

Oregon Child Care Research Partnership  
April 7, 2010  
Minutes

**Attendance:** Bobbie Weber, Deana Grobe, Shiela Carter, Mark Anderson, Becky Vorpapel, Dawn Norris, Sonja Worcel, Art Emlen, Kathy Seubert, Robi Henifin, Roni, Shannon Williams (by phone)

**I. Findings from study of rural-urban differences in use of work support programs: Grobe, Weber, & Davis (2010). Rural-Urban Differences in Childcare Subsidy Use and Employment, *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*.**

Bobbie and Deana briefly described a study they conducted with Elizabeth Davis from the University of Minnesota a couple of years ago. The study was recently published in *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. A press release was provided as a handout and includes a url for the full study.

**II. 2010 Researchers Roundtable**

The group brainstormed about possible themes and presenters for the 2010 Roundtable. Collaborations and Partnerships – integration across systems (program, funder, and system level).

- Process evaluation findings from EQUIP.
- Recent research on early health and mental consultation.
- Qualitative findings from the subsidy policy impact study (Ellen Scott – UofO).
- Parent Decision-Making [Bobbie’s policy brief, Art’s work, subsidy policy decisions, how extra dollars impact parent decisions in the CCEP and other related evaluations]

Everyone agreed the location should be at Edgefield.

Next Steps:

- Sonja will ask Beth if she has kept current with the collaboration literature.
- Bobbie will email the group who attended the Roundtable last year to solicit their thoughts on topics and presenters. Becky can help with the email list.

**III. Quality Indicator findings – comparisons across regions**

Bobbie brought the preliminary statewide results of the 2009 QIP (see handouts). The group went through the results and had the following comments / explanation of findings:

- In explaining higher training hours it might be worth looking at the percent of licensed head start programs in each region?
- Is there a connection with area community colleges and training/education ratios?
- One major change in this years classifying of degrees is that QIP is using the same categories that the registry uses. The registry has a more restrictive definition than what was previously used in the QIP reports.

Next Steps:

- Bobbie volunteered to present these results to the licensing staff.

**IV. Funding Opportunity for Child Care Research Partnerships**

The Office of Planning, Research, & Evaluation has published a request for proposals (rfp) for Research Partnerships. The group brainstormed about possible projects for the current OPRE rfp:

- Fill the hole left by the loss of the Oregon Population Survey by following Chapin-Hall's guidebook in utilizing the American Community Survey data.
- Evaluation of how effective the QIP is for parents and the community
- How effective are the efforts to support facility and individual quality? What is the most important provider level or facility level effort? EQUIP project.
- Role of partnerships – how do different funding streams affect quality? Help sustain quality?
- Parent decision-making
- Role of registry's and affect on quality – linking facilities and individuals

Next Steps:

- All who are interested will read the proposal more carefully and think through potential projects.
- Bobbie will keep the conversation going via email for those who are interested.

#### **IV. Professional Development System Framework Paper**

A small group of people (Pam D., Dawn N., Bobbie W.) have almost completed a draft of a comprehensive professional development system based on frameworks from Kentucky and NCCIC. The paper addresses what exists, gaps, strengths and weaknesses in the system. Bobbie asked for volunteers to review the paper.

Next Steps:

- When the draft is completed sometime in May, Bobbie will send it to the OCCRP group for review.

#### **V. Archiving Data for Quality Indicator Project**

The group decided a meeting needed to be held to work through archiving rules and where QIP data will be stored.

Next Steps:

- Dawn will organize a meeting with persons related to questions of how data will flow from CCRIS to a database that OSU will be able to analyze for QIP.

#### **VI. DHS Analysis of Subsidy Parent Employment Sectors**

Gregory Tooman and Laurel Goode of DHS Forecasting, Research & Analysis came to provide an update on the study of the employment sectors of parents employed in the subsidy program.

#### **VI. Agenda Items for May meeting**

- Descriptive data on family, friend and neighbor caregivers: Overviews and TED
- Definition of child care workforce for TED – types of definitions – next steps
- Updates: (a) Market Price Study, (b) Quality Indicator Program, (b) Subsidy Policy Impact Study

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 5, 2010,  
9:30am – 12pm, Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network