

Meeting Minutes: Early Childhood Systems Reform Steering Committee

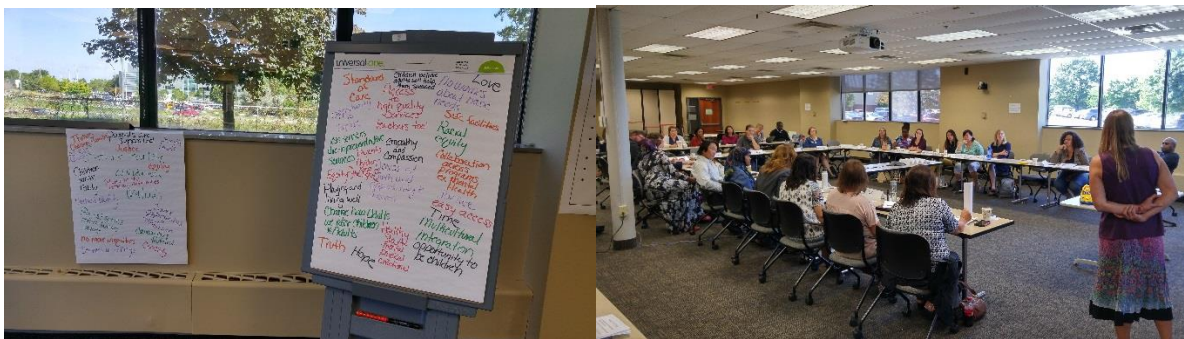
Date: Tuesday August 23rd, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location:

Attendance

Steering Committee: Barb Fabre, Tamie Finn, Bharti Wahi, Laura La Croix-Dalluhn, Ikram Mohamed, Vayoung Moua, Fartun Weli, Ruby Azurdia-Lee, Heather Reynolds, Kraig Gratke, Nathan Chomilo, Loren Groves, Laurie Coleman, Nancy Jost, Monica Potter, Melissa Meyer, Dianne Haulcy, Emma Juon, Mai Chang, KaYing Yang, Lorna Schmidt, Bo-Thao Urabe, Danielle Swift, Ed Owens

Project Team and State Attendees: Kelly Monson, Jim Koppel, Hue Nguyen, Jeanne Ayers, Cindi Yang, Jovon Perry, Bobbie Burnham, Susan Castellano, Tracy Roloff, Cody Tuttle, Debbie Hewitt, Megan Waltz, Karen Gaides, Kris Van Amber, Kristina Krull



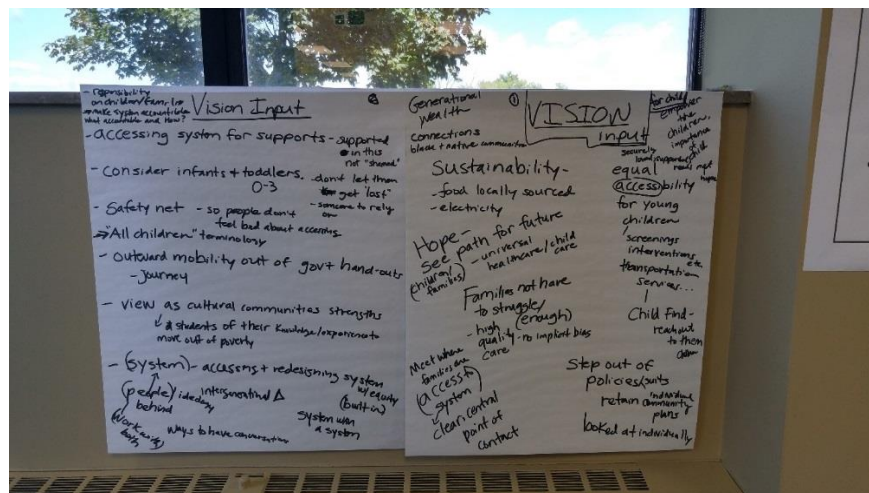
Meeting Notes

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions by Kelly Monson, Jim Koppel, and Tracy Roloff
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- Project Charter Presentation
- Ground Rules
- Vision Statement Development

Vision Statement Development Primary Takeaway's:

- Addressing racial equity has to be at the forefront.
 - Redesign the system with equity at the center. The current system is built primarily for white children and families. Simply working to improve the current system will not produce real equitable outcomes.
 - We need to stop using the language of 'all children'. There are specific children that desperately need our attention.
- We've been sitting in these meetings for so many years, and nothing has changed.
- The vision is already out there. We are here to make that vision a reality and see change.
- Hope. Communities are losing hope. Regaining it starts with economic stability and sustainability.
- Equal accessibility to programs and services for all families and children.
- Intergenerational wealth starts with investing in children.
- Strengths-based approach to multicultural integration into systems.
- The current systems penalize people for needing help. We make children and families do all the work. We need to go to families and keep the systems accountable.
- Minnesota needs to step out of its focus on policy and statutes. We need to work with communities for implementation of equitable, multicultural systems.
- We can't play the game of politics anymore. We need to stop making recommendations for policy, and start making demands, and we need to follow up on those demands.
- The leadership needs to be in the room, listening, for this to be worth our time.
- We are here and willing to work for reform. We take the word 'reform' seriously as a promise for change and hope.



Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: TBD