

Fiscal and Policy Assessment Work Group

Meeting Date: October 16, 2006

Attendees: Gretchen Hageman, Sue Donielson,
Shanell Wagler, Sheila Hansen

*Gretchen provided an updated handout of the resource matrix (This version contains only those programs that in some way impact early childhood).

*Overall, the committee appreciated the work that had been done to make this matrix more focused for our work

*Specifically, the group wondered if they could receive the instructions the agencies received in order to complete; they feel this might help with definitions of levels of interventions (column 10). For example, Sanctions is used when referencing quite a few of programs listed under Dept. of Education and the group was unclear as to what this means.

*The group also wondered if it is too late to add a column to matrix: Statewide or not? If not, describe how many sites or something along those lines.

*The Group also wondered if we needed to consider other funding sources outside of state/federal government funding (i.e. United Way). We felt this could be added to next meeting agenda.

*Shanell provided a copy of the "Adding it Up" guide prepared by the Forum for Youth Investment and the Finance Project. (Copies are being forwarded in the mail to members not present)

*The Group thought the information was very helpful in our work.

*At a future meeting, the group feels it would be beneficial to review questions presented on page 1 and 2 of the book.

*The group felt we need to do this in order to all be clear on the purpose for this work; by going through the process might also lend to us any persons that also might need to be invited to participate.

*Another idea shared by the group is to have each member review information the "Helpful Resources" section of the guidebook; each person learn a little more about one of the examples presented (state, county or city) and then bring that information back to the group.

*One of the items questioned by the group was "since publishing their assessment, what has happened? (Good or bad)?"

*We feel it might be helpful to set up a schedule for this group's meetings. (monthly or bi-monthly)