



Chi Mno Penojewen Task Force Meeting – Project LAUNCH

(Aka Central Young Child Wellness Council to SAMHSA)

Held at Child Care Resources, Portage Michigan

Tuesday December 15, 2015

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

1. **Present:** Ella Ryder-Child Care Resources – Community Partner
JT Laraway- Pokagon YCWC – via telephone
Carolyn Bush- MBPI YCWC
Meg Fairchild – Acting NHBP YCWC
2. **Updates**
 1. **NHBP YCWC** – candidate interviewed and is going through hiring process
 - i. **Touchpoints Training at Pokagon** – spot available for YCWC
 2. **YCWP** – position has been reposted – option of being hired or contracted for remainder of LAUNCH grant, which is approx. 2 ½ years with carry-over funds.
 3. **Regalia Making Project** – NHBP & Pokagon Youth Specialists are planning a collaborative project and would like to invite the LAUNCH Consortium to collaborate.
 - i. **March 3, 2016 – May 19 ? on Thursdays 5-7pm at 311 State St. Grand Rapids in preparation for the GR Children’s Pow Wow (May 21 ?).**
 - ii. LAUNCH somehow split costs of teachers \$250/session
 1. Suggested pro-rated based on number of children attending per band.
 2. Male & Female teachers, dancers at each session
 3. Local Regalia Makers at each session
 - iii. LAUNCH provide \$165/0-8 year old for Regalia Making Supplies
 1. Concerns were expressed that this cost is too high
 2. Identified importance of keeping supplies and regalia in progress on-site to encourage families to continue to return and participate.
 3. TYP cover older youth
 - iv. Parents to participate along with the youth
 - v. Discussion about including the Pokagon Head Start big drum
 1. 9 boys learning songs and drumming for Head Start Graduation Ceremony
 - a. May be at Children’s Pow Wow
 - vi. Carolyn invited this group to also come to Camp Jijak Sundays 2-5 for beading to go along with Regalia Making.
4. **Hoop Dancing**
 - i. Gun Lake is taking 5 Hoop Dancers to Competition
 1. 3 LAUNCH age
 2. 2 Teens who are the Peer Mentors
 3. 3 Parents
 - ii. Gun Lake would like to collaborate to expand Hoop Dancing to the rest of the Consortium
5. **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day May 7, 2016**
 - i. Discussion around increased awareness through cultural teachings and training on current impact of historical trauma as a Consortium and in collaboration with CCR.
 1. Carolyn identified they have been discussing training ideas related to Mental Health Consultation to address historical trauma, impact on today’s children and parenting, etc.
 - a. 2 Day training with 1st day targeted towards professionals and 2nd day targeted towards community
 - b. How to recognize and what to do
 2. Ella identified current issue of Toxic Stress and Trauma including Secondary Trauma
 - ii. Discussed possible series
 1. Kick off with National Speaker – (Phyllis)
 2. Target Schools in Aug. before classes start

3. Additional more in-depth on specific topics with Hunter Genia and/or other local speakers.
 4. Follow up Lunch & Learn sessions through-out the year in various locations
 5. Ella reported she could work on CEU's through WMU
- iii. Discussion and additional planning on next month's agenda

****Next Meeting Tuesday January 19th, 2016 10:00-12:00 ****

See reverse side for list of five core strategies of Project LAUNCH to promote young child wellness.

Project LAUNCH's Five Core Strategies to Promote Young Child Wellness

- 1. Screening and assessment in a range of child-serving settings:** The goal of this strategy is to increase the use of validated screening instruments (with a particular emphasis on social and emotional functioning) to ensure that there is an emphasis on development screenings, screening for other behavioral health issues is also encouraged as relevant.
- 2. Integration of behavioral health into primary care settings:** The goal of this strategy is to increase the likelihood that issues related to young child wellness (particularly social and emotional issues) can be identified and appropriately addressed within the primary care setting. This goal can be achieved through increasing knowledge, changing practices, and co-locating mental health and family support professionals within the primary care setting, as well as improving linkages and ongoing communication between primary care and other providers within the community.
- 3. Mental health consultation in early care and education:** The goal of this strategy is to ensure that child care and educational settings provide optimal learning environments for young children that lead to positive development across all domains, with a particular focus on social and emotional development. Mental health consultation can be at the program/school or classroom level to enhance provider/teacher knowledge and behavioral strategies or at the individual child and family level in order to facilitate appropriate assessment, intervention, and/or referral for behavioral health concerns.
- 4. Enhanced home visiting through increased focus on social and emotional well-being:** The goal of this strategy is to expand and enhance existing home visiting programs, with particular attention to increasing the focus on promoting healthy social and emotional development and behavioral health among children and families participating in home visiting programs. Existing home visiting programs can be expanded or enhanced to improve the quality of care provided through training, mental health consultation and improved coordination.
- 5. Family strengthening and parent skills training:** The goal of this strategy is to help improve outcomes for young children by helping their parents to provide healthy, safe and secure family environments in which to learn and grow. Family strengthening activities can range from broad-based parent education (e.g. workshops for parents) to more targeted and ongoing efforts such as parent support groups, preventive interventions, peer-to-peer support, and parent leadership training.

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DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEM

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