

Oregon Child Care Research Partnership
September 3, 2008
9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Present: Bobbie Weber, Mark Anderson, Becky Vorpapel, Diana Kruse, Peggy Cain, Robi Henefin, Sonia Worcel, Kim Cardona, Art Emlen, Pam Deardorff, Beverly Briggs, Dawn Norris, David Mandrell.

- I. Final Plans for 2008 Researchers Roundtable
 - a. Content
 - i. Karen Tvedt –Generosity of subsidy programs
 - ii. Sharing time with set format—discuss draft
 - iii. Professional development panel in development—focus?
 - b. Logistics
 - i. Co-sponsorship
 - ii. Sharing tool
 - iii. Other

- II. Percent of Subsidy Eligible Served Performance Measure
 - a. Who are the audiences for the performance measure? Federal fiscal people, CCRP, other interested parties.
 - b. Should we use calendar or federal fiscal year for subsidy usage?
 - c. What text do we need to explain the performance measure?

Notes: Bobbie will look up the percentage of children under 13 for the performance measure of poverty. (@185% of the poverty level). David Mandrell suggested using 200% of poverty, which is easier to find and which makes it seem unrelated to reimbursement rates.

- III. Subsidy uses by type of care: Before and after subsidy policy changes
Robi presented the chart (DHS Listed Providers by Facility Type). The yellow box on the chart shows change related to before and after the DHS policy change. The chart shows data from Oct 07 to July 08 so the data may be a little skewed because of the impact that the time of year has on the start and end dates being different. The next chart will have an entire year which should give more consistent results. Increases in numbers are noted in different TOC. It would be helpful to also have a chart that shows numbers of children in care, so that it can be compared to the provider numbers shown.
For the next meeting:
Robi will try to create another chart with the same categories but the numbers and percentages would be of children.
Bobbie will go the OPS data and collapse the categories to fit into OPS categories and do a comparison.

- IV. OCCF Request: Affordability analysis by race/ethnicity

Discussion about how to use race and income data in a way that means something. There is so much variation in cultural differences, and how do you present numbers with clear meaning, without being open to misunderstanding. The information that would be conveyed would not add to the case of minority/poverty. The sample size is too small for meaningful data. Cultural preferences may affect child care choices so findings would be difficult to interpret. The group decided that the data do not support an analysis by race/ethnicity.

- V. Findings from national market rate survey validity study
 - a. Webinar series (they start next Tuesday, T & Th in Sept)
 - b. State self-assessment tool
 - c. Creation of Oregon market rate survey design review committee
Bobbie will send us in invitation to the Webinar series so if anyone is interested they can sign up.
She showed us the tool and explained it. States can use it to determine methods for accurate findings for the market rate surveys. When using the tool here in Oregon, we found out that we are doing very well but there are some things that we are not doing.
A committee should be created to advise DHS to go through the tool to self assess. It would be good to do so now, rather than later. Volunteers for the committee: Becky, Bobbie, Peggy, Mark, Dawn. Deanna is not available this year but is open to possible changes. It will be December or January before the committee convenes.

- VI. November meeting date: November 12 or 19?
The next meeting will be December 3rd. No meeting in November. Meeting was later moved to December 10th due to scheduling conflicts.

- VII. Updates
 - a. Oregon Population Survey
They are still in the field collecting data but should be wrapping it up in about 2 weeks.
 - b. OCCF Evaluation of Family, friend, and neighbor project
The goal is to receive 400 survey responses, so far have received 70. They are hoping for a response by telling people they will receive a \$5 gift card for returning the post-survey (for the FFN literature kits)
 - c. Measuring turnover in family child care Becky hasn't had a chance to do more work on this
 - d. PATT—system accountability work group
On hold until this fall
 - e. Framework for learning from Oregon program evaluations
 - f. Child Care Tax Credit projects evaluation
NPR completed Multnomah county first year evaluation. They have the 1 year report now, which is baseline characteristics of programs and families involved. They are gearing up for the first year wave of data.

- The Lane county information will be shared at the meeting this afternoon.
- g. David Mandrell distributed the report “Investing in Young Children:.” His summary of this report is that community colleges play a large role in bridging the gap between trainings and degree programs at larger universities.

Next Meeting: Oregon Child Care Research Partnership
Wednesday December 10, 2008
9:30 am to 12:00 noon
Oregon Child Care Resource and Referral Network
805 Liberty St. NE, Suite 2
Salem