

National Governor's Association (NGA) Grant Planning Meeting

May 1, 2008

Lucas 518: 8:00am-10:00am

Call-in line: 515-242-5010



Attendees: Robin Robinson, Barb Merrill, Michelle Stover-Wright, Jenny Hodges, Laura DeBoer, Shanell Wagler, Jeff Anderson, Ruth Krueger, Sheila Hansen, Emily Hajek, Tom Rendon, Beth Jones

Welcome/Introductions

Purpose of NGA Grant: Develop local systems for Early Childhood as well as a strong coherence between state and local levels.

Goal of Meeting: Formulate and share ideas of meeting agendas, consultants, locations, and build an understanding of desired outcomes of the regional meetings

Timeline:

- May 9th: RFB for consultant posted – if necessary
- May 27-29: Read RFBs (*volunteers needed – if necessary*)
- May 30th: Consultant notified
- June: Develop action plan template, evaluation tool, and curriculum for local level systems building
- June 19-20: ECI and Governor's Office reps attend retreat in CO (Emily Hajek, Gretchen/Shanell, & Michelle/Tom)
- Aug.-Sept.: Conduct 5 regional meetings
- Sept. – Oct.: Evaluate system planning and development efforts
- Oct. – Nov.: Add system building activities to CEA AR
- Nov. 30: Report due to NGA

Invitees:

Who should comprise the local teams – who needs to be at the table? Discussion revolved around encouraging teams to be comprised to individuals whom could identify strengths with each of the component groups. Each team is encouraged to invite several new persons to the table. (Such as 3 out of 7 of the team to be new individuals, not serving on a local Empowerment Board).

The invitation will need to be tailored so that it reaches a broad population, especially those who typically don't work during the summer months. It will also need to be clear on who is to be invited and what they will do with the information they take away from the meeting. There will need to be a statement that is reflective of the Governor's Office involvement; however, is clear that the Governor will not be in attendance at the regional meetings.

Consultant:

Who can lead us?

Ideas: Leslie Anderson, Jessie Rasmussen, Kay Johnson, Julia Coffman, Helene Stebbins, Dean Clifford, Velora (Ready-or-Not co-author), Susan Hibbard, Consultant used by Polk Co. Making Connections, Garrett (last name -?) (Please excuse any spelling errors)

Pre/Post Evaluation

Where are we? Local systems level evaluation

Ideas: Use Build Initiative tools/framework, do evaluation via Survey Monkey, use Smart Start Assessment

Curriculum development

Where do we want to be?

Meetings twice monthly

Locations:

Where should we go?

Ideas: Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Storm Lake, Mt. Pleasant, Washington, Atlantic, Charles City, Spencer, Ames

Next steps

Shanell – to check on necessity of RFB and the NGA invite to empowerment coordinators meeting May 21st

Michelle – to look at questions from assessments and decide which might be applicable

Laura & Gretchen – Invitations drafted

Consultants contacted

Assessments tools defined