

17<sup>th</sup> ECI Congress  
Planning Committee Meeting  
May 12, 2009  
DMACC Urban Campus

Present: Shanell Wagler, Barb Merrill, Jane Stockton, Tom Rendon, Jeanette Luthringer, Beth Walling, Lisa Sams, Lorie Easter, Kelly Davydov, Sheila Hansen, Deb Scrowther, Cathy Wheatcraft, Brian Fett, Mary Schertz, Lois Kiester, Jenny Hodges, Gloria Cano

Tom read a purpose statement he had written & led a discussion on the theme for the Congress.

Beth expressed a concern with the use of the word "Congress"

Summit & were suggested

Data, trends, stimulus money – reference our work into the larger scheme

Update on Keynote contacts

Tom contacted Dr Robert Anda, CDC – principal investigator adverse childhood experiences

- He is available; good at taking complex ideas & presenting them in clear & compelling ways
- Within our price range -- \$4,000

Susan Andersen sent info on Geoffrey Canada – out of our price range - \$15,000

- He's not willing to negotiate
- Was a teenage father, married & had another family after age 30
- Book by Paul Tough "Whatever It Takes"

Shanell contacted Robert Dugger; he hasn't responded yet

Beth Walling contacted Ron Lally, WestEd's Center on Family Studies

- Created PITC & 0 – 3, the organization that Beth works for
- Has done work in Italy; written several books; previous researcher
- He is available -- \$5,000, plus travel expenses
- Filming a documentary in Cedar Rapids, Chicago & DC

Would like to invite the Governor to come & speak

Sheila saw Ron Lally at 0 – 3 conference in LA – topic was resiliency & relationships; one of her favorite presentations

Mary suggested that Dr Anda's topic is very timely. She's heard a lot about increased abuse & referrals are up all over the state.

Tom suggested that we haven't had a speaker from the health arena for a long time; this could help bring health people back to the Congress.

Strong family support in both speakers – Anda & Lally

Mary questioned whether 0 – 3 teachers would feel that this focus included them.

Shanell suggested, if we could afford both, inviting Ron Lally to present in the evening, & possibly invite him to speak to a small target group earlier in the day  
Lally is one of the first people contacted to advise the President, and called on by Legislators.

It was decided that Lally would be our preference.

### Breakout Sessions

Broke into small groups by Oval areas to discuss hot topics

Think ECI results areas, strategic plan, professional development – all in areas where ovals intercept

### Early Learning

1. Child care licensing update –( Dawn Collins)
2. Understanding Behaviors of Infants & Toddlers – Chris Evan-Schwartz (Beth)
3. Competencies & Levels Report (Barb)
4. Health & Safety in Child Care – best practices; CCNC – CC Specialist (be specific about purpose) (Jenny H)
5. QRS Focus group – structure (be specific about purpose) (Shanell)
6. CC Consultation Credentialing (Dawn)
7. Early Literacy – PITC/Family strategies, 0 - 3 – Beth & Mary
8. Science & Nature curriculum – Susan Andersen
9. CC – Return on Investment, Iowa Policy Project (Sheila)

### Early Intervention/ Special Needs

1. PBS – Tom & Mary
2. Least restrictive environments - Dee Gethman (Mary)
3. Autism – Sue Baker (Mary)
4. Auditory screenings – OAE, importance of early & periodic screening (who's doing it, determining gaps, importance of – initial & periodic) – Tammy O'Halloran (Tom)

### Health

1. Health care reform – national/state – Carrie Fitzgerald (Sheila)
2. Medical home & chronic care councils/prevention management – update/purposes (Jenny)
3. Oral health access – new dental home initiative (mid-level oral health level, between hygienist & dentist) Dr. Russell or Dr. Slaten... (Tom)
4. Project Launch – mental health intervention, universal surveillance – Polk Co. VNS-IDPH, NFP (Deb)
5. H S Curriculum – “I am Moving, I am Learning” (Greg Cummings)
6. Robert Anda (Tom)
7. Systems based leadership – Tom has a person in mind
8. Multi-cultural health (Jane)

### Family Support

1. Poverty impact on mental health issues – Lilly French (Lorie E)
2. Hoops & Fences – Laurie Schipper (Kelly)
3. PCA/ DHS - Community Partnerships - Sandy Lint & Kelly Davydov co-present (informal supports) (Kelly D)
4. Family Support pilot – supervisor training (Lorie E)

5. Central intake process – VNS has a model site (Polk Co, Waterloo) (Lorie E)
6. Private & Public Partnerships - R & F Work (Deb)
7. Cracker Barrel – 5 things to update PITC, Head Start, Early ACCESS, Hope, AEA, Obama's initiatives.....
8. Personality Profiles – understanding/working with others – ASTD, SHRM (Gloria)
9. System Development Leadership (Tom)

#### RRR – Relationship, Resilience & Results

1. Impact of national disasters on families – Shawna L, Linn Co. (Deb)
2. Storytelling – advocacy – Carrie Fitzgerald (Sheila)
3. Diversity – Pat Parker, Univ. of WI – Milwaukee; trains front-line Human Services workers; cultural competency skills (Kelly D)
4. Diversity Council – update (Tom) could be part of Cracker Barrel
5. ECI-sponsored regional advocacy trainings prior to Congress – prepare for DOH (Sheila & Cathy)
6. Sessy Nyman (KS) Advocacy Strategies – What's Working (Sheila)
7. Empowerment LEAN – next steps could be Cracker Barrel
8. Liz Buck – Unemployment (Gloria & Shanell)
9. Judy Jeffries – Condition of Education w/ EC spin (Mary & Shanell)

**NEXT MEETING: June 26, Friday**

**Share breakout sessions & speakers**

**Location: DMACC Urban Campus, Bldg. 2 – Room 103, see attached bldg map**

**Time: 9 am - Noon**