

Early Childhood Cabinet

Data Systems

Notes November 16, 2011

9:30-11:30 AM

Linda Goodman co-chair	x	Beth Petroni-DCF	x
Sheryl Horowitz – co-chair	x	Lori Schroeder-DSS	x
Sherry Linton – staff	x	Sherri Sutera-Child Care 211	x
Marcie Cavacas-DPH		Anne Littlefield-Privacy Expert	
Diane Murphy-SDE	x	Claudia Sawyer-Charts A Course	x
Walter Gilliam-Researcher		Gwen Zittoun (in lieu of Anne L.)	x

Topics of Discussion	Recommendations	Action Steps
<p><u>Workgroup Updates</u></p> <p>Linda informed the group that she attended the Interoperability Group meeting, a subgroup of P-20, where there is continued dialogue on the ideal data infrastructure necessary to carry out their goals. Final decision is yet to be reached about a federated system versus a data warehousing process.</p> <p>A tailored T/TA webinar will be scheduled for this workgroup.</p>	<p>The intent of our workgroup is to align its plan for a data system with the recommendations that are developed by the P-20 group, to reflect the continuum from ECE through higher education.</p> <p>A doodle was distributed to determine an ideal date.</p>	<p>The selected date in January will be shared once it is finalized.</p>

CT Data Collaborative Presentation

By Jim Farnum and Bennett Pudlin

The governance structure of the Collaborative was shared.

The Collaborative works primarily with the Discovery Communities to access data to assist in the development and implementation of community plans.

That data offerings of the Collaborative are currently through the data portal that will soon be expanded to include a more comprehensive system that include the elements parceled into areas of: Catalog, Weave, and Knowledge.

The organizing principle of the Collaborative is specifically to enable the average community member to access community used indicators.

The Collaborative currently receives data through public sources and special request of agencies.

The Collaborative is supported by philanthropic funding and governed by a steering committee.

The improved system will enable users to retrieve filtered lists of customized data.

The headlines of data categories and the domains were selected primarily through the Discovery planning process.

Currently, the options for data access rests on the options of,

- Agreements to have regular data exchange.
- The identification of data sets by an agency, from which indicators can be determined and agreed upon data can be pulled, as is the case with SDE's (CEDAR) data system.

<p>The point was raised that there is a significant difference between pre-constructed indicators shared by agencies and the ability to pull data and construct desired indicators.</p> <p>The issue is apparently the resources necessary for agencies to make data available in a timely manner.</p> <p>Current partners/intersects were discussed to provide an illustration of possible opportunities for partnerships between the Cabinet and the Data Collaborative.</p>	<p>What is received varies from agency to agency with varying timelines for the sharing of data.</p> <p>A dialogue is needed between the data developers and providers to determine the most efficient ways to provide data and a realistic time line to do so.</p> <p>The Collaborative is currently working with the CT Non-Profits Strategy Platform, the Commission on Health Equity, and DPH— primarily around birth and oral health data.</p> <p>The Select Committee on Children was also identified as a legislative partner, as they utilize the Collaborative as a resource in their planning for a Children’s Report Card.</p> <p>In addition to the aforementioned, the Collaborative also receives data from DSS— TANF, assistance use and basic participation data; SDE—Preschool participation data; and DCF.</p>	<p>Linda informed presenters that DDS now has 2006 cohort data that could potentially be shared with the Collaborative.</p> <p>Sherri Sutera indicated that 2.1.1. Child Care would also be willing to share a statewide map of child care use and type that will be launched in March 2012.</p>
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	<p>A period of Q & A raised the following points,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The importance of agency input on how data is displayed,• The need for communities to be offered guidance on how to interpret the data being presented—e.g. the story behind the data.• It may be important to share the source of the data—not currently listed by agency.• The importance of ongoing communication between the provider and users of the data.	<p>An agreed upon outcome of this meeting, is to have the CT Data Collaborative share an outline of the data currently received from state agencies, with an addendum of what data is missing/desired, with this workgroup as a forum for future dialogue with the agencies.</p> <p>Presenters emphasized the opportunity for the Collaborative to support the goals of the Cabinet.</p>
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Next meeting TBA.