



Leading Together: Convening of Family-Led and Family-Supporting Organizations

Leading Together Planning Team Meeting Meeting Minutes 1/19/2016

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Reminder: Supporting materials from *Leading Together* can be found on the Wisconsin Medical Home Initiative Website: <http://www.wismhi.org/wismhi/About-Us/System-Integration/Family-Leadership-Team>

April Meeting Planning

- Overview of our next *Leading Together* in-person meeting
 - April 20, 2016 at County Springs, Pewaukee, WI. Dr. Barbara Stroud will facilitate the day ***Families as Partners with Professionals in Decision Making: Honoring Cultural Differences (working title)***
 - Group Polls:
 1. The Leading Together planning group has proposed the following activities to enhance cultural competency. Which one of the activities do you feel the group should prioritize over the next 6 months? The majority responded they would like to: Learn to engage, support and sustain diverse leaders within and across our organizations.
 2. In order to build stronger family participation at our April 20, 2016 meeting, does your organization have the ability to identify and support family leader's from your network to attend the meeting? The majority responded they would try.
 - Structure of the day:
 1. Highlight 3-4 best practices that emerge from the Cultural Diversity Assessment.
 2. Utilize framework of: identify, support, and connect family leaders.
 - Develop Meeting Planning Team: JoAnn, Robin, Barb, Susan, Laurice, Molly, potentially Connie. **(Please contact Susan if you would like to join the April Meeting Planning Team – monthly meetings through April, including 1-2 planning calls with Barbara Stroud.)**

Additional comments or recommendations from the group:

- Feedback about Dr. Stroud's book "*How to Measure Relationships*"; Laurice found this book to be a quick read that is very informative around the importance of connecting with families.
- Discussion on the best ways to encourage and support family member's attendance at the April meeting. Some organizations indicated they would be able to identify family members, others indicated they might be able to financially support family member's attendance. If your organization can identify families but cannot provide other support needed to attend, please connect with Susan Latton and she will connect you to an organization that might be able to help.
- When considering the structure of the day, the group recommended these topics:
 - Knowledge of partner organizations and the family leadership activities they support/networking with partner organizations
 - Best practices in identifying diverse family leaders
 - Best practices in supporting and sustaining family leaders
 - Organizational examples of how this work has occurred.



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Workgroup Updates:

Cultural Diversity Workgroup

- Cultural Assessment Pilot
 - Recruit Interviewers and interviewees, members who are interested in conducting the phone interviews or testing the process, please connect with Susan Latton (Susan.Latton@dhs.wisconsin.gov). Interviewer guidance and an orientation to the tool will be provided.
 - Project timeline
 - Pilot Testing: conduct pilot interviews with 3-4 organizations to occur February 1-19, 2016.
 - Launch Assessment: Phone interviews schedule/conducted March 7-31, 2016, compile results as interviews occur, create draft report by April 8, 2016, and final report by April 15, 2016.
- Serving on Groups @ Circles
 - WI FACETS will be presenting the Serving on Groups curriculum at the Circles of Life Conference. Half of the presentation will be an overview of the curriculum; the other half of the presentation will be a panel discussion about family member experience in navigating and taking on family leadership roles. The panel will have a wide range of experiences (including different components of culture such as race, ability, social economic status, age, etc).

Resource Mapping Workgroup:

- Project Timeline:
 - Pilot Testing: currently occurring through January 29, 2016
 - Launch Survey: Survey will be open for all Leading Together Organizations to complete between February 8, 2016-March 4, 2016.

Agency Updates/Activity Sharing:

- Highlighted Partnership:
- Eileen Forlenza will be the keynote presenter on February 23 at the **Fulfilling the Promise Conference** February 22-25, 2016 at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton, WI. The title is "Accelerating Strategies for Family Engagement". Eileen has been working with a stakeholder group from Leading Together (Susan, Joann, Barb, Tracey) to strategically involve families in the day. The stakeholder group is identifying diverse family leaders to briefly share their experiences during the keynote presentation (2-3 minutes), and participate at each table. There will be a pre-conference call for participating families and materials and financial support are also being provided. (These materials are posted at <http://www.wismhi.org/wismhi/About-Us/System-Integration/Family-Leadership-Team>)
 - DPI is sponsoring a conference in August at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and is looking for break-out group presentations. They are interested in a *Leading Together* presentation.
 - Future Leading Together Meetings: Like the collaboration with Circles of Life, we are interested in identifying other collaborative timings for *Leading Together* meetings. If your organization is involved in other events/conferences that we could incorporate a *Leading Together* session around, please let Susan Latton know.
 - Family Voices of Wisconsin is looking to hire a part-time Family Leadership Coordinator. Position announcement is posted on the website and is open until February 5, 2016.



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- Support Families Together Association is expanding the Parent Café opportunities in collaboration with Child Care Resource and Referral centers to offer cafés for families with children with special health care needs. These will be piloted in La Crosse, Marathon, and Dane counties (Dane's will also be offered in Spanish).