development Workgroup (Diane Ewing)
    - i. Diane Ewing provided an update on midterm and long-term goals, as well as current progress and identified needs and questions. Group members have developed a list of contacts for dispersing information related to future trainings and workforce development activities. Group members are working to develop educational flyers for trainings, evidence-based practices, and LAUNCH strategies. Flyers will be modified depending on the intended audience.
- IV. Expansion Community Program Update
  - a. Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (Linda Wiley)
    - i. Linda Wiley provided updates on Project LAUNCH activities in YDSP. They have brought on a new parent representative, Nancy Hisa. Regarding IY, they have completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort and will begin a new IY Basics class as well as an IY Babies class in the upcoming months. Additionally, they have received funding to provide childcare during IY groups, which has bolstered attendance. They have trained all staff at the early learning center and the pre-k in developmental screenings (ASQs), and will continue to screen children in those locations. They are contracting with the Behavioral Institute to work towards addressing health disparities, by beginning to gather data related to disparities.
  - b. San Antonio (Fred Cardenas)
    - i. Fred Cardenas provided updates on Project LAUNCH activities in San Antonio. Jackie Guerrero completed their first IY group, with 11 graduating parents. They are currently working on planning for their next

cohort. Tarah Glover currently has 29 open cases for ECMHC, and several cases have been closed due to successfully meeting goals. She is anticipating new referrals for ECMHC when the school year starts. One early childhood partner is updating their ASQ forms to the latest editions, and will begin screening all children with the new versions.

- c. Fort Worth (Stephanie Norton)
  - i. Stephanie Norton provided updates on Project LAUNCH activities in Fort Worth. They are currently hosting an IY training (Pre-School and Babies), which includes 25 providers. Twenty-one community members and providers were trained in the Be Strong Families Parent Café model in June, and they held a demo for stakeholders early this month. They are partnering with Child Care Associates, who will begin providing IY groups and implementing ASQ:3 and ASQ-SE:2 screenings in 23 of their Head Start and Early Head Start centers. They have created a LAUNCH/HOPES subcommittee of their Early Childhood Wellness Council, which has been meeting monthly since June. Laura Kender noted that they have support from HOPES, ECI, and LAUNCH, which has allowed them to move large-scale efforts related to early childhood development.
- d. Summation of Community Efforts (Judy Willgren)
  - i. Judy Willgren provided an update on her work as the local lead in supporting the communities. She has attended the ASQ train the trainer, helped coordinate the ASQ training for Child Care Associates in Fort Worth, and has been attending community site visits and implementing a strategic consultation process in those visits.

## V. TIEMH Updates

- i. Project Updates and Projection
  - 1. Holly Gurrslin provided an update on TIEMH efforts. Holly and Judy have joined all state workgroups to stay abreast of state and local level efforts being made. They have been working to build a state sustainability plan to brainstorm and strategize around building ways to sustain the grant strategies past the life of the grant. This has focused on looking at workforce development, financial support, and policy support for each strategy of Project LAUNCH. They are currently working on putting together a carry forward budget to support the work of the communities and the state. TLECC members helped to compile a list of workforce development trainings and Holly is making efforts toward building a library of resources related to trainings across the state. Holly is working with Fort Worth to develop a train the trainer model for Parent Café, as one does not currently exist. Holly is currently working to contract with Georgetown University's Neal Horen to host an ECMHC training. Tentative dates for the training are in October.
- ii. Evaluation
  - 1. Erica Shapiro provided an update on progress towards goals for years one and two, including numbers served in screening, family strengthening, workforce development, and mental health consultation. Laura Stevens provided an update on referrals to services resulting from screenings.

- VI. Continuous Quality Improvement and Closing (Judy Willgren)
  - a. Judy Willgren provided information on Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). [For reference: CQI is an exercise for continuously improving our efforts at the program level, or at the state level by making our committee meeting time together more effective. The process empowers those involved and assists in retention and engagement of staff or members within a program or a committee such as the TL-ECC.] There are two basic types of CQI: ongoing monitoring, in which we ask, “Are we doing things right?”, and annual self-evaluation, in which we ask, “are we doing the right things?” Judy led the council in an activity to engage in the ongoing monitoring process, in which members were asked to answer two questions: what worked for this meeting today? And what are suggestions for the future? Thoughts about what worked for this meeting included gathering the community contractors beforehand to meet, holding the workgroup breakouts at the beginning of the meeting, synthesizing the information/content of the presentations, having the PowerPoint with all of the summarized information, having workgroups report out about their progress, and receiving thorough meeting minutes. Suggestions for future meetings included having water and food. Members were encouraged to write down other thoughts and suggestions on note cards which were provided back to Judy.
- VII. Closing
  - a. Next meeting: November 16, 2017
  - b. Dr. Filipek asked if community sites had sufficient healthcare backup for screening children and asked if they would be interested in hosting a telemedicine service for children with developmental delays.
  - c. Judy made an announcement that she will be sending out information regarding IY certification.