

General Business

- Approve Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2024:
 - Linda Hall moved to approve.
 - Jaci Borchardt seconded. Motion passed.

Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program Data

- Elias Garringer reviewed referral, enrollment, and disenrollment data from January–March 2024 for Wisconsin’s Birth to 3 Program.
- Referral data was presented on the number of referrals, demographics of children who were referred, and referral source.
- Enrollment data was presented on the number of enrollments, demographics of children who enrolled, and disenrollment reason.
- Disenrollment data was presented on the number of disenrollments, demographics of children who disenrolled, and disenrollment reason.
- A council member asked if data for the Hispanic population was representative of historical trends. It was confirmed that it is representative of historical trends. Council members discuss if there may be an overdiagnosis of non-white children, which could be an area of concern, or could be a positive indicator of reaching historically underserved children.
- A council member asked when Wisconsin moved to increasingly using standardized eligibility test, did we see fewer kids getting in via developmental delays and more via atypical development? That was a concern raised when we made the shift. Has that number changed? Council member suggested examining that data and reporting that back to programs who were concerned.
- A council member inquired if data could be examined for CAPTA referrals to see if trends remain consistent. BCS will share this data and noted that it is a mandatory referral pathway with low enrollment rate. Council members discussed opportunities to improve the hand off between child welfare staff and the Birth to 3 Program for mandatory referrals.

Child Find Presentation

- Regena Floyd-Sambou presented on Child Find Activities Indicator 5 and 6.
- Child Finds Goals:
 - Promote increased and equitable access to early intervention in Wisconsin.
 - Promote earlier and more timely referrals of infants age birth to 1.
 - Help families and professionals better understand early intervention and the Birth to 3 Program.
 - Provide clear information for explaining the program and making a referral.
- Child Find Activities are the methods and procedures states and counties use to identify infants and toddlers potentially eligible, such as public awareness campaigns, outreach, screening programs, and collaborative efforts.
- Indicator 5 tracks the percent of children in the Birth to 3 Program who are 0 to 12 months and have an IFSP.
 - Wisconsin enrollment for children 0-12 is slightly below our target and we are seeking ICC input on actionable ideas to increase enrollment for this population.
- Indicator 6 tracks the percent of children who are eligible for the Birth to 3 Program, 0-3 years old, who have IFSPs.
- Regena shared information about the First 1,000 Days Wisconsin Child Find Campaign, launched in Spring 2021, which included a media toolkit and other materials for families and professionals.
- A council member asked about outreach with pediatricians since the majority of kids referred by physicians and suggested relationship building with that referral source. Council members suggested outreach to professional groups of physicians, pediatricians, and therapists and discussed messaging strategies.
- Council members discussed if counties have sufficient funding to perform outreach activities, outreach strategies being used, and how to elevate best practices for outreach with counties.
- A council member expressed that the inability to get to a physician may be impacting the age that referrals are made. Council members discussed strategies to engage other referral sources to address the timeliness of referrals.

Professional Development in Birth to Three: RESource Update:

- Becky Hoffman and Lana Edwards provided an update on the professional development (PD) work in the Birth to 3 Program.

- Evidence Based Practice Tip Sheets series were created to share information with the workforce. The tip sheets are designed to promote a common understanding and common language among professionals.
- In support of increased awareness of careers in Early Intervention and an expressed need for college students to know that early intervention is an option as a career path early on in their education, RESource is partnering and collaborating with Higher Ed across the state.
- There is a collaborative research team that includes the PD team and faculty from three different Wisconsin universities who are researching family assessments.
- Looking ahead, the RESource team is planning to utilize podcasts to share information, focusing on developing 1-pagers, putting together PD for leaders to use with their teams, and leveraging social media.
- RESource developed and implemented an ambassador program, tapping into the expertise of the early intervention workforce. These 21 advisors from across the state and in different professional roles assist in reviewing content, presenting to students and professionals, and shadowing and mentoring.
- Visit the Early Intervention in Wisconsin [website](#) to access PD materials, request a presentation, or to submit a PD request.

Transition Project

- Dan Kramarz shared that the Bureau of Children's Services (BCS) has chosen to explore for improvement in the process of transition from all children's healthcare programs BCS administers.
- For the Birth to 3 Program, BCS is looking to better understand the reasons that families exit prior to children turning 3. The project aims to learn which families are exiting before their child reaches age 3, and why.
- The project team will collect and review data to analyze current practices and recommend action steps. Based on data analysis, the project team may conduct outreach to local programs to learn more.
- The project team quality teleconference, scheduled on June 20th will dig into this topic further and highlight some of the findings from the project's data collection and analysis.
- A council member shared that there is data that when children wait to get therapy, they are less likely to engage. Even if therapy has started, they are more likely to discontinue it. A council member suggested using this data to help contextualize why families are discontinuing services.

Quality Review Protocol

- Dan Kramarz provided an overview and shared workplan information for the quality review protocol.
- The quality review protocol was launched in 2021 with the goal of assessing quality and impact of our Birth to 3 program through the review of participant files.
- Results have improved year over year. Socio-emotional Practices and Outcomes have been the highest scoring sections. Transitions and Family Engagement have lower results but continue to improve.
- The goal of the effort is to analyze and update main categories and measures within categories based on current policy. And, to start to incorporate Office of Special Education Differentiated Monitoring Systems data points.
- In the spring and summer, there will opportunities for partners to provide feedback on the Program Review Protocol. During fall and winter, DHS will define, operationalize, and communicate the changes. Changes will be implemented in January 2025.
- A council member inquired how quality is measured. There are a variety of indicators that are used to measure quality in the tool. BCS will share the review tool with the council and gather input.
- A council member suggested capturing demographic and other basic information to the review tool.

Family Engagement

- Presenters:
 - Lana Edwards, RESource Professional Development Specialist
 - Ashley Olsen, CSW, EI in Wi, Ambassador
 - Kelli Schlegel, CCC-SLO, EI in Wi, Ambassador
 - Lisa Stangler, OTR, EI in Wi, Ambassador
 - Paige and Alex, Parents of a child who participated in the Birth to 3 Program
- The value of in-person home visits, comprehensive evaluations, family-centeredness practices, and team capacity building was discussed.
- Family shared about health history, referral, evaluation/assessment, the IFSP, service delivery, joint visits, and transition experiences.

- The family expressed that the evaluation was helpful for identifying different things that they should pay attention to with their child.
- The family shared their initial goals in the Birth to 3 Program and how they worked independently and with the team to progress towards those goals, problem-solve, and figure out what worked well.

Wrap Up & Overview of Future Agenda Topics:

- September 11, 2024, Virtual.
- The November 6th meeting has been rescheduled to November 20, 2024, Virtual.
- DHS received the final part C grant amount from the federal government. The grant amount is lower (1% decrease) than the previous year. No reduction in services expected.

Jenna Jacobson moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Lisa Hanks.

Adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Prepared by: Jessica Holland on 5/17/2024.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 9/11/2024