

NGA Meeting Summary  
July 8, 2008  
Lucas Building - Room 145  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Kay Johnson, Shanell Wagler, Emily Hajek, Michelle Stover Wright, Laura DeBoer, Jenny Hodges

## Regional Meetings

### Suggestions for the agenda

- Start off with a brief message from the Governor's Office stating that the Governor is engaged with the work of the NGA grant and Early Childhood Iowa and results of the regional meeting and early childhood messages will be brought back to the Governor
- We need to tie in and allow for local input in regards to the federal mandate for the State Child Care Advisory Council
- We need to look at the entire picture of early childhood and determine how we can get all partners to agree on one focus area within early childhood
- We could build upon the work of the ECCS grant in light of this years legislation
  - Based on the fact that we already have a strong early childhood system in place, the majority of the group felt that we should use what is already in place to become the Early Childhood Advisory Council
- We need to have a balance between show-and-tell and having attendees actually do work
- We need to figure out how many people we want in attendance at each regional meeting
  - When we have 30 people in attendance that allows for a more interactive/discussion meeting; when we have 100 people in attendance that becomes more of a town hall meeting. Both have potential of working, but we need to decide on an audience size
- We need to think of ways to use "model communities" such as Linn, Scott, Clarke, and Pottawattamie Counties
  - Put together a two-paragraph write-up about each to share at the meetings
- We will have the coordinators do a pre-assessment prior to the meeting
  - Rather than basing the assessment off of Julia Coffman's work and the Build framework, we really need to think about the challenges that are faced at the local/community level when coming up with the pre-assessment
- We need to determine whether we want morning/afternoon or a variation of morning and afternoon meetings. We need to communicate with the coordinators to see what works best for them

### September Dates

- The dates of September 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> have been tentatively scheduled to hold the five regional meetings

## Next Steps/Assignments

The group will have a meeting/conference call every other Tuesday, schedule as follows:

- July 22nd – Room 14, State Capitol
- August 5th – Room 142, Lucas Building
- August 19th – Room 142, Lucas Building
- September 2nd – Room 145, Lucas Building

Assignment	Person
Draft an agenda	Kay
Send the Invite letter to Kay	Laura
Reserve the bridgeline for conference call dates	Jenny
Reserve the state van for meetings	Shanell
Begin working on pre-assessment questions	Group
Determine whether there is any additional money available to provide lunch at the meetings	Group
Think of ways to engage/invite legislators	Group
Contact the coordinators to be sure they feel comfortable with and are making calls to have adequate representation at the meetings	Group

**\*Next Meeting: Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (Capitol Room 14)\***

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