

HELP ME GROW ADVISORY MEETING

DATE: July 8, 2025

TIME: 10 AM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Members in Attendance	Daphne Evans, Jennifer Fromme, Aguida Atkinson, Audrey Cooper, Jamie Naudain, Mary Moor, Vik Vishnubhakta, Jenny Grady, Keenon Mann, Erin Nescott, Annie Norman, Debbie Finch, Ken Livingston, Maria Shroyer, Kristina Horton, Ashley Steinbrecher, Lauren Kelley, Trinette Redinger-Ramsey, Sarah Williams. Paulina Gyan, (Facilitator); Roberta Banks (Admin Asst)
Agenda Item Welcome/Introductions	<i>Paulina Gyan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes approved by Megan Hayes and seconded by Mary Moor.• Paulina provided the background to the action planning on the agenda. At May's meeting the Health Provider Outreach and Data committees presented their action plan. We will hear from the Family and Community Engagement and Centralized Access Point committees.• Paulina also reminded members about joining the sub-committees. These teams will follow up and work on the action plans.
Discussion Points	Action Planning – HMG Sub-Committees Family and Community Engagement (FACE) – Daphne Evans <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daphne shared the FACE action plan and reminded members about joining the FACE committees. (See FACE action plan in slide deck attached)• Members had a discussion regarding mental health services for children and how we can, as a group, collectively work to find solutions to resolve it.• There was a suggestion to move the discussion to the sub-committee level to continue the discussion on mental health services.• Daphne suggested a more strategic planning for the BBB events. Though they have had positive reactions from partners, its essential make it more effective.• Integrating the QT:30 App during events.

- Revamp contact list to promote networking event promotion with assistance from Aloysius, Butler and Clarke (AB&C) the marketing vendor.
- Work already started on this goal with the recent HMG Simulation event in March.
- FACE committee will meet every other month when there's no HMG Advisory meeting. Meetings will be an hour.
- The following members expressed interest in joining the sub-committee:
 - Ashley Steinbrecher; Lauren Kelley; Kristina Horton; Trinette Redinger-Ramsey; Sarah Williams.

Centralized Action Point: - Debbie Finch

- The theory of change is "If families and communities are aware of and understand the purpose of HMG more families and providers will utilize the service."
- Work has already begun on the first goal which is to increase staff presence and participation with child-serving programs at local and state levels.
- Staff have been assigned to certain state and local committees to expand HMG reach.
- Seeking suggestions from HMG members regarding other tables they ought to be represented.
- Emily Thompson, the Home Visiting manager, shared information on the program's OBGYN toolkit which has different resources that providers might need for the families they serve. Also includes HV resources found on DEThrives.
- In the process of reviewing the trial kit and developing a distribution plan to promote the product.
- Target audience are pediatricians and obgyns. If members have other target groups let Emily know to contact them.
- Megan offered to connect Emily with ACOG – the obgyn membership group.
- The following members expressed interest in joining the sub-committee:
 - Emily Thompson; Keenon Mann; Lauren Kelley; Kristina Horton; Trinette Redinger-Ramsey; Deb Finch; Jen Fromme.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

CHADIS Project:

- We are in the scale and spread phase of the project- trying work on how to promote it for expansion to other pediatric practices.
- We have been reaching out to pediatric practices already implementing PEDS online to transition to CHADIS.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In terms of data for developmental screens- calendar year 2024- healthcare providers administered 13,160 screens. Here's the breakdown:</i> • <i>6893 (52.4%) using the states PEDS online platform</i> • <i>6,267 (47.6%) using the CHADIS platform.</i> • <i>The 4 pilot practices using CHADIS also made 197 referrals to early intervention/special education in 2024.</i> <p>HMG Simulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Based on feedback from participants at the March event, there are plans to replicate it in Kent and Sussex counties.</i> • <i>We're planning for the Fall in either September or October. Scouting for a location in Sussex.</i> • <i>Planning to expand the reach to include other partners such as home visiting and early intervention.</i> • <i>Have reached out to some agencies to partner.</i>
Decision	
Conclusion	
	<p>Data Collection and Analysis Sub-committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vik and Erin shared the report on their recent committee meeting.</i> • <i>Data Action plan: driving continuous quality improvement by maintain a timely data collection and analysis; sharing of data with stakeholders and producing an annual HMG data report.</i> • <i>Also provided information on HMG strengths and weaknesses, etc through SWOT analysis and shared a data action table as a guide as they move forward. (refer to attached PPT for details).</i> • <i>Have made some major strides in terms of opportunities in working to integrate developmental screening data. Met with Nemours to discuss how they can get SWYC data.</i> • <i>Looking ahead, the committee plans to collaborate with partners to expand data items to create more products such as making data digestible and more user-friendly.</i> • <i>Members joining the sub-committee are Keenon Mann, Jenny Grady, Audrey Cooper, Jen Fromme.</i>

Any Other Business and Wrap Up

Partner Updates/Announcements:

Member Program Updates- Women Infants & Children (WIC)

- *Maria Shroyer reported that the WIC program has developed grocery tour video series based on the types of foods offered – targeting WIC families. Can be found on the WIC website under programs. Series currently only in English.*
- *Megan Hayes suggested posting the series on the Delaware American Academy of Pediatrics. She will connect with Maria.*
- *Daphne also suggested a QR-code that could be used when tabling at community events.*

Department of Education: Office of Early Childhood Intervention (OECI)

- *Jenny Grady reported the completion of developmental screening resources that the program had developed in partnership with Learn the Signs Act Early (LTSAE) – She posted the link in the chat.*
- *Developing a distribution plan.*
- *Also ready to collaborate with the Books Balls and Blocks (BBB) program through an event framework.*
- *Jenny and Kristina Horton explained the structural changes within DOE's early childhood program.*
- *In 2023, the OECI was established and had Cindy Brown as the lead. Amber Shelton now the lead.*
- *DOE has 3 Early Childhood Excellence work groups:*
 - *Office of Child Care Licensing (OCCL): Betty Gail Timm (Lead)*
 - *Office of Early Childhood Intervention (OECI): Amber Shelton (Lead)*
 - *Office of Early Learning (OEL): Dawn Alexander (Lead)*

There are currently 4 main HMG sub-committees:

Centralized Access Point: Deb Finch and Jennifer Fromme (Co-leads)

Family and Community Engagement: Daphne Evans

Health Provider Outreach: Megan Hayes and Dr. Aguida Atkinson – (Co-leads)

Data Collection and Analysis: Vikrum Vishnubhakta, Erin Nescott (co-leads), Jenny Grady, Annie Norman, Deb Finch, Jennifer Fromme

Please reach out to either Paulina or any of the individuals listed above as co-leads if you're interested in serving on a committee.

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2025 at 10 am

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