

All Of Us Together... Moving to Inclusion

May 18, 2009

1:00 – 3:00

1. Welcome and Introductions
Present: Rebecca Foster, Cindy Linhares, Sue Lomax, Yin Myo-Flores, Trang Nguyen, Robert Frank, Lynn Arner, Regan Overholt, Diane Casey, Lana Casper, Wangui Ndirangu
2. Update
 - A. R. Frank informed that CDD changed the funding for WestEd and the Institute from 2009 in March was the last institute. It is thought that the facilitation will most likely continue without having an Institute.
3. *Mission Statement & Planning Worksheet* revisited
 - A. The mission statement and planning worksheet developed at the March Institute was reviewed.
4. Revisiting Yolo County's Needs ~ Discussion
 - A. It was discussed that there are many agencies/organizations in Yolo County that have been duplicating services and information. Having more of the stakeholders present in our meetings or people who can relay information to those who can inform policy makers is important (ex. school districts). The importance of making this group more visible to other groups in the county that meet regularly was discussed (including parent groups) as well as the importance of noting that we aim to benefit *all* children in what we plan to do.
 - B. The concept of having a "lead" for our group was discussed. It should be an agency already that works with the entire county, and especially one where someone could walk in and find information or talk with someone. It is important that one over-arching location house the website with training information. An alternative idea of having one agency take on the responsibility of the website and another the "storefront" etc.
 - C. The group discussed how to best reach out to all of Yolo County including migrant families, English language learners, etc. Pediatricians/medical offices are one outlet that should be revisited to share information. An all-encompassing brochure of information that they could share with caregivers.
 - D. Items discussed for this group to possibly undertake include: (1) a community assessment to determine what is available in the community and where to go for information and *what is it that they (community members) want*; (2) provide trainings (CPIN as an outlet – include ideas about inclusion in all trainings/workshops) and share information (perhaps including a screening of *Including Samuel*); (3) create a website to provide information for all involved and to inform parents, providers and the whole community when and where opportunities occur; (4) use school

district policies as a tool/example for preschools; (5) share information on what is legal in terms of referrals, special education, etc.

- E. The Local Planning Council could act as a conduit for this inclusion group and help keep all of us in motion with the tasks that we want to accomplish with one of the subcommittees. The subcommittee could use some of their subcommittee funds to finance projects for this group.

- 5. Next Meeting: Monday, June 22 (10:00 – 12:00) @ YCOE Conference Center