

Meeting Minutes: Early Childhood Systems Reform Steering Committee

Date: Tuesday September 19th, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Attendance

Steering Committee: Daniel Gumnit, Daniel Yang, Bharti Wahi, Laura La Croix-Dalluhn, Ikram Mohamed, Fartun Weli, Ruby Azurdia-Lee, Heather Reynolds, Kraig Gratke, Krishnan Subrahmanian, Loren Groves, Laurie Coleman, Monica Potter, Melissa Meyer, Dianne Haulcy, Emma Juon, Mai Chang, KaYing Yang, Lorna Schmidt, Danielle Swift, Ed Owens

Project Team and State Attendees: Kelly Monson, Jim Koppel, Hue Nguyen, Ryan Baumtrog, Cindi Yang, Jovon Perry, Bobbie Burnham, Susan Castellano, Tracy Roloff, Cody Tuttle, Lauren Dawson, Debbie Hewitt, Megan Waltz, Karen Gaides, Kris Van Amber, Jake Granholm



Meeting Notes

Introduction

- Introductions from Patina Park, Hue Nguyen, Jim Koppel
- Community-Building Time – Values Conversation

Ground Rules for Conversations about Race and Racial Equity

Scope and Scaling

- Reforming assumptions about what children, families, and communities need to thrive, examining how our services and programs align with those needs, starting but not stopping with those administered by MDE, MDH, and DHS
- Jovon Perry: 2Gen Policy Network and discussion of internal levers state agency can pull

Project Model and Process Road Map

- Help More, Harm Less
- Transformational, not Transactional
- Capture and Act on the Short Game
- Commitment to Implement What Can be Changed Now

Vision Work

Small Group Discussion and Visioning

- What are the current common stories and narratives surrounding early childhood?
- What values do we want to see reflected in a more expansive early childhood narrative?
- How do the current common narratives lift up these values?
- How do we use these values to expand the current narratives?

Closing Comments

- What are we excited about after these conversations?
 - Diverse group and the opportunity to change the narrative
- What do you see as the potential of this group?
 - Made aware of what's not in the mission statement
 - Turn statements into questions: "How might we create hope and reduce disparities?"
- Where are you feeling challenged right now?
 - We're asking the system to work against itself
 - How do we bring the different hats that we wear to the table?

- Last month, we were in a beautifully well-equipped state agency building, but this month we're in an essential community space that is entirely less well-resourced – brings to light the priorities of current system



Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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

Location: TBD