

# **Planning Region Team 21**

November 10, 2017

Agenda

The Public Meeting Act is posted on the all and available for public inspection.

## **Sign-in and Welcome**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Attendance: Kim Bolan, Jennifer Haggart, Chris Janovec, Cheri Kite, Denise Larson, Christine McKinney, Sara Reiff, Emily Rokon, Emily Schlater, Amber Stackhouse, Dixie Trexarthen, Jean Ubbelohde, Amber Washburn, Laura Innes, Kris Bamesberger, Becky Olsen

- **Purpose of the Early Childhood Planning Region Team**

- The purpose of Planning Region 21 is to assist in collaborative planning and development of a family-centered, interagency, community-based system for all children, with emphasis on those with disabilities, birth to age 5

- **Connie Shockley - PTI**

- Connie had to cancel due to illness

- **EDN Monitoring**

- **Overview of process**
- **File review results**

In the face-to-face exit interview the state was very positive about providers and coordinators, implementation of RBI, and screening procedures. They did ask us to look more closely at CAPTA referrals or any medical reports as evals instead of screens, to update some forms, and the statement at the end of our narratives. We will receive a final written report and then the PRT will complete an action plan for each area highlighted.

- **Early Learning Connection - Jen H - see attached handout**

- **Assistive Technology Update - Dixie**

-consults and training; can be a resource if needed even though our district has Asst Tech

-ASD conference 4/19-20

-looking for partners who would be interested in a "book club" to have teachers come together to adapt children's books

-Showed examples of toys good for children that have been adapted and reminded team that there is a parent who will teach others how to adapt toys.

-State would like to have adaptive Tech piece in the IFSP

- **Services Coordinator Update**

-49 referrals since 9/15/17

Referrals: 2 CAPTAs, 11 Parent, 15 Physician, 14 School

-87 served

- **Community Partners Update**

- Nebraska Respite Network-not in attendance
- Children's Respite Care Center- not in attendance
- Health and Human Services

-Open enrollment for Heritage Health (through Dec 12). For more information, go to Heritage Health website ([www.neheritagehealth.com](http://www.neheritagehealth.com)). This is a passive enrollment so if families are happy with what they have, they don't need to do anything.

The dental benefits manager started October 1 with Managed Care of North America and their Member Services Number is [1-844-351-6262](tel:1-844-351-6262)

- **Committee Reports**

- **Family Support/Social Media**

- starting a group with parents, google form and send out to families, taking information from focus groups to go to the next steps.

- resurveying, parents - what do you really need?

- **Child Find**

- created a list of all programs available not yet in Kind in the district

- working on a proposal to attend a "family event" in each building to promote EI services and provide families with a board book

- planning to connect with MOPS groups in area

- Denise has been attending monthly Buffet parent/group meeting at Cody

- **Referrals vs. Verifications 2016-2017**

- A little lower than state average, up from the previous year

- **Family Survey**

- Our results were lower than last year. It was suggested that we look at the survey questions and make sure that service coordinator and provider language match the survey language

The Family Survey will be discussed more at our next PRT. PRT will watch: Supporting Children By Improving Family Outcomes. The team that attended DEC Conference will lead the discussion on how to improve our Family Survey results and how it impacts our child outcomes.

<http://ectacenter.org/eco/pages/videos-supporting.asp>

- **Gaps and Barriers**

- Some PRTs have reported that some providers are a little hesitant to let EI providers in their home/center

- Suggestions: Look at providing trainings and info about EI services, know that some resistance may be that staff is new and does not know or understand EI process.

- **Next Meeting Dates:**

- January 19th

- March 16th

- May 18th - Annual Meeting