



Wayne Home Visiting Local Leadership Group Goal

Engage the early childhood development system in the building of a home visiting continuum of care driven by parenting supports to ensure children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from birth to 3rd grade.

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AGENDA/MINUTES

Attendees: Chy Johnson-Nurse Family Partnership, Karra Thomas-Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, Karen Gray-Sheffield-Ascension MIHP, Jennifer Zupancic- Meridian Health, Sher-Leaps & Bounds, Victoria Washington-Parent Leader, Monica Gaines-Healthy Families America, Stephanie Jackson-Wayne County Safe Sleep Coalition, Elialusia Gigi Garza-Aetna Better Health, Celina Clanton-Starfish/Early Head Start, Ashli Burney-Black Mother's Breast Feeding Assoc., Wendy Lawlah-BFDI-Parents As Teachers, Tommara Grice-Hope Starts Here, Elaine Bradley-Healthy Families America, Yasmin Hasbini-Make Your Date, Kaela Wright-Help Me Grow, Shardaya Fuquay-Parent Leader, Kimya (iphone)-Detroit Parent Network

1. Welcome & Icebreaker

2. Featured Speaker/Program Spotlight (click link for recording <https://bit.ly/3eKPPK3>)

- Karra Thomas – SUD Initiatives Prevention Manager/Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network
- Jasmin Hasbini – Make Your Date

3. Parent Voices—Virtual Home Visits

Victoria Washington led this meetings discussion. She asked the group three questions pertaining to virtual home visits. One of her three questions was about the number of families currently being served by each program. Five programs responded representing a total of 369 families currently served.

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Note: Verizon via the NFP national office is providing free cell phones and four months of data for their clients to help facilitate virtual visits.

The next question was “What are some of the positive experiences you can shared from you experiences with virtual home visits.” Ashli Burney shared her experience as a doula with BMBFA. She was able to video chat with a mother while in labor and she witnessed the birth. Ashli was amazed by the experience, glad that she was able to be there for the mother and reported that the mother was very grateful for her support. Overall comments in the chat reflected family support for the virtual visits. “Parents love connecting with one another and receiving resources.” “Families are more engaged with virtual visits and look forward to the visits due to being isolated in the home.” Detroit Parent Network is offering virtual trips weekly, mommy support groups and parent cafes.

They are also overcoming obstacles that may are challenging in person but more so in a virtual visit. Ashli reported that she has a hearing-impaired mother and was able to get someone to interpret a virtual call, but an unexpected internet disconnect can cut-off the call. Ashli was able to persevere by texting the mother when they were disconnected, and they continued the visit.

4. Workgroup Updates

- **CQI Cycle #1**

Gaylotta explained that MHVI/MPHI recognized that cycle #1 work would likely be impacted by COVID-19. Given the anticipation interruption to this cycle the LLG’S were offered an opportunity to create an abbreviated version of the planned activity to continue and complete the cycle.

Our CQI team thought it important to offer the community-based residents in the Authority Health Program information of making home visiting referrals during a crisis. The flyer contains information on the stressor’s parents may experience during this crisis and information on how critical support could be provided by home visiting programs.

The original intent was to make a follow-up presentation on home visiting. In light of the staffing demands for COVID-19 the residents would not be available for a presentation. However, the flyers could be distributed throughout their clinics.

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5. Home Visiting Continuum-Discussion

- New Call Line for home visiting information & referrals

We have transitioned from outsourcing the call line for home visiting referrals via Tel-Help (via, 321-GROW) to the Great Start call line for Help Me Grow, 313-410-4588.

6. Closing Activity/Next Steps

- **Next Meeting July 21, 2010**

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